

**GRAHAM CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION  
JULY 6, 2023**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT**

Alex Heartfield, Mayor  
Shana Weatherbee-Wolfe, Mayor Pro-Tem  
Jeff Dickinson  
Jack Little (Absent)  
Brant Lundgren

**STAFF PRESENT**

Eric Garretty, City Manager  
Marci Bueno, City Secretary/Financial Official  
Grant Ingram, Assistant City Manager  
Sandra Helvey, Executive Assistant  
Brent Bullock, Chief of Police  
Kelly LaFarge, Library Director  
Dennis Fellows, Water Plant Supervisor  
Chris Denney, IT Director

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

- 2. NOTICE OF POSTING:** NOTICE OF THIS REGULAR CALLED MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAHAM TEXAS WAS DULY POSTED AT A PLACE READILY ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC AT LEAST 72 HOURS PRIOR TO THE DATE AND TIME OF THIS MEETING, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT.

**3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS PRESENT**

**4. OPENING PRAYER**

Mayor Alex Heartfield led the invocation.

**5. PUBLIC FORUM**

None.

**6. REPORTS**

Individual Department Heads provided overviews for Council on ongoing updates of their respective departments which included: Library, GEIC and Chamber of Commerce/CVB.

City Manager Eric Garretty provided reports on Lake Graham Water Level, Key Dates and Upcoming Events, along with the Project Status Report.

**7. CONSIDER AND ACT TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CALLED MEETING, HELD ON JUNE 22, 2023.**

Motion made by Jeff Dickinson and seconded by Brant Lundgren to approve the Minutes of the Regular Called Meeting, held on June 22, 2023. Motion passed unanimously 4 – 0.

**8. CONSIDER AND ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OF A CERTAIN PREVIOUSLY DONATED 17-FOOT BOSTON WHALER BOAT, ID# BWCE2991B303, TO THE ORIGINAL DONOR, A CERTAIN MR. JASON COTTONGAME; FURTHER NOTING THAT THE CITY MANAGER HAS IDENTIFIED THIS EQUIPMENT AS EXCESS TO CITY REQUIREMENTS AND, THE DONOR HAS FORMALLY REQUESTED TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF SAME.**

Motion made by Shana Weatherbee-Wolfe and seconded by Jeff Dickinson to declare a certain 17-foot Boston Whaler boat, ID# BWCE2991B303, as scrap and to authorize the City Manager to dispose of same. Motion passed unanimously 4 – 0.

**9. CONSIDER AND ACT TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 1149 AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 ANNUAL BUDGET FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES.**

Motion made by Brant Lundgren and seconded by Shana Weatherbee-Wolfe to approve Ordinance No. 1149 amending the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Annual Budget for municipal purposes. Motion passed unanimously 4 – 0.

10. **CONSIDER AND ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND CONCLUDE A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE HELEN FARABEE CENTER-GRAHAM, IN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000 ANNUALLY, IN SUPPORT OF SAID CENTER'S MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION.**

Motion made by Shana Weatherbee-Wolfe and seconded by Brant Lundgren to authorize the City Manager to negotiate and conclude a Memorandum of Agreement with the Helen Farabee Center-Graham, in amount not to exceed \$20,000 annually, in support of said Center's maintenance and operation. Motion passed unanimously 4 – 0.

11. **CONSIDER AND ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FROM THE NATIONAL FITNESS CAMPAIGN, IN CONJUNCTION WITH BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF TEXAS, PURSUANT TO A POTENTIAL PROJECT RELATED TO DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF A FITNESS COURT IN SALT CREEK PARK.**

Motion made by Jeff Dickinson and seconded by Shana Weatherbee-Wolfe to authorize the City Manager to apply for a grant from the National Fitness Campaign, in conjunction with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas, pursuant to a potential project related to design and construction of a Fitness Court in Salt Creek Park. Motion passed unanimously 4 – 0.

