

September 10, 2019

The Graham City Council met in a SPECIAL CALLED MEETING in the Council Chambers at the Graham Visitor and Business Center, 608 Elm Street, Graham, Texas at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 with the following members present:

MEMBERS:	Mayor:	Neal Blanton
	Mayor Pro-Tem:	Darby Brockway (absent)
	Council Member:	Brint Albritton
		Lee Boyd
		Kyle Peavy
	City Manager:	Brandon Anderson
	City Secretary:	Sharon McFadden

STAFF AND VISITORS: Thomas Wallner of the Graham Leader, Samuel Easter, Jimmy McLeroy, Anita McLeroy, Sandra Helvey, Juan Corpus, Becky Elliott, Tony Ramirez, Susie Cerecedes, Lisa Kinkead, and Randall Dawson.

ORDER: Mayor Neal Blanton called the meeting to order and led in prayer. The discussion began at 6:00 p.m.

DISCUSSION: City Manager Brandon Anderson and Mayor Neal Blanton led the discussion for the Public Hearing on the proposed tax rate and proposed budget for the 2019/2020 fiscal year. Mayor Blanton said the tax rate and budget proposals for Council vote would be on the agenda at the next council meeting to be held on Thursday, September 19, 2019.

Susie Cerecedes stated her concern for creating jobs to support paying taxes. She said that when taxes are raised, business rental and residential rental rates increase.

Jimmy McLeroy said if people would calculate the tax increase on their own property, they would see the increase is not all that much.

Anita McLeroy questioned if Council is actually asking for enough of a tax increase. Mayor Blanton said City Manager Brandon Anderson does a good job of budgeting for the City and is cautious in calculating tax burdens. Anita voiced her concern regarding drainage in the City.

Susie Cerecedes requested Council meetings to be recorded and streamed on internet/Facebook or providing transcripts on the City of Graham website.

Becky Elliott mentioned her concern for uneducated people in Graham. She recommended high school students have trade occupations available to them in the curriculum. Mayor Blanton agreed trade schools are important and briefly explained North Central Texas College (NCTC) programs.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.


 Neal Blanton, Mayor

ATTEST:


 Sharon McFadden, City Secretary