GRAHAM CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
JANUARY 8, 2026

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT
Councilmember Place 1: Shana Weatherbee-Wolfe
Mayor Pro-Tem/Place 2: Jeff Dickinson
Councilmember Place 3: Jack Little
Councilmember Place 4: Brendan Weatherman

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT
Mayor: Alex Heartfield

STAFF PRESENT
Eric Garretty, City Manager
Marci Bueno, City Secretary/Finance Director
Matthew Murray, City Attorney
Chris Denney, IT Director
David Aleshire, Assistant Fire Chief
DeAnna Bullock, Library Director
Jim Don Laurent, Fire Chief
Kyle Ford, Police Lieutenant
Melinda Brown, Assistant City Manager, GEIC/GIA Executive Director
Randall Dawson, Director of Public Works

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
   Mayor Pro-Tem Jeff Dickinson called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

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 THREE BUSINESS DAYS PRIOR TO THE DATE AND TIME OF THIS MEETING, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT.

3. **OPENING PRAYER AND PLEDGES TO U.S. AND TEXAS FLAGS**
   Gary Elrod led the invocation followed by the U.S. Pledge and Texas Pledge.

4. **ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS PRESENT**
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5. **PUBLIC FORUM**
   None.

6. **REPORTS**
   Individual Department Head reports were omitted for the first meeting of the month. City Manager Eric Garretty provided reports on the Lake Graham Water Level, Key Dates and Upcoming Events, Boards Update, and Plug Power Update, and Project Status Report.

7. **CONSENT AGENDA.**
   Following a motion made by Shana Weatherbee-Wolfe and seconded by Brendan Weatherman, the following Consent Agenda was approved unanimously 4 – 0.

   a. Approve the Minutes of the Regular Called Meeting held on **December 18, 2025**; and

   b. Approve a request from Jim Senkel, Ashley Hodges, and Rick Edwards, on behalf of the Graham Lions Club, for a partial closure of the Square from **May 1, 2026, through May 11, 2026**, in support of the annual 'Graham Lions Club Carnival'.

8. **PRESENTATION BY JASON HUGHES, SENIOR MANAGING DIRECTOR-HILLTOP SECURITIES, ON MUNICIPAL DEBT TYPES AND OPTIONS RELATED TO A PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF DEBT IN SUPPORT OF THE 'WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT REHABILITATION' PROJECT.**

Jason Hughes, Senior Managing Director-Hilltop Securities, presented a presentation on municipal debt types and options related to a proposed issuance of debt in support of the 'Wastewater Treatment Plant Rehabilitation' project.

9. **PRESENTATION BY PETE DYSON, MANAGING DIRECTOR, NORTH TEXAS GAS SERVICE, ON PLANNED NATURAL GAS LINE IMPROVEMENTS IN CERTAIN SEGMENTS OF THE CITY.**
Pete Dyson, Managing Director, North Texas Gas Service, presented a presentation on planned natural gas line improvements in certain segments of the city.

10. **PRESENTATION BY CITY SECRETARY/DIRECTOR OF FINANCE MARCI BUENO ON PAST-DUE UTILITY ACCOUNTS.**
City Secretary/Director of Finance Marci Bueno presented a presentation on past-due utility accounts.

11. **CONSIDER AND ACT TO APPROVE ON SECOND READING, ORDINANCE NO. 1206, AN ORDINANCE RELATED TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO SET MAXIMUM SPEED LIMITS IN THE CORPORATE ENVIRONS OF THE CITY, AND SPECIFICALLY SETTING REDUCED MAXIMUM SPEED LIMITS ON CERTAIN SEGMENTS OF STATE HIGHWAY 16 (ALSO KNOWN AS ELM STREET).**
Motion made by Shana Weatherbee-Wolfe and seconded by Jack Little to approve on **SECOND READING, Ordinance No. 1206**, an Ordinance related to the authority of the City Council to set maximum speed limits in the corporate environs of the City, and specifically setting reduced maximum speed limits on certain segments of State Highway 16 (also known as Elm Street). Motion passed unanimously 4 – 0.

12. **PUBLICATION OF THE OFFICIAL RESULTS OF THE 2026-2027 YOUNG CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTOR ELECTIONS.**
City Manager Eric Garretty read the official election results of the 2026-2027 Young Central Appraisal District Board of Directors. Mayor Pro-Tem Jeff Dickinson was re-elected to the Board and he will be joined by the other elected members of the Board which include ZT Burkett, Kyle Hinson, Mike Sipes, and Ben Wilson.

13. **DISCUSSION REGARDING PROPOSED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.**
None.

14. **RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER THE FOLLOWING PROVISION OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE:** Mayor Pro-Tem Jeff Dickinson recessed the Council into Executive Session at 10:06 a.m.

Sec. 551.071 – Consultation with Attorney

- Consult with the City's Attorney regarding a request from Plug Power Limestone, LLC, to terminate all existing Agreements between same and the City; and

- Consult with the City's Attorney regarding the status of current litigation related to a chemical tank explosion which occurred at the City's Water Treatment Plant on or about November 2, 2023; and

- Consult with the City's Attorney regarding the factual background, legal issues, and lawful options related to the previous termination of a contract for solid waste services; and

- Consult with the City's Attorney regarding the legal issues, and lawful options related to a contemplated annexation of certain real property located west of the westernmost City limit boundary; and
- Consult with the City's Attorney regarding the legal issues, and lawful options related to the identification of real property eligible for ad valorem taxation by the City' and

Sec. 551.072 – Deliberation about Real Property

- Deliberate the taxable value of certain real property located adjacent to the city limit boundary in the southwestern quadrant of the City; and

- Deliberate the potential taxable value of certain real property located west of the westernmost City limit boundary.

15. **RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AND TAKE SUCH ACTION AS MAY BE REQUIRED.** Mayor Pro-Tem Jeff Dickinson reconvened from Executive Session at 11:59 a.m.

    Motion made by Brendan Weatherman and seconded by Shana Weatherbee-Wolfe to direct the City Manager to negotiate and conclude a Termination Agreement with Plug Power Limestone, LLC. Motion passed unanimously 4 – 0.

16. **ADJOURNMENT.**
    There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m. Motion made by Jack Little and seconded by Jeff Dickinson.

R. Alex Heartfield, Mayor

Marci Bueno, City Secretary/Finance Director