12. **DISCUSSION REGARDING PROPOSED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.**  
No future agenda items discussed.

13. **RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE:** Mayor Alex Heartfield convened the Council into Executive Session at 8:54 a.m.

**a. Sec. 551.071 – Consultation with Attorney**

- Consultation regarding potential litigation related to the prior lease of certain real property in the vicinity of Lake Eddleman.

**b. Sec. 551.072 – Deliberations About Real Property**

- Deliberations regarding an offer to purchase Lake Lot No. 54; and
- Deliberations regarding an offer to purchase Lake Lot No. 67; and
- Deliberations regarding an offer to purchase Lake Lot No. 592; and
- Deliberations regarding an offer to purchase Lake Lot No. 92
- Deliberations regarding an offer to swap certain real property currently owned by local government entities pursuant to a proposed municipal capital project.

14. **RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AND TAKE ACTION, AS REQUIRED.**  
Mayor Alex Heartfield reconvened from Executive Session at 9:52 a.m.

Motion made by Shana Weatherbee-Wolfe and seconded by Brant Lundgren to approve an offer to purchase Lake Lot No. 54. Motion passed 3 – 0 – 1 with Jeff Dickinson abstaining.

Motion made by Shana Weatherbee-Wolfe and seconded by Brant Lundgren to approve an offer to purchase Lake Lot No. 67. Motion passed unanimously 4 – 0.

Motion made by Shana Weatherbee-Wolfe and seconded by Brant Lundgren to approve an offer to purchase Lake Lot No. 592. Motion passed unanimously 4 – 0.

Motion made by Shana Weatherbee-Wolfe and seconded by Brant Lundgren to approve an offer to purchase Lake Lot No. 92. Motion passed unanimously 4 – 0.

**15. BUDGET WORKSHOP: DISCUSSION REGARDING THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 ANNUAL BUDGET.**

**- REVIEW OF HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET BY THE CITY MANAGER; AND**

City Manager Eric Garretty discussed the proposed fiscal year 2023-2024 annual budget.

**- DISCUSSION REGARDING THE FUNDING OF A PROPOSED MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVE; AND**

City of Olney Police Chief Dan Birbeck and Gina Keating with the Olney Enterprise Newspaper discussed a proposed mental health initiative.

**- DISCUSSION REGARDING COUNCILMEMBER AMENDMENTS TO THE PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET.**

Council discussed amendments to the proposed annual budget.

**16. CONSIDER AND ACT TO DIRECT THE CITY MANAGER TO MAKE CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO THE PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET.**

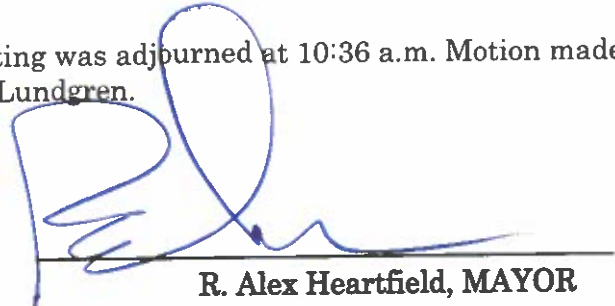
Motion made by Alex Heartfield and seconded by Shana Weatherbee-Wolfe to direct the City Manager to amend the Proposed Annual Budget by moving \$150,000 for the new paving/laydown machine for the street department to the mental health initiative of \$74,000 annually for two years. Brant Lundgren voted against. Motion passed 3 – 1.

**17. CITY MANAGER FILING OF THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 ANNUAL BUDGET (AS AMENDED) WITH THE CITY SECRETARY.**

City Manager Eric Garretty filed the proposed Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Annual Budget (as amended) with the City Secretary Marci Bueno.

**18. ADJOURNMENT.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:36 a.m. Motion made by Jeff Dickinson and seconded by Brant Lundgren.



R. Alex Heartfield, MAYOR



Marci Bueno, City Secretary/Financial Officer