

**GRAHAM CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
September 15, 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, September 15, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers of Graham City Hall, 612 Elm Street. A quorum was present.

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor Gary Elrod led the invocation.

PRESENTATION

Mayor Blanton honored David Rogers with a Recognition Award for his national patriotism and community pride by continuously displaying the large American Flag on his property located on Highway 16 South.

PUBLIC FORUM

Weta Phillips, on behalf of the Friends of the Library(FOL), provided an overview to Council that explained the purpose of the FOL is to provide funds for extra purchases that are outside of the regular budget. She further clarified that since FOL is no longer associated with city management, requested that the \$55,000.00 line item be removed from the city budget.

REPORTS

Director of Public Works/Building Official Randall Dawson informed the Council of on-going projects and that the two new dump trucks arrived and are now in-use.

Jon Delamarter, Airport Manager, updated the Council on status of the various airport improvement projects and commented that more people are now using the airport facilities which has resulted in higher fuel sales revenue.

Grant Ingram, Economic Development Director, informed Council that the Façade Grant Improvement program has received significant interest and encouraged anyone with façade improvement needs to contact GEIC. Grant also reminded Council of the Duck Derby, Saturday, 4pm to 8pm. and expressed appreciation to the Public Works and Fire Departments for their hard work to make the event successful.

Casyn Smith, CVB Manager, provided an update on the status of the kiosk that would be unveiled in near future. She advised that Cathy Partridge, CEO of Graham Chamber of Commerce/CVB and Cayley Strickland, Chamber of Commerce Manager, were absent due to attendance of a training seminar in Houston.

Interim City Manager Larry Fields reviewed the 08/31/22 budget report for Council and advised that it had been a good year since more revenue had been received than had been spent. The June, July and August, 2022 Financial Reports were also provided to Council for review. The motion to accept the June, July and August, 2022 financial reports was made by Randy Cantin and seconded by Alex Heartfield. The motion was approved unanimously.

Larry informed the Council that the lake level is less than 5 ft down which is very good for the end of the summer months.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF AUGUST 31, 2022

Upon a motion made by Shana Weatherbee-Wolfe and seconded by Alex Heartfield, the Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting of August 31, 2022.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2022

Upon a motion made by Shana Weatherbee-Wolfe and seconded by Alex Heartfield, the Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 1, 2022.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2022

Upon a motion made by Alex Heartfield and seconded by Jack Little, the Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting of September 8, 2022.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON REQUEST FROM GRAHAM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ALONG WITH GRAHAM PD AND GRAHAM FD TO HOLD A TRUNK OR TREAT EVENT ON THE DOWNTOWN SQUARE ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2022, BEGINNING AT 5:00 P.M.

Motion to approve the request from Graham Chamber of Commerce, Graham PD and Graham FD to hold a Trunk or Treat event on the downtown square on Monday, October 31, 2022 was made by Randy Cantin and seconded by Alex Heartfield. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON REQUESTS FROM CURTIS RIBBLE, YOUTH PASTOR AT HIGHRIDGE CHURCH TO USE THE SQUARE ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH FOR A CHRISTIAN MUSIC CONCERT ; FOR THIRD STREET TO BE CLOSED TO THRU TRAFFIC BEGINNING AT 2:00 P.M. ON THIS DAY; INTERIOR OF THE SQUARE TO BE CLOSED AT 5:00 P.M. IN ORDER TO SETUP STAGE AND SOUND, AND OTHER PREPARATIONS NEEDED

Upon a motion by Jack Little and seconded by Randy Cantin, the motion passed unanimously for the requests of Curtis Ribble for Highridge Church to use the square on Friday, November 4th for a Christian Music Concert.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON RE-PLAT OF LOTS 3R, 4R, 5R, 6R AND 7R, BLOCK 3, CORBETT ADDITION

