

September 8, 2020

The Graham City Council met in a SPECIAL CALLED MEETING in the Council Chambers at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 with the following members present:

MEMBERS:	Mayor:	Neal Blanton
	Mayor Pro-Tem:	Darby Brockway
	Council Member:	Brint Albritton
		Lee Boyd
		Kyle Peavy
	City Manager:	Brandon Anderson
	City Secretary:	Sharon McFadden
	City Attorney:	Dan De La Cruz

VISITORS: Thomas Wallner and Shaughn Odom.

ORDER: Mayor Neal Blanton called the meeting to order and opened with prayer.

PUBLIC FORUM: No comments were made.

ENTERED INTO A PUBLIC HEARING AT 6:00 P.M.

Brandon took a moment to mention the loss of Fire Chief Jerry David. He asked everyone to remember his family in prayer.

2020-2021 Proposed Budget & Tax Rate

Brandon offered copies of hand-outs to the public. He briefly reviewed the budget summary sheets for the general fund, garbage fund, water enterprise fund, and sewer enterprise fund. Brandon explained the voter approval tax rate of 0.621696 per \$100 valuation. Brandon explained the lower rate as "no new tax rate" of 0.539697 per \$100 valuation based on the change in appraisal values on properties. Brandon recommended reducing the tax rate by approximately \$0.05. Last year's tax rate was 0.667216 per \$100 valuation. Brandon is proposing a tax rate of 0.617216. However, the Council will decide the rate.

Shaughn Odom stated he is wanting to get more involved in the community. Mr. Odom mentioned he did have a few questions but not related to the budget. Brandon offered to meet with Mr. Odom at the conclusion of the meeting to answer his questions.

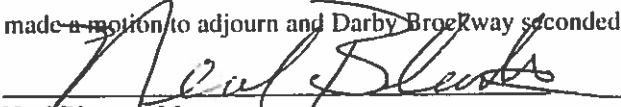
Lee Boyd questioned the additional revenue that the tax rate of 0.617216 would provide. Brandon stated between \$295,000 to \$300,000. Brandon told Lee about \$118,000 more than the proposed budget. Lee confirmed with Brandon he was referring to the 0.585 rate that meets budget.

Brandon stated the adoption of the 2020-2021 Budget and Tax Rate would be presented and Council will vote at the next Council Meeting being held on Thursday, September 17, 2020. The meeting will take place at the Council Chambers at 612 Elm Street, Graham, Texas.

PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED AT 6:13 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Kyle Peavy made a motion to adjourn and Darby Brockway seconded. The Special Called Meeting was unanimously adjourned.


 Neal Blanton, Mayor

ATTEST: 
 Sharon McFadden, City Secretary