

**GRAHAM CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
August 18, 2022**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Neal Blanton, Mayor
Alex Heartfield, Mayor Pro Tem
Shana Weatherbee-Wolfe
Randy Cantin
Jack Little

STAFF PRESENT

Larry Fields, Interim City Manager
Sandra Helvey, City Secretary
Brent Bullock, Chief of Police
Jim Don Laurent, Fire Chief
Randall Dawson, Director of Public Works/Building Official
B. J. Cook, Code Enforcement Officer/MSEO
James Reeves, Municipal Judge

Mayor Blanton convened the Council into the Regular Session on Thursday, August 18, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers of Graham City Hall, 612 Elm Street. A quorum was present.

OPENING PRAYER

Mayor Blanton led the invocation.

PUBLIC FORUM

None.

REPORTS

Director of Public Works/Building Official Randall Dawson informed the Council of ongoing activities in the Public Works and Parks Departments of the City.

Cathy Partridge, CEO, Graham Chamber of Commerce & CVB, along with Chamber of Commerce Manager Cayley Strickland and CVB Manager, Casyn Smith updated Council members of the current and upcoming events.

Municipal Judge James Reeves reported that the Municipal Court was continuing to function very well.

Economic Development Director Grant Ingram presented an overview of several programs and grants currently being reviewed.

Larry Fields, Interim City Manager, advised that for this time of the year the current lake levels are in good condition. He also commented on various residential issues that had been resolved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF AUGUST 10, 2022

Minutes for the Special Called Meeting held on August 10, 2022 were considered. Upon a motion made by Shana Weatherbee-Wolfe and seconded by Alex Heartfield, the Council voted unanimously 4-0 to approve the minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 4, 2022

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Thursday, August 4, 2022 was considered. Upon a motion made by Shana Weatherbee-Wolfe and seconded by Jack Little, the minutes of the Regular Meeting were approved by the unanimous vote of 4-0.

DISCUSS SALES TAX REPORT FOR JUNE 2022 REVENUE RECEIVED IN AUGUST, 2022.

Larry Field provided an overview to Council of the June 2022 Sales Tax Report.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON REMOVING SIGNATORY AUTHORITY FOR CITY SECRETARY/FINANCE DIRECTOR SHARON McFADDEN FROM THE SAFE DEPOSIT BOX LOCATED AT GRAHAM INTERBANK EFFECTIVE JULY 29, 2022. CONSIDER AND ACT ON ADDING SANDRA HELVEY, CITY SECRETARY, AS SIGNATORY ON THE SAFE DEPOSIT BOX AND NEAL BLANTON, MAYOR, AND ALEX HEARTFIELD, MAYOR PRO-TEM, WILL REMAIN ON THE SAFE DEPOSIT BOX SIGNATORY CARD.

Upon a motion made by Randy Cantin and seconded by Jack Little, the motion to approve the act of removing signatory authority of former City Secretary/Finance Director Sharon McFadden from the Safe Deposit Box located at Graham Interbank effective July 29, 2022 and adding City Secretary Sandra Helvey, Mayor Neal Blanton and Mayor Pro-Tem Alex Heartfield will remain as signatories on the Safe Deposit Box Signatory Card was approved unanimously, 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON A REQUEST FROM HAROLD FROEHMER FOR AN ADDITIONAL 30 DAYS TO STAY IN A CAMPER WHILE REMODELING HIS BURNT HOUSE

Code Enforcement Officer/MSEO B. J. Cook informed Council that Mr. Froehmer had made extensive progress in repairing the structure however is requesting a 30 day extension to complete the repairs. A motion was made by Alex Heartfield and seconded by Randy Cantin to approve the request of Harold Froehmer for an additional 30 days to stay in a camper while remodeling his burnt house and Randy Cantin seconded. The motion was approved 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON A REQUEST FROM GRAHAM REGIONAL THEATER AND DORMAN HOLUB TO USE THE OAK GROVE CEMETERY FOR A "TALKIN TOMBSTONE" TOUR ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2022

Historian Dorman Holub explained to Council that the "Talking Tombstone" tour is to be presented for the fifth year at the second oldest cemetery, Oak Grove Cemetery, to highlight five individuals that made a difference in Graham's past and is a fundraising event on behalf of the Graham Regional Theater. Upon a motion by Alex Heartfield and seconded by Shana Weatherbee-Wolfe, the request from Graham Regional Theater and Dorman Holub to use the Oak Grove Cemetery for a "Talking Tombstone" tour on Saturday, October 22, 2022 was approved unanimously, 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON A REQUEST FROM KENNETH KARGER FOR AN AIRPORT HANGAR LEASE #210 FOR FIFTEEN YEARS FOR FINANCING REQUIREMENTS

City Secretary Sandra Helvey explained that the item to be considered by Council is due to banking requirements that financing of airport hangars that are leased on city-owned property must be approved by the City Council and provided to the financial institution. Upon a motion made by Randy Cantin and seconded by Alex Heartfield, the request from Kenneth Karger for an Airport Hanger Lease #210 for Fifteen Years for financing requirements was approved unanimously, 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON A REQUEST FROM MATT HUGHES ON AN AMENDMENT TO THE CURRENT FIRE CODE REGARDING FIRE SPRINKLERS'SUPPRESSION AT 509 FOURTH STREET (THE MIDDLETON)

Upon considerable discussion regarding fire codes and consideration of Mr. Hughes presentation and the Fire Chief response, the motion to deny the request from Matt Hughes to amend the current Fire Code regarding fire sprinklers/suppression at 509 Fourth Street (The Middleton) was made by Jack Little and seconded by Randy Cantin. Mayor Pro Tem Alex Heartfield stated that before a decision is made, he would like to be advised of the outcome of the proposed City staff visit to the Fort

Worth facility. The motion to deny the request failed. Mayor Blanton recommended that Fire Chief Laurent and City staff meet with Mr. Hughes and arrange to visit the Fort Worth hotel example and report their findings for future Council consideration.

ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Blanton convened the Council into the Executive Session at 9:40 a.m.

551.072 DELIBERATIONS REGARDING REAL PROPERTY

Discuss Bids received for the following lake lots to purchase their leased land from the City of Graham.

Lot # 52, Lot #53, and Lot #591

551.074 PERSONNEL MATTERS

Discuss Employee Transition

Discuss Appointments to Committee

EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Blanton announced the exit from Executive Session at 9:53 a.m.

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

Upon a motion made by Alex Heartfield and seconded by Randy Cantin, the bids received for Lake Lot #52, Lot #53 and Lot #591 were approved unanimously, 4-0.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES

Mayor Blanton announced an opening for the Convention and Visitors Bureau and informed Council that J. W. Budge had been recommended for the position. A motion to approve the appointment of J. W. Budge to the Convention and Visitors Board was made by Jack Little and seconded by Alex Heartfield. The motion was approved 4-0.

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

None to be discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jack Little and "So Moved" by Mayor Blanton.


Neal Blanton, MAYOR


Sandra Helvey, CITY SECRETARY