

September 8, 2016

The Graham City Council met in REGULAR SESSION in the Council Chambers at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 8, 2016 with the following members present:

MEMBERS:	Mayor:	Jack Graham
	Mayor Pro-Tem:	Darby Brockway
	Council Member	Brint Albritton
		Lee Boyd
		Kyle Peavy
STAFF:	City Manager:	Brandon Anderson
	City Secretary:	Sharon McFadden – absent
	Chief Accountant:	Sue Argabright – record minutes
	Police Chief:	Tony Widner
	Assistant Police Chief:	Brent Bullock
	Fire Chief:	Jerry David

VISITORS: Courtney Ross, Binky Ross, Sherry Ryan, Fred Tex Marganet, Henry Potter, Larry Goodwin, Luke Robbins, Angie Chestnut, Sidney Stovall, Mary Z. Brown, Debbie Robertson, Ronnie Robertson, Kay Teegarden, Jim Jones, Kenneth E. Davis, Linda Hanson, Cole Steadham, Dorothy Wray, Judy Marsiovsuy, Pat Castillo, K. Coleman, Valerie Todd, Nenee Moore, Mary Choabe, Jonathan Gonzalez, David Prockor II, Deana Frie, Carrol Frie, Tommy Arispe, Kevin Taylor, Brenda Gatton, Kim Gortz, Kenneth Cobb, Bud Attaway, Larry Novak, Jimmy McLeroy, Thomas Wallner, Neal Blanton, Jenea Knight, Jason Cottongame, Julie Rainwater and Eddie Gelner.

ORDER: Mayor Jack Graham called the meeting to order and opened with prayer.

PUBLIC FORUM:

Eighteen citizens expressed their opinions and concerns regarding the newly implemented water metering system. Mayor Jack Graham provided an overview, presented findings, and discussed concerns with each citizen.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the August 25, 2016 Council meeting were approved unanimously with Darby Brockway making the motion and Kyle Peavy making the second.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE CALLED MEETING:

Minutes of the September 1 2016 Called Meeting minutes for the Proposed Tax Rate for 2016-2017 Budget Year and the City's Proposed Budget for the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year. Brint Albritton made the motion to approve, Darby Brockway seconded, and minutes were unanimously approved.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON ORDINANCE # 1052 AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 25 OF THE CITY OF GRAHAM CODE OF ORDINANCES, PRESCRIBING WATER AND SEWER RATES:

Brandon Anderson stated that the City of Graham has two months of documentation from the new water meter system. Brandon suggested rates be adjusted back to the pre-conservation stage rates. Brandon said the City will track usage for the next 6-12 months and may need to re-evaluate at a later time. Brandon asked for consideration on a Temporary Water Reprieve Policy to offer citizens in good-standing the opportunity to extend the payment period for the unexpected higher bill. Mayor Jack Graham said the rates were increased during the drought conditions to deter discretionary watering. Mayor stated the City should revert back to the pre-draught rates. Kyle Peavy made the motion, Brint Albritton made the second, and motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING – HEARING ON PROPOSED TAX RATE AND PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE 2016-2017 FISCAL YEAR:

Mayor Jack Graham announced opening of the Public Hearing on the Tax Rate and City Budget for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. No comments were made. Mayor Jack Graham announced the Public Hearing to be closed.

APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO THE YOUNG COUNTY ARENA BOARD:


Kyle Peavy agreed to be appointed to the Board of the Young County Arena. Darby Brockway made the motion to approve the appointment, Brint Albritton seconded, and the motion passed 4-0.

REPORTS:

- Fire Chief Jerry David reported that \$1,916.38 was collected at the street intersections on the Saturday before Labor Day (September 3, 2016) for MDA (Muscular Dystrophy Association).
- Krisa De La Cruz, CEO of the Chamber of Commerce and the CVB briefly described the successful Serving Our Servants luncheon at the American Legion Building honoring all first responders. The Western Swing event at the MOPAC center was a success. Krisa mentioned the upcoming "Graham Jam" with a Battle of Bands and Food Truck event that will be free to the community. The Chamber Luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, September 20, 2016.
- City Manager, Brandon Anderson, reported Lake Graham is 100 percent full

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Lee Boyd, a second from Darby Brockway, and a vote of 4-0 the Council meeting was adjourned.



John Chiles Graham, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sharon McFadden, City Secretary