Randall Dawson explained to Council that one owner of these lots proposes to build 5 houses on this property and wants to clean up the property lines to the lots that according to the city hall plats were originally cut in half. The Planning and Zoning Commission has met and approved. Motion to approve the re-plat of Lots 3R, 4R, 5R, 6R and 7R, Block 3, Corbett Addition was made by Alex Heartfield and seconded by Jack Little. Motion passed unanimously.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON RESOLUTION #134 ESTABLISHING THE CITY OF GRAHAM, TEXAS INSURANCE TRUST FUND, AUTHORIZING THE TRUST AGREEMENT AND APPOINTING TRUSTEES FOR THE CITY OF GRAHAM, TEXAS

Larry Fields explained that the Resolution to establish the City of Graham Trust Fund is needed to exempt the City from imbedded insurance premium taxes on applicable insurance plans. Motion was made by Randy Cantin and seconded by Shana Weatherbee-Wolfe to approve Resolution #134 establishing the City of Graham Texas Insurance Trust Fund and appointing the City Manager and City Secretary as Trustees. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON ORDINANCE No.1128 AMENDING APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES No. 1112 AND ORDINANCE No. 1115

Larry Fields advised that in order to comply with the auditors, an amendment to revise the revenue and expenditure estimates of Ordinances #1112 and #1115 is required. He further reviewed the individual additional sums appropriated for various departments. Upon a motion by Alex Heartfield and seconded by Shana Weatherbee-Wolfe to approve Ordinance No. 1128 was approved unanimously.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON ORDINANCE NO. 1129 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023

Larry Fields explained that this ordinance is to adopt the appropriation of budget funds for the various city departments that Council had previously reviewed and approved at the budget workshops. The motion to approve Appropriation Ordinance No. 1129 for the Fiscal

Year Beginning October 1, 2022 and Ending September 30, 2023 was made by Alex Heartfield, seconded by Jack Little and approved unanimously.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON ORDINANCE NO. 1130 ADOPTING TAX LEVY FOR FY2022-2023

The ordinance fixing the Ad Valorem Tax at the rate of 0.605000 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation or property with all property being assessed at 100% value, said tax being so levied and to be appropriated at 87.4% to be deposited in the City of Graham General Fund and 12.6% deposited in the General Obligations Fund to retire current debt on Certificate of Obligation was reviewed by City Manager Larry Fields and commented that the 0.605000 tax rate was the same as last year. Jack Little requested that his following response be so noted: "I'm not for this, but will vote for it in lieu of our time restraints on the budget and the fact that I don't want to drag this out 2 more votes when I'm going to get kicked anyway." Motion to approve Ordinance No. 1130 Adopting Tax Levy for FY2022-23 was made by Alex Heartfield, seconded by Shana Weatherbee-Wolfe and approved unanimously.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON ORDINANCE NO. 1131 PRESCRIBING GARBAGE RATES

Upon considerable discussion, the motion to approve Ordinance No. 1131 was made by Alex Heartfield and seconded by Randy Cantin. Motion carried unanimously.

ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Blanton convened the Council into the Executive Session at 9:31 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 # ½ of Lot #86, Lot #87 and Lot #88

Lot # 196

Lot #227

551.074 PERSONNEL MATTERS

Discuss Employee Transition

EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Blanton announced the exit from Executive Session at 9:52 a.m.

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

Motion to approve ½ of Lot #86, Lot #87, and Lot # 88 made by Alex Heartfield, seconded by Shana Weatherbee-Wolfe and approved 3-1 with Jack Little abstaining. The motion to approve Lot #196 and Lot #227 was made by Alex Heartfield, seconded by Shana Weatherbee-Wolfe and approved unanimously.

CONSIDER AND ACT ON AFFAIRS RELATED TO EMPLOYEE TRANSITION.

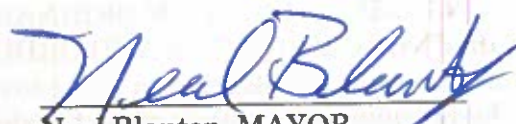
None to be discussed.


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