

**GRAHAM CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION
AUGUST 31, 2023**

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor: Alex Heartfield
 Mayor Pro-Tem/Place 1: Shana Weatherbee-Wolfe
 Councilmember Place 2: Jeff Dickinson
 Councilmember Place 3: Jack Little
 Councilmember Place 4: Brant Lundgren

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Eric Garretty, City Manager
 Marci Bueno, City Secretary/Financial Official
 Grant Ingram, Assistant City Manager
 Cassie Kieschnick, Executive Assistant
 Randall Dawson, Director of Public Works/Building Official
 Jim Don Laurent, Fire Chief
 David Aleshire, Assistant Fire Chief
 B.J. Cook, Code Enforcement Officer
 Jim Reeves, Municipal Court Judge
 Carla Ritchie, Municipal Court Clerk
 Kelly LaFarge, Library Director
 Deanna Bullock, Interim Library Director
 Dennis Fellows, Water Plant Supervisor

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 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

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4. OPENING PRAYER

Dorman Holub led the invocation.

5. PUBLIC FORUM

Dorman Holub spoke about an old bridge that was in Firemen's Park along with 2 historical markers.

6. REPORTS

Individual Department Heads provided overviews for Council on ongoing updates of their respective departments which included: Code Enforcement, Fire, Library, Municipal Court, Public Works and Visit Graham/Chamber.
 City Manager Eric Garretty provided reports on the City Manager Report, Lake Graham Water Level, Key Dates and Upcoming Events, Parks Board Update, Update on August 21, 2023 Wastewater Spill, Corrected Copy of Tax Rate Comparison, along with the Project Status Report

7. CONSIDER AND ACT TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CALLED MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 17, 2023.

Motion made by Jack Little and seconded by Jeff Dickinson to approve the Minutes of the Regular Called meeting held on August 17, 2023. Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

8. CONSIDER AND ACT TO APPROVE AND ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 1154 ABANDONING A CERTAIN SEGMENT OF AN ALLEYWAY BOUNDED BY 2ND

STREET, OAK STREET, 3RD STREET, AND GROVE STREET, BASED ON A REQUEST FROM THE YOUNG COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT.

Motion made by Jack Little and seconded by Shana Weatherbee-Wolfe to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 1154 abandoning a certain segment of an alleyway bounded by 2nd Street, Oak Street, 3rd Street, and Grove Street, based on a request from the Young County Commissioners' Court. Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

9. **CONSIDER AND ACT TO APPROVE A REQUEST FROM DORMAN HOLUB, ON BEHALF OF THE GRAHAM REGIONAL THEATER, FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE "TALKIN' TOMBSTONE" TOUR TO BE HELD IN OAK GROVE CEMETERY ON OCTOBER 28, 2023, AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE BLOCKAGE OF ELM STREET ENTRANCES TO THE CEMETERY ON THE DAY OF THE PROPOSED EVENT.**

Motion made by Brant Lundgren and seconded by Shana Weatherbee-Wolfe to approve a request from Dorman Holub, on behalf of the Graham Regional Theater, for the conduct of the "Talkin' Tombstone" tour to be held in Oak Grove Cemetery on October 28, 2023, and further authorizing the blockage of Elm Street entrances to the Cemetery on the day of the proposed event. Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

10. **CONSIDER AND ACT TO DIRECT THE CITY MANAGER TO MAKE CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 ANNUAL BUDGET.**
Motion made by Jack Little and seconded by Brant Lundgren to direct the City Manager to make certain amendments to the Proposed Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Annual Budget. Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

11. **CONSIDER AND ACT TO APPROVE AND ADOPT, ON THIRD AND FINAL READING, ORDINANCE NO. 1150 ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 ANNUAL BUDGET, AS AMENDED (THIS IS A RECORDED VOTE, BY COUNCILMEMBER).**

Motion made by Jeff Dickinson and seconded by Jack Little to approve and adopt, on **THIRD AND FINAL READING**, Ordinance No. 1150 adopting the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Annual Budget, as amended. Council voted by member as follows:

Mayor Alex Heartfield voted AYE
Mayor Pro-Tem/Place 1 Shana Weatherbee-Wolfe voted AYE
Councilmember Place 2 Jeff Dickinson voted AYE
Councilmember Place 3 Jack Little voted AYE
Councilmember Place 4 Brant Lundgren voted AYE
Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0

12. **CONSIDER AND ACT TO APPROVE AND ADOPT, ON THIRD AND FINAL READING, ORDINANCE NO. 1151 ADOPTING A PROPERTY TAX RATE OF 63.5 CENTS PER \$100 OF ASSESSED VALUATION (THIS IS A RECORDED VOTE, BY COUNCILMEMBER).**

Motion made by Jack Little and seconded by Jeff Dickinson to approve and adopt, on **THIRD AND FINAL READING**, Ordinance No. 1151 adopting a Property Tax Rate of 63.5 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. Council voted by member as follows:

