GRAHAM CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025
SEPTEMBER 9, 2024

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT
Mayor: Alex Heartfield
Mayor Pro-Tem/Place 1: Shana Weatherbee-Wolfe
Councilmember Place 2: Jeff Dickinson
Councilmember Place 4: Brant Lundgren

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT
Councilmember Place 3: Jack Little

STAFF PRESENT
Eric Garretty, City Manager
Marci Bueno, City Secretary/Financial Official
B.J. Cook, Code Enforcement Officer
Brent Bullock, Chief of Police
Cassie Kieschnick, Executive Assistant
Coby Leach, Cemetery/Parks Supervisor
David Aleshire, Assistant Fire Chief
Deanna Bullock, Library Director
Dennis Fellows, Water Plant Supervisor
Jack Edwards, Streets Supervisor
Jim Don Laurent, Fire Chief
Jon Delamarter, Airport Manager
Randall Dawson, Director of Public Works/Building Official
Robert Houser, Water/Sewer Maintenance Supervisor
Toni Elliott, Arena Manager

1. **CALL PUBLIC HEARING TO ORDER**
   Mayor Alex Heartfield called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.

2. **OPENING PRAYER FOLLOWED BY U.S. PLEDGE AND TEXAS PLEDGE**
   Chief Bullock led the invocation, followed by the U.S. Pledge and Texas Pledge.

3. **ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS PRESENT**
   Mayor: Alex Heartfield
   Mayor Pro-Tem/Place 1: Shana Weatherbee-Wolfe
   Councilmember Place 2: Jeff Dickinson
   Councilmember Place 4: Brant Lundgren

4. **PURPOSE OF HEARING.** THE PURPOSE OF THIS PUBLIC HEARING IS TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING THE PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025.

5. **NOTICE POSTED.** NOTICE OF THIS PUBLIC HEARING WAS DULY ADVERTISED IN A NEWSPAPER OF LOCAL CIRCULATION ON AUGUST 14, 2024, AND ALSO DULY POSTED ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE. NOTICE OF THIS PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA WAS POSTED AT LEAST 72 HOURS 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 THE PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025.**
   City Manager Eric Garretty presented the proposed Property Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

7. **PUBLIC COMMENTS.**
   Johnny Ford- stated he supports the proposed Property Tax Rate.

8. **COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS.**
   None.

9. **CONSIDER AND ACT TO APPROVE AND ADOPT, ON THIRD AND FINAL READING, ORDINANCE NO. 1180 WHICH ADOPTS A PROPERTY TAX RATE,**

ALSO KNOWN AS AN AD VALOREM TAX RATE, OF 65.5 CENTS PER ONE-HUNDRED DOLLARS OF ASSESSED VALUATION, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING MONIES FOR THE GENERAL OPERATION OF THE CITY DURING FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025.

Motion made by Alex Heartfield and seconded by Jeff Dickinson to approve **Ordinance No. 1180** on the Property Tax Rate by the adoption of a **tax rate of 65.5 cents per one-hundred dollars of assessed valuation,** which is effectively a 13.11 percent increase in the tax rate. Motion passed unanimously 4 – 0.

10. **ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. Motion made by Brant Lundgren and seconded by Jeff Dickinson.

R. Alex Heartfield, MAYOR

Marci Bueno, City Secretary/Financial Officer