The Graham City Council met in REGULAR SESSION in the Council Chambers at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 26, 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 (absent)
	Municipal Judge:	Jim Reeves
	Police Chief:	Brent Bullock
	Fire Chief:	Jim Don Laurent
	Public Works Director:	Randall Dawson

VISITORS: Marci Bueno (recording of minutes), Jimmy McLeroy, Lisa Shook, Grant Ingram, Carla Ritchie, Cathy Partridge, Brenda Gaton, Becca Sullivan, Mattie Sullivan, Michael Williams, Debbie DePriest, Sonya Ramos, Isabel Smith, Casyn Smith, Thomas Wallner, Allen Dixon, and Sarah Lundgren.

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

PUBLIC FORUM: Heather Allen said she is a volunteer and board president of the Humane Society. Ms. Allen requested to have an item placed on the next City Council Meeting Agenda (June 9, 2022) for changes on ordinances about animals. Mayor Blanton said her (Ms. Allen's) request would be honored. Brenda Gaton said she is attending again (was referring to the May 12, 2022, Council meeting) to be specific on the pit bulldogs. Ms. Gaton would like to see a change in ordinance that a pit bulldog can be picked up, jailed, and returned to the owner. Ms. Gaton said pit bulldogs are continuing to run around her neighborhood and pit bulldogs were never previously on her radar. She has done research and it (results of research are grizzly. Ms. Gaton said she will no longer try to confront a pit bulldog. Ms. Gaton said the pit bulldog that has been picked up the most has been considered dangerous. The owner has a certain criterion of containment but there is no time limit, and the owner is showing no concern at all. Ms. Gaton said the owner wants his dogs to roam free, animal control to leave the owner alone, and allow the dog to run loose. Ms. Gaton said for people like that, there needs to be a limit set. Ms. Gaton gave Council members information about the issues of pit bulldogs, ordinance examples from other communities, and asked Council to review the information. Mayor Blanton thanked Ms. Gaton and said the topic will be included in the next Council meeting (June 9, 2022). Mayor Blanton asked if anyone else would like to speak in the public forum. No added comments were made.

REPORTS:

- Mayor Blanton requested Police Chief Brent Bullock to prepare a report about what police do to counter concerns like what occurred in Uvalde Texas. The report needs to include what the police are doing to collaborate with the school system and Mayor Blanton requested the report be presented at the next Council meeting (June 9, 2022).
- Municipal Court Clerk, Carla Ritchie, at the beginning of April 2022, there were 741 cases and as of yesterday (May 25, 2022) there are 725 cases. There are 239 unactive 437 inactive cases. There are 679 active warrants currently. Dan (City Attorney) had 29 Pre-Trials on May 25, 2022, and twenty-five of those cases were rescheduled.
- Chamber Manager, Lisa Shook, mentioned the Possum Pedal Bike Ride on Saturday, June 4, 2022, and registration is in progress. Chalk the Walk will take place with the July 4, 2022, events already scheduled on the square.
- Casyn Smith, CVB Manager, mentioned there are thirty-nine food trucks registered for the Food Truck Championship taking place on Saturday, June 4, 2022. The only few remaining tickets available for the concert are for general admission.
- Public Works Director, Randall Dawson, said starting on June 6, 2022, the annual burnout (on water lines) will begin. The disinfectant chemical Chloramine will be switched to free Chlorine. Last year when the weather changed there were water quality issues and public works is trying on top of the issues. There will be a lot of line flushing occurring with water running down the streets.
- Executive Director, Grant Ingram, said back in April 2022 GEIC requested approval for the property at 501 Corporate Drive and the 60-day time is coming soon (beginning of June 2022). The purchase will be closed soon. There have been three (3) facade applications approved and the building formerly known as Reclaimed Style will be changing first. Jack Little asked if there have been many applications. Grant said three (3) applications have been received and went through the approval process. There have been many requests for information. There is a 30-day window to start the process once approved.
- City Manager, Brandon Anderson, said the lake level is currently 93.4 percent full. Brandon said he will not be attending the next Council meeting (June 9, 2022) due to attending a state City Managers Association meeting.
- Mayor Blanton welcomed Mitch Kipp from Senator Springer's office in Wichita Falls. Mayor Blanton thanked Mr. Kipp for attending the Council meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on Thursday, May 12, 2022, were considered. Shana Weatherbee-Wolfe made the first motion approving the minutes and Jack Little seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON THE APRIL 2022 FINANCIAL REPORTS PRESENTED BY THE CFO OR HER DESIGNEE:

Marci Bueno, Assistant Finance Director, briefly reviewed the financial reports. She supplied details about the revenue and expenses in the general fund, garbage fund, water fund, and sewer fund. Brandon said cash balances are as high as they have been since he has been here (in Graham for seven years). Brandon said most of the sewer funds are designated for projects that are already in process. Brandon said most of the alternate line water project is designated from the bonds, but some revenue will have to be used from water surplus fund. Brandon said all the tax dollars (referring to property tax revenue) have already been received for the fiscal year. Brandon said he and Marci had discussed the excessive spending in the administration section of the general fund. Mayor Blanton mentioned the City (of Graham) is over budget by $454,000 in sales tax. Alex Heartfield made the first motion to accept the financial reports. Randy Cantin seconded, and the financial reports were unanimously accepted by a vote of 4-0.

