GRAHAM CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
AUGUST 20, 2026

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT
Mayor: Alex Heartfield
Mayor Pro-Tem/Place 2: Jeff Dickinson
Councilmember Place 3: Jack Little
Councilmember Place 4: Brendan Weatherman

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT
Councilmember Place 1: Sarah Lundgren

STAFF PRESENT
Marci Bueno, City Secretary/Finance Director
B.J. Cook, Code Enforcement Officer
Brent Bullock, Chief of Police
Carla Ritchie, Municipal Court Clerk
Cassie Short, Executive Assistant
Chris Denney, IT Director
David Aleshire, Assistant Fire Chief
Jim Don Laurent, Fire Chief
Julie Elrod, Young County Arena Manager
Kyle Ford, Police Lieutenant
Melinda Brown, Assistant City Manager, GEIC/GIA Executive Director
Mike Watts, Animal Control Officer

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
   Mayor Alex Heartfield 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 FOLLOWED BY U.S. PLEDGE AND TEXAS PLEDGE**
   Police Chief Brent Bullock 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 Heads provided overview for Council on ongoing updates of their respective departments which included: Code Enforcement, Police, Fire, Municipal Court, Arena, GEIC, Auditorium, Chamber/Visit Graham, Administration, Public Works, and Library.
   Assistant City Manager Melinda Brown provided reports on the Lake Graham Water Level, Key Dates and Upcoming Events, Boards Update, Hotel Occupancy Tax Report, Sales Tax Report, and the Project Status Report.

7. **CONSENT AGENDA.**
   Following a motion made by Jack Little 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 **August 6, 2026;** and.

   b. Approve a request from the "Graham and Young County First Responders" for the use of the baseball and softball fields at Firemen's Park, on **September 12,**

2026, during the hours of 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., in support of the annual "From the Front Lines to the Foul Lines" kickball tournament; and

c. Approve a request from the Graham Regional Theater and Dorman Holub, for use of the Oak Grove Cemetery on Saturday, **October 24, 2026**, during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., in support of the annual "Talkin' Tombstone" tour; and

d. Approve a request from the "Spivey Hill Challenge" Board of Directors for exclusive use of Firemen's Park, coordinated use of State Highway 61, and restricted use of certain roadways in and around the Spivey Hill neighborhood, on **Saturday, November 7, 2026**, during the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., in support of the 12th Annual "Spivey Hill Challenge 5K".

8. **CONSIDER AND ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO CONCLUDE AN INTERLOCAL COOPERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE YOUNG COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT, IN THE AMOUN OF SIXTEEN THOUSAND TWENTY-FOUR DOLLARS AND NO CENTS ($16,024.00), IN SUPPORT OF THE CONTINUED PROVISION OF "BOND SUPERVISOR" SERVICES UNDER SAID AGREEMENT.**
Motion made by Jack Little and seconded by Jeff Dickinson to authorize the City Manager to conclude an Interlocal Cooperation Funding Agreement with the Young County Commissioners' Court, in the amount of sixteen thousand twenty-four dollars and no cents ($16,024.00), in support of the continued provision of "Bond Supervisor" services under said Agreement. Motion passed unanimously 4 – 0.

9. **CONSIDER AND ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND CONCLUDE A COMMERCIAL "HANGAR SPACE LEASE AGREEMENT AND PERMIT FOR COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES" WITH "FLYING E AVIATION", A TEXAS LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (BRECKENRIDGE, TEXAS), RELATED TO HANGAR LEASE SPACE NO. 128, A CERTAIN HANGAR LEASE SPACE LOCATED ON THE GRAHAM MUNICIPAL AIRPORT; NOTING THAT SAID LEASE AGREEMENT IS REQUESTED BY CHAD AND SARA EZELL, WHO ARE OWNERS OF SAID COMPANY AND CURRENTLY LEASE SAID HANGAR LEASE SPACE; AND FURTHER NOTING THAT THE AIRPORT BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF SAME.**
Motion made by Jeff Dickinson and seconded by Jack Little to authorize the City Manager to negotiate and conclude a commercial "Hangar Space Lease Agreement and Permit for Commercial Activities" with "Flying E Aviation", a Texas Limited Liability Company (Breckenridge, Texas), related to **Hangar Lease Space No. 128**, a certain Hangar Lease Space located on the Graham Municipal Airport; noting that said Lease Agreement is requested by Chad and Sara Ezell, who are owners of said Company and currently lease said Hangar Lease Space; and further noting that the Airport Board of Directors has recommended approval of same. Motion passed unanimously 4 – 0.

10. **CONSIDER AND ACT TO APPROVE A REQUEST FROM BLAKE SEYLER FOR THE DEMOLITION OF AN EXISTING AIRCRAFT HANGAR, AND CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW AIRCRAFT HANGAR, ON HANGAR LEASE SPACE NO. 118, A CERTAIN HANGAR LEASE SPACE LOCATED ON GRAHAM MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, NOTING THAT MR. SEYLER CURRENTLY LEASES SAID SPACE, AND FURTHER NOTING THAT THE AIRPORT BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF SAME.**
Motion made by Brendan Weatherman and seconded by Jeff Dickinson to approve a request from Blake Seyler for the demolition of an existing Aircraft Hangar, and construction of a new Aircraft Hangar, on **Hangar Lease Space No. 118**, a certain Hangar Lease Space located on the Graham Municipal Airport, noting that Mr. Seyler currently leases said space, and further noting that the Airport Board of Directors has recommended approval of same. Motion passed unanimously 4 – 0.

11. **CONSIDER AND ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND CONCLUDE A CONCESSION SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BNB RESTAURANTS, A TEXAS CORPORATION (GRAHAM, TEXAS), FOR CONCESSION STAND SERVICES AT THE YOUNG COUNTY AREA, NOTING THAT SAID AGREEMENT REQUIRES THE APPROVAL OF THE YOUNG COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT PRIOR TO EXECUTION OF SAID AGREEMENT.**
Motion made by Brendan Weatherman and seconded by Jeff Dickinson to authorize the City Manager to negotiate and conclude a Concession Services Agreement with BNB Restaurants, a Texas Corporation (Graham, Texas), for concession stand services at the

Young County Arena, noting that said Agreement requires the approval of the Young County Commissioners' Court prior to execution of said Agreement. Motion passed unanimously 4 – 0.

12. **CONSIDER AND ACT TO SET A TOWN HALL MEETING TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2026, AT 6:00 P.M., IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 608 ELM STREET, GRAHAM, TEXAS; AND FURTHER, SET TOPICS TO BE PRESENTED AT SAME, AND FURTHER STILL, DIRECT THE CITY SECRETARY TO ISSUE A NOTICE OF POSSIBLE QUORUM ON SEPTEMBER 4, 2026, RELATED TO SAME.** Motion made by Brendan Weatherman and seconded by Jeff Dickinson to set a Town Hall meeting to be held on **September 10, 2026**, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, 608 Elm Street, Graham, Texas; and further set topics to be presented on the following subjects to be FY 2026-2027 Budget, Property Tax Rate, Wastewater treatment plant, streets, and fire truck, and further still, direct the City Secretary to issue a Notice of Possible Quorum on **September 4, 2026**, related to same. Motion passed unanimously 4 – 0.

13. **DISCUSSION REGARDING PROPOSED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.** Future Agenda items included the Re-use Water Station, FY 2026-2027 Proposed Budget, Hexcel Storage tank, and drought regulations on Lake Level.

14. **ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:04 a.m. Motion made by Jack Little and seconded by Alex Heartfield.

R. Alex Heartfield, Mayor

Marci Bueno

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