

April 25, 2013

The Graham City Council met in REGULAR SESSION in the Council Chambers at City Hall at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 25, 2013 with the following members present:

**MEMBERS:**

Mayor:	Barry White
Mayor Pro-Tem:	Jack Graham
Council Member:	Spencer Street III
	Greg Montgomery
	Pam Scott
City Manager:	Larry Fields
City Secretary:	David Maddy – absent
Public Words Director:	David Casteel
Police Chief:	Tony Widner
Assistant Police Chief:	Brent Bullock
Fire Chief:	Dennie Covey

**Visitors:** Robert Womack, Bill Sanderson, Kim Birdwell, Jimmy McLeroy, Jennifer Conway, Neal Blanton, Jessica James, Eddie Gellner, Sandra Helvey, Robert San Miguel, Cherry Rushin, and Monica Johnston who took the minutes.

**ORDER:** Mayor Barry White called the meeting to order and opened with prayer.

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

None

**MINUTES APPROVED:** Minutes from the April 11, 2013 regular meeting were approved 5-0 on a motion from Pam Scott and a second from Greg Montgomery.

**CONSIDER RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE CREATION OF A HOSPITAL DISTRICT FOR GRAHAM REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER:**

Graham Regional Medical Center is owned and operated by the City of Graham and has provided uninterrupted health care services to the citizens of Graham and the surrounding areas for almost 100 years. Recent changes in Federal and State financing of health care services have made it impossible for the Hospital to continue the same level of services without additional revenue resources; the creation of a hospital district will provide additional revenue necessary to continue the operation of Graham Regional Medical Center for the benefit of the citizens and guard against the unwanted closure of Graham Regional.

A motion was made by Jack Graham to accept the Resolution, a second was made by Greg Montgomery and the Resolution passed 5-0.

**RECEIVE PRESENTATION OF THE FY 2011-2012 AUDIT:**

The Annual Financial Report for the year ended September 30, 2012 was given to the council members. Robert Womack of Davis Kinard & Co, PC went over the Auditor's report which expressed an unqualified opinion. Mr. Womack, on behalf of Davis Kinard & Co, PC, suggests that the Council consider a single audit this year due to the renewal of the Swimming Pool and Area Bonds. Greg Montgomery made the motion to accept the Audit report, Spencer Street seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

**CONSIDER ALL MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF CITY OF GRAHAM, TEXAS, GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2013, INCLUDING THE ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE #1005 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH BONDS:**

David Medanich of First Southwest, presented the council with the results of the Swimming Pool and Arena Bond bids. The estimated savings to the City of Graham are around \$70,000.00. Ordinance 1005 authorizes the refunding of the Swimming Pool Revenue Certificates of Obligation and the Arena Revenue Certificates of Obligation to take advantage of present favorable market interest rates. Jack Graham made motion to accept Ordinance #1005. Greg Montgomery seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

The winning bond bid was Coastal Securities, Inc. with an interest of 1.43%, saving \$104,856.00. A motion was made by Jack Graham to accept the bid, second made by Pam Scott. Motion passed 5-0

**CONSIDER ALL MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF GRAHAM, TEXAS COMBINATION TAX AND REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2013, INCLUDING THE ADOPTION OF ORDANCE #1006 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION:**

The adoption of this ordinance will provide the funding for the engineering services for the water system improvement project. The funding for the remaining cost of the project continues to progress with an application with the USDA. Pam Scott made motion to accept Ordinance #1006. Spencer Street made second, Motion passed 5-0.

The winning bond bid was Coastal Securities, Inc. with an interest of 3.85%. A motion was made by Greg Montgomery to accept the bid, second was made by Jack Graham. Motion passed 5-0.

**CONSIDER TRAFFIC CALMING AND CONTROL OF CHERRY STREET BETWEEN CYPRESS AND SOUTH STREETS:**

A citizen voiced concerns over traffic issues, specifically vehicle speed, for this stretch of Cherry Street. Mr. Sanderson, a resident on Cherry Street requests a school zone sign to slow traffic at NCTC and the Library of Graham due to the amount of school age pedestrian foot traffic. Chief Widner and David Casteel, Director of Public Works reviewed the site and made the following recommendations:

Improve the intersection of Cherry & Cypress with pavement markings and striping to slow traffic to approximately 15 mph make it clearer on what movements are being made by vehicles

Place a 30 mph speed limit sign on northbound Cherry between Cypress & Brazos to remind drivers of the speed limit.

Place a pedestrian sign with 20 mph advisory for the Library and College area and increase speed enforcement on cherry.

A motion to accept was made by Pam Scott, seconded by Spencer Street. Motion passed 5-0.

**CONSIDER AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS WITH KIMLEY-HORN TO PERFORM ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR WASTEWATER COLLECTION AND TREATMENT:**

City Manager Larry Fields stated that a recent inspection by the TCEQ of the City wastewater collection and treatment facilities resulted in recommendations for improvements at the wastewater treatment plant. City Manager Larry Fields stated that the water system was over 30 yrs. Old and that the rag machine was worn out. He also said that the lift stations were having issues and advised the Council that it was time to start the process while we were still in compliance mode. The estimated cost to start the improvements is \$48,500. City Manager Fields stated that the Reserve Fund had \$1.2 million available and requests the approval to execute the contract with Kimley-Horn while still in compliance. A motion was made by Greg Montgomery, second by Pam Scott. Motion passed 5-0.

**CONSIDER ORDINANCE #1004 AMENDING THE GRAHAM MEDICAL AND FAMILY LEAVE POLICY:**

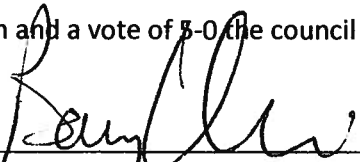
This is the third and final reading as required by federal law. The City was notified by TMRS that they do not allow an employee on leave without pay to contribute to their TMRS retirement account. This ordinance removes this provision from our adopted act. A motion was made by Jack Graham, second by Spencer Street. Motion passed 5-0.

**REPORTS :**

Police Chief Widner reported that there had been an increase in public input on traffic control in neighborhoods. Fire Chief Covey had no reports. Jessica James reported the Art Walk went well. She said the Cars and Stars was a huge success with around 244 cars and let the Council know that the America Legends biking group came through town while biking across the U.S.A. Code Enforcement officer Robert San Miguel had no reports. Director of Public Works, David Casteel reported that he had met with the park pavilion consultant. City Manager, Larry Fields reported the lake level at 1068.98 or 70% capacity. He estimates that without significant rains the lake will be around 54% this summer.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

On a motion by Greg Montgomery, a second by Jack Graham and a vote of 5-0 the council meeting was adjourned.

  
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Barry White, Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
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David Maddy, City Secretary