

October 10, 2013

The Graham City Council met in REGULAR SESSION in the Council Chambers at City Hall at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 10, 2013 with the following members present:

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

VISITORS: Tony Wells, Elaine Wells, Linda Liles, Gay McCracken, Theresa Bishop, Nolan Bishop, Herbert Cohen, January Cohen, Muriel Stephens, Roy Robinson, Kent Pettus, Chris Butler, Jimmy Mcleroy, Eddie Gellner, Robert San Miguel, Sandra Helvey, Jennifer Conway and Brian Rash.

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

PUBLIC FORUM:

Herb Cohen addressed Council saying he wanted the Ordinance requiring a permit to sell copper to be passed. One thief was caught but the salvage yard was able to keep the stolen metal. He said that drug users are driving the thefts and talked about the drug houses around Crestview Elementary School. He said there is evidence of wire stripping at those houses. Chief Widner responded that thefts are up and that prosecution is a problem. The reporting of transactions from the salvage yard may not have been done 100% of the time in the past, but is better now. Mayor White said the City needed to give the reporting of transactions from the salvage yard time to see if it will be effective.

MINUTES APPROVED:

Minutes from the September 26, 2013 regular meeting were approved 4-0 on a motion from Pam Scott and a second from Jack Graham.

OATH OF OFFICE FOR MUNICIPAL JUDGE:

Barry White administered the oath of office to interim Municipal Court judge Teresa Bishop.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE GRAHAM COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN:

This constitutes the final public hearing required prior to the official adoption of the Master Plan. Christopher Butler was present. Mayor White opened the Public Hearing at 9:57 a.m. Brian Rash asked about Graham's location as it is affected by technology, etc. Chris said that people will be attracted to Graham's unique and historic character. Technology and communications will allow that relocation. Historic neighborhoods are a draw. Kent Pettus asked about the adoption process. Mayor White said it is in the form of a resolution so it can be altered. Pettus asked about plans outside the city limits and if the County needed to be included on the plan. Larry said that former County Judge, Stan Peavy sat in on the original discussions and that as all meetings were public ones, the county has always been welcome. Chris said that he had talked to the County and the School District. The document can be put on the City's website. The Mayor closed the public hearing at 10:10 a.m.

CONSIDER RESOLUTION FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE GRAHAM COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN FOR THE CITY OF GRAHAM TEXAS AS PREPARED AND PRESENTED, BE ADOPTED AS THE OFFICIAL GRAHAM COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN FOR THE CITY OF GRAHAM, TEXAS:

This is in the form of a resolution rather than an ordinance to allow future city councils the flexibility to change the plan. Jack Graham made the motion to approve the resolution, Pam Scott made the second and motion passed 4-0.

CONSIDER CHRISTMAS LIGHTING AND DECORATIONS:

The budget provides \$25,000 for Christmas lights and decorations. Main Street board recommended the purchase of 58 new decorations for the Square in the amount of \$15,129 which is at an 18% discount. \$5,000 will be used for the repair of existing decorations and \$5,000 will be reserved for future maintenance. Spencer Street made the motion to approve the recommendation, Jack Graham made the second and motion passed 4-0.

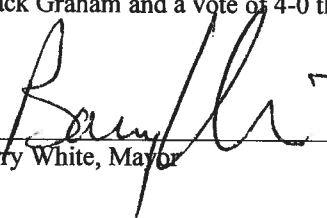
REPORTS:

Chief Covey presented the September Fire and Rescue Report noting the grants applied for and the push to get volunteers. The recent dive class resulted in two firefighters becoming certified divers. He reminded Council of Fire Prevention Week, the MDA drive and that the department was selling tee shirts for breast cancer awareness month. David Casteel said that 500 cubic yards of trash had been handled by the Convenience Station during the cleanup week. The Pavilion at Pioneer Cemetery should be open in 30 days. The design review for phase 1A of the water project is scheduled for October 22. The plans for refurbishing Tackett lift station are 75% complete. Larry reported the lake level at 1065.58 or 56% capacity. 1075' is full. A level of 1065' activates stage 2

restrictions. Council was presented with the engagement letter from the auditors for the upcoming audit.

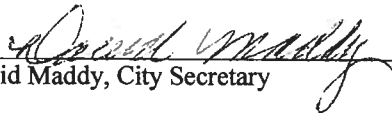
ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Spencer Street, a second from Jack Graham and a vote of 4-0 the Council meeting was adjourned.



Barry White, Mayor

ATTEST:



David Maddy, City Secretary