Mayor Alex Heartfield voted AYE
Mayor Pro-Tem/Place 1 Shana Weatherbee-Wolfe voted AYE
Councilmember Place 2 Jeff Dickinson voted AYE
Councilmember Place 3 Jack Little voted AYE
Councilmember Place 4 Brant Lundgren voted AYE
Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0

13. **CONSIDER AND ACT TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 158 RATIFYING THE ADOPTED FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 ANNUAL BUDGET (THIS IS A RECORDED VOTE, BY COUNCILMEMBER).**

Motion made by Brant Lundgren and seconded by Jack Little to approve Resolution No. 158 ratifying the adopted Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Annual Budget. Council voted by member as follows:

Mayor Alex Heartfield voted AYE
Mayor Pro-Tem/Place 1 Shana Weatherbee-Wolfe voted AYE
Councilmember Place 2 Jeff Dickinson voted AYE
Councilmember Place 3 Jack Little voted AYE
Councilmember Place 4 Brant Lundgren voted AYE
Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0

14. **CONSIDER AND ACT TO APPROVE, ON SECOND READING, ORDINANCE NO. 1153 AMENDING SECTIONS 20-2 AND 20-21 OF CHAPTER 20 – PUBLIC**

LIBRARY OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES (AS AMENDED) TO PROVIDE FOR THE RESOLUTION OF CERTAIN CONFLICTS BETWEEN SAID SECTIONS AND THE CITY OF GRAHAM CHARTER.

Motion made by Jeff Dickinson and seconded by Shana Weatherbee-Wolfe to approve, on **SECOND READING**, Ordinance No. 1153 amending Sections 20-2 and 20-21 of Chapter 20 – 'Public Library' of the Code of Ordinances (as amended) to provide for the resolution of certain conflicts between said Sections and the City of Graham Charter. Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

- 15. CONSIDER AND ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND CONCLUDE AGREEMENTS FOR THE PROVISION OF RECLAIMED WATER BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF GRAHAM AND:**

- a. Dr. Pete Brown
- b. Mr. Colby Kramer
- c. Mr. Louis Pitcock

Motion made by Jeff Dickinson and seconded by Jack Little to table authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and conclude agreements for the provision of reclaimed water by and between the City of Graham and Dr. Pete Brown, Mr. Colby Kramer, and Mr. Louis Pitcock. Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

- 16. DISCUSSION REGARDING PROPOSED FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.**

Future agenda items included Curb Repair around the square and concerns on traffic controls for Open Door Christian School at the Transportation Improvement Committee meeting.

- 17. RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER THE FOLLOWING PROVISION OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE:** Mayor Alex Heartfield convened the Council into Executive Session at 9:27 a.m.

Sec. 551.072 – Deliberations About Real Property

- Deliberations regarding an offer to purchase Lake Lot No. 556 and Lake Lot No. 557.

- Deliberations regarding the replat of Lake Lots 223R and 224R with a legal description of Lake Campsite Lots, Lake Graham Plat 5, and as recorded in Vol. 2, Pg 80 in the deed record; and

- Deliberations regarding the replat of Lake Lots 245R, 246R, 247R and 248R with a legal description of Lake Campsite Lots, Lake Graham Plat 5, and as recorded in Vol. 2, Pg 80 in the deed record.

- 18. RECONVENE FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AND TAKE ACTION, AS REQUIRED.** Mayor Alex Heartfield reconvened from Executive Session at 9:42 a.m.

Motion made by Jeff Dickinson and seconded by Shana Weatherbee-Wolfe to approve the offer from Barry Davis and Brooke Eberhardt to purchase Lake Lot No. 556 and 557, for \$54,000, the appraised value. Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

Motion made by Jeff Dickinson and seconded by Shana Weatherbee-Wolfe to approve the replat of Lake Lot No. 223R and 224R, and further move to direct the City Secretary to file the same for public record. Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

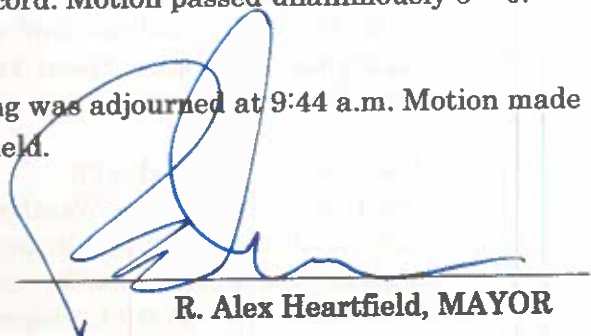
Motion made by Jeff Dickinson and seconded by Shana Weatherbee-Wolfe to approve the replat of Lake Lot No. 245R, 246R, 247R and 248R, and further move to direct the City Secretary to file the same for public record. Motion passed unanimously 5 – 0.

- 19. ADJOURNMENT.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:44 a.m. Motion made by Jack Little and seconded by Alex Heartfield.



Marci Bueno, City Secretary/Financial Official


R. Alex Heartfield, MAYOR