DISCUSS THE SALES TAX REPORT FOR MARCH 2022 RECEIVED IN MAY 2022:

Mayor Blanton said the increase over last year's amount is at a disappointing 1.37 percent. Brandon agreed the amount is of concern and will need to be watched. Brandon said if that becomes a trend, it is good we are tracking ahead of schedule.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON ORDINANCE # 1127 DENYING PROPOSED CHANGE IN RATES OF ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY, LLC, FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS ORDINANCE IS PASSEDS IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY:

Mayor Blanton mentioned that Gordon Drake from Oncor was attending the Council meeting and offered Mr. Drake to speak. Mr. Drake said Oncor must file a comprehensive rate increase every few years. The last rate casing was filed in 2017. The current rate casing equates to a $251 million dollar increase in revenues to cover capital expenditures that were spent on significant investments since the last filing. Oncor has spent approximately $10 million dollars since the last filing due to an increase demand on the system and the grid. There has been expansion on transmission distribution facilities and expanded approximately 10,000 miles of new distribution transmission facilities and approximately 350,000 new connections since that time (2017). There have been more than two hundred substations built and the increase would equate to about a 4.2 percent increase overall on residential customers. Based on usage of approximat 1300 kilowatt hours per month, which would be about eleven cent increase per kilowatt hour. Mr. Drake said the ordinance is written to deny the rate increase request so that it may be litigated at the commission. Brandon Anderson said the rate review was created a few years ago to decide rate increases through the PUC (Public Utility Commission). Brandon said if Council denies, the next step will be for the request to be sent to the PUC for the negotiation phase, and if the City (of Graham) were to fight the request, an attorney will have to be hired. Brandon said some cities belong to a group, but the City of Graham has stopped taking part due to the costs involved. Brandon said once the PUC takes control, cities no longer have a say in the process. Alex Heartfield made the first motion to approve the Ordinance. Jack Little made the second motion, and Ordinance # 1127 was unanimously approved (4-0) to deny the Oncor rate increases request.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON A REQUEST FROM LISA SHOOK, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MANAGER, FOR THE POSSUM PEDAL BIKE RIDE ON SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2022. THE REQUEST INCLUDES ROAD CLOSURES FROM 5:30 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M. A LETTER WITH THE STREETS REQUESTED FOR CLOSURE AND A ROUTE MAP ARE PROVIDED IN THE COUNCIL PACKET:

Lisa Shook said the request includes closure of Oak Street down through Fourth Street for the start of the Possum Pedal. Lisa referred to the map in the Council packet and said there is no change from the previous years' request. Jack Little made the first motion to approve the request and Alex Heartfield seconded. The request for the road closures during the Possum Pedal bike ride event was unanimously approved 4-0.

CONSIDER AND AT ON A REQUEST FROM GERALD K. BISHOP FOR THE "RED, WHITE, AND YOU" CELEBRATION ON MONDAY, JULY 4, 2022. A PARADE WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE EXTERIOR OF THE SQUARE AND THE THEME OF "LET FREEDOM RING" CELEBRATION INSIDE OF THE SQUARE. THE REQUEST LETTER IS INCLUDED IN THE COUNCIL PACKET:

Brandon said the request is consistent with previous years' requests and Mr. Bishop will do an excellent job of running the event. Randy Cantin made the first motion and Alex Heartfield seconded. The request was unanimously approved by a vote of 4-0.

ENTERED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Blanton announced the entrance into Executive Session at 9:20 a.m.

551.072 Deliberations Regarding Real Property
-Discuss bids received for Lake Lots, to purchase their lease land from the City of Graham

Lot # 128
Lot # 162
Lot # 163
Lot # 238 (second review)
Lot # 256
Lot # 582

551.074 Personnel Matters
-Discuss Employee Transition

EXIT FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Blanton announced the exit from Executive Session at 9:58 a.m.

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

Alex Heartfield said he wanted to make a motion to table the bids for Lake Lots # 128, #162, # 163, and # 238 due to needing clarification on the bids. Alex Heartfield made a motion to approve the bids received for Lake Lots #256 and # 582. Shana Weatherbee-Wolfe seconded, and the vote was unanimously accepted 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT (IF NEEDED) ON ANY OTHER ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Blanton said there was no other action from the Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT:

Little made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Mayor Blanton said, "So moved."

Neal Blanton, Mayor

ATTEST: Sharon McFadden, City Secretary