

March 3, 2022

The Graham City Council met in REGULAR SESSION in the Council Chambers at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 3, 2022, with the following members present:

MEMBERS:	Mayor:	Neal Blanton
	Mayor Pro-Tem:	Shana Weatherbee-Wolfe
	Council Members:	Alex Heartfield
		Jack Little
		Randy Cantin
	City Manager:	Brandon Anderson
	City Secretary:	Sharon McFadden
	Municipal Judge:	Jim Reeves (absent)
	Police Chief:	Brent Bullock
	Fire Chief:	Jim Don Laurent (absent)

VISITORS: Thomas Wallner, Carla Ritchie, Marci Bueno, Lisa Kinkead, Cathy Partridge, Allen Dixon, BJ Cook, Casyn Smith, Sonya Ramos, and Grant Ingram.

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

PUBLIC FORUM: Mayor Blanton asked if anyone would like to speak in the public forum. No comments were made.

REPORTS:

- Chamber Manager, Lisa Kinkead, mentioned the upcoming Chamber luncheon on March 22, 2022, and tickets are available. The Chamber Golf Tournament registration is opening and scheduled for April 25, 2022.
- CVB Manager, Casyn Smith, said the Crawfish and Cannons event will be held on Saturday, April 9, 2022, at Fort Belknap.
- Municipal Court Clerk, Carla Ritchie, mentioned pre-trials took place yesterday (March 2, 2022) with the new Prosecutor named Dan and went well. Jury trials will be held at the end of the month (March 31, 2022).
- City Manager, Brandon Anderson, stated he has a critical announcement to make. Bond Council scheduled reflected Council meetings are held on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month. Bond Council posted March 10, 2022, and it is imperative the following statement be announced. The City Council previously published and posted notice that it would consider the adoption of an ordinance authorizing certificates of obligation at a meeting to be held at 9:00 AM on March 10th; however, the City Council is not meeting on March 10th, and the City Council will, instead, consider the adoption of the ordinance authorizing the certificates of obligation at its regular meeting beginning at 9:00 AM on March 17, 2022. Additional information regarding the certificates of obligation can be found on the City's website. The process must be gone through if the City (of Graham) decides to issue bonds. The public hearing will be held on March 17, 2022, at the regular scheduled Council meeting. Item 9 of the agenda, 551.072 Deliberations Regarding Real Property should read "Discuss Possible Sale or (not of) of other properties around the lake that are not leased. No action is expected to be taken but the error is being clarified. Lake level is currently at 84.1 percent full. The library report is in the Council packet.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on Thursday, February 17, 2022, were considered. Alex Heartfield made the first motion approving the minutes and Randy Cantin seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON ORDINANCE #1121 CANCELLING THE ORDER OF THE 2022 GENERAL ELECTION PREVIOUSLY APPROVED UNDER ORDINANCE #1117. CITY SECRETARY TO PRESENT THE CERTIFICATION OF UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES TO THE MAYOR. MAYOR TO SIGN ORDER OF CANCELLATION BY ORDINANCE AND SOS FORM AW-12 IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE TEXAS ELECTION CODE AND THE CITY OF GRAHAM CHARTER:

Brandon said the incumbents filed for reelection and no other opposing candidates applied. Since there were no opposing candidates, the City (of Graham) is able to cancel the 2022 General Election. The Special Election for the liquor option will be on the May 2022 Election ballot. Jack Little made the first motion. Randy Cantin seconded, and the motion unanimously passed 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON A REQUEST FROM THE GRAHAM CVB FOR USE OF THE DOWNTOWN SQUARE FOR THE 7TH ANNUAL FOOD TRUCK CHAMPIONSHIP OF TEXAS TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2022. THE REQUEST INCLUDES APPROVAL OF A BEER GARDEN, STREET CLOSURES, AND ASSISTANCE FROM CITY STAFF. DETAILS ARE WITHIN THE REQUEST LETTER:

Brandon said he has been working with the CVB and the Food Truck Championship Committee. They have been meeting weekly. The event will be consistent with all the prior events. Staff will continue to work under the current ordinance, and it is necessary to grant permission for use of the square for the event. Casyn Smith, CVB Manager, said plans are consistent with previous events and that Randall Dawson (Public Works Director) has a list of requests. Randy Cantin made the first motion Alex Heartfield seconded. The request was unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON A REQUEST FROM THE WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD COMMITTEE FOR A SMALL PARADE AROUND THE INSIDE OF THE SQUARE. THE REQUEST INCLUDES BARRICADE BLOCKING OF THIRD STREET AT OAK STREET AND THIRD STREET AT ELM STREET FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 11:00 A.M. ON THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2022:

Brandon said it is the same annual request for the parade. The request is being submitted in a timely manner and he recommends approval. Jack Little made the first motion to approve. Alex Heartfield provided the second motion. The request was unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON A PROPERTY LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE KIWANIS CLUB OF GRAHAM AND THE CITY OF GRAHAM TO PLACE A STORAGE BUILDING ON THE CITY OF GRAHAM LOT AT 806 CHERRY STREET:

Brandon referred to the proposed agreement and proposed building in the Council packet. Shannon Boseman approached Brandon about the agreement. The flags for holidays that are displayed is what will be stored in the building. 806 Cherry Street used to be occupied by Helen Farabee Center but moved to a new location by the Graham Airport. The lot is currently vacant except for a storage building used by the Chamber and CVB for storage. Brandon said the location makes it ideal for the Kiwanis Club to store flags. Brandon said a few changes have been updated and received attorney review. Jack Little asked if the current building is temporary or permanent. Mayor Blanton and Brandon both replied, "Permanent." Brandon said the proposed building will be built on the existing slab in front of the existing building. Alex Heartfield made the first motion and Jack Little seconded. Brandon also requested authorization for him to sign the agreement. Alex Heartfield asked his motion to be amended to authorize Brandon to sign the property use agreement. Jack Little seconded Alex Hartfield's motion to be amended. The City Council unanimously approved the request 4-0.

ENTERED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Blanton announced the entrance into Executive Session at 9:11 a.m.

551.071 Consultation with Attorney
- Discuss Plug Power agreement.

551.072 Deliberations Regarding Real Property.
- Discuss Possible Sale or Lease of other properties around the lake that are not lease.
- Discuss Bids received for the following Lake Lots, to purchase their lease from the City of Graham.
Lot #139, Lot #159 Lot #160, and Lot #200

EXIT FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Blanton announced the exit from Executive Session at 10:04 a.m.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON THE BIDS RECEIVED FROM LAKE LOTS TO PURCHASE THEIR LEASE FROM THE CITY OF GRAHAM:

Alex Heartfield said he would like to make a motion to accept the bids received for lake properties Lot #139, Lot #159, Lot #160, and Lot #200. Jack Little made the second motion, and the bids were accepted with a unanimous vote of 4-0.

Alex Heartfield said he would like to make a motion to approve Kimley Horn Associates to provide professional services for the City of Graham's Water Reuse project for 2022. Shana Weatherbee-Wolfe provided the second motion, and the request was unanimously approved 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON ANY ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Jack Little made a motion to adjourn the meeting.


Neal Blanton, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Sharon McFadden, City Secretary