GRAHAM CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
INCREASES TO WATER AND SEWER SERVICE CHARGES
JUNE 9, 2026

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT
Mayor: Alex Heartfield
Councilmember Place 1: Sarah Lundgren *(Entered meeting at 6:51 p.m.)*
Mayor Pro-Tem/Place 2: Jeff Dickinson
Councilmember Place 3: Jack Little

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT
Councilmember Place 4: Brendan Weatherman

STAFF PRESENT
Eric Garretty, City Manager
Marci Bueno, City Secretary/Finance Director
B.J. Cook, Code Enforcement Officer
Brent Bullock, Chief of Police
Chris Denney, IT Director
David Aleshire, Assistant Fire Chief
DeAnna Bullock, Library Director
Justin Howard, Sewer Plant Supervisor
Melinda Brown, Assistant City Manager, GEIC/GIA Executive Director
Randall Dawson, Director of Public Works

1. **CALL TO PUBLIC HEARING TO ORDER**
   Mayor Alex Heartfield called the public hearing to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. **OPENING PRAYER AND PLEDGES TO U.S. AND TEXAS FLAGS**
   Police Chief Brent Bullock led the invocation.

3. **ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS PRESENT**
   Mayor: Alex Heartfield
   Councilmember Place 1: Sarah Lundgren *(Entered at 6:51 p.m.)*
   Mayor Pro-Tem/Place 2: Jeff Dickinson
   Councilmember Place 3: Jack Little

4. **PURPOSE OF HEARING.** THE PURPOSE OF THIS PUBLIC HEARING IS TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING A PROPOSED INCREASE TO WATER AND SEWER SERVICES CHARGES INCLUDING AN INCREASE OF SEVEN PERCENT IN WATER SERVICES CHARGES, INSTITUTION OF A CAPITAL SURCHARGE FOR SEWER SERVICES FOR UP TO THIRTY DOLLARS AND NO CENTS ($30.00) PER MONTH, AND AN INCREASE OF THREE PERCENT IN SEWER SERVICES CHARGES.

5. **NOTICE POSTED.** NOTICE OF THIS PUBLIC HEARING WAS DULY ADVERTISED IN A NEWSPAPER OF LOCAL CIRCULATION ON **MAY 20, 2026**, AND WAS ALSO SCHEDULED FOR PUBLICATION ON **JUNE 3, 2026**. IN ADDITION, SAID NOTICE WAS DULY POSTED ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE AND ON THE NOTICE BOARD AT CITY HALL. NOTICE OF THIS PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA WAS POSTED AT LEAST THREE BUSINESS DAYS PRIOR TO THE DATE AND TIME OF THIS PUBLIC HEARING, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT.

6. **PRESENTATION BY THE CITY MANAGER ON PROPOSED INCREASES TO WATER AND SEWER SERVICE CHARGES.**
   City Manager Eric Garretty presented the proposed increases to water and sewer service charges.

7. **PUBLIC COMMENTS.**
   Eric Duncan questioned having a water test completed. He stated his opinion regarding the water being not drinkable. Also stated the city is not affordable to live in. Carol Willis questioned if commercial customers will be charged the same surcharge as residential customers for sewer.

8. **COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS.**
   Councilmember Jack Little questioned how long the City has been operating with a deficit for the water fund.

Councilmember Jeff Dickinson stated he wants to separate the residential and commercial sewer surcharges.
Mayor Alex Heartfield stated he agrees on separate sewer surcharges for residential and commercial customers.

COUNCILMEMBER SARAH LUNDGREN ENTERED THE MEETING AT 6:51 P.M.

9. **ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING.**
There being no further business, the public hearing was adjourned at 6:58 p.m. Motion made by Jack Little and seconded by Alex Heartfield.

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SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
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COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT
None.

STAFF PRESENT
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1. CALL TO ORDER
   Mayor Alex Heartfield called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m.

2. NOTICE OF POSTING: NOTICE OF THIS SPECIAL 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. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS PRESENT
   Mayor: Alex Heartfield
   Councilmember Place 1: Sarah Lundgren
   Mayor Pro-Tem/Place 2: Jeff Dickinson
   Councilmember Place 3: Jack Little
   Councilmember Place 4: Brendan Weatherman *(Entered meeting at 8:51 p.m.)*

4. PUBLIC FORUM
   None.

5. DISCUSSION REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF A SEPARATE RATE FOR THE PURCHASE OF BULK WATER.
   City Manager Eric Garretty discussed the implementation of a separate rate for the purchase of bulk water.

6. DISCUSSION REGARDING PROPOSED INCREASES TO WATER AND SEWER SERVICE CHARGES.
   City Manager Eric Garretty discussed the proposed increases to water and sewer service charges.

7. CONSIDER AND ACT TO PROVIDE DIRECTION TO THE CITY MANAGER REGARDING THE SETTING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF WATER AND SEWER SERVICE CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027.
   This agenda item was withdrawn.

8. OVERVIEW OF THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 ANNUAL BUDGET BY THE CITY MANAGER:

   a. Presentation on the City's Budgeting Process
   b. Presentation of the City Manager's Proposed Property Tax Rate
      i. Review of the process for determining Assessed Value
      ii. Review of Property Tax Rate Classifications
      iii. City Manager's Proposed Property Tax rate

c. Presentation of Proposed Appropriations by Fund
d. Review of the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget Development Calendar

City Manager Eric Garretty provided an overview of the Proposed Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Annual Budget items above.

MAYOR ALEX HEARTFIELD RECESSED THE COUNCIL AT 7:59 P.M.

MAYOR ALEX HEARTFIELD RECONVENED THE COUNCIL AT 8:06 P.M.

9. **DISCUSSION REGARDING FY 2026-2027 PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET REQUESTS.**
City Manager Eric Garretty discussed FY 2026-2027 Proposed Annual Budget requests.

COUNCILMEMBER BRENDAN WEATHERMAN ENTERED THE MEETING AT 8:51 P.M.

10. **CONSIDER AND ACT TO PROVIDE DIRECTION TO THE CITY MANAGER REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 ANNUAL BUDGET.**
Motion made by Sarah Lundgren and seconded by Brendan Weatherman to direct the City Manager to put in a percentage for COLA, with 1.5% COLA to top 3 employees and a 2.5% COLA to all other employees. Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

Motion made by Jack Little and seconded by Jeff Dickinson to direct the City Manager to remove the employee leave buyout and the TMRS increase from 5% to 6%. Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

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

12. **RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER THE FOLLOWING PROVISION OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE:** Mayor Alex Heartfield recessed the Council into Executive Session at 9:20 p.m.

Sec. 551.076 – Deliberations about Security Devices

- Deliberations regarding Security Devices for the safety and security of the City Council during meeting held in the Council Chamber.

13. **RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AND TAKE SUCH ACTION AS MAY BE REQUIRED.** Mayor Alex Heatfield reconvened from Executive Session at 9:50 p.m.

NO ACTION TAKEN.

14. **ADJOURNMENT.**
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:51 p.m. Motion made by Jack Little and seconded by Alex Heartfield.

R. Alex Heartfield, Mayor

Marci Bueno, City Secretary/Finance Director