

**CITY OF GRAHAM
REGULAR SESSION
TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2017
7:00 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Graham met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 7, 2017, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building located at 201 South Main Street.

Council Members Present:

Mayor Pro Tem Jimmy Linens
Council Member Griffin McClure
Council Member Chip Turner
Council Member Lee Kimrey

Also Present:

Frankie Maness, City Manager
Aaron Holland, Assistant City Manager
Darcy Sperry, City Clerk
Keith Whited, City Attorney
Brian Faucette, Recreation & Parks Director

Council Members Absent:

Mayor Jerry Peterman

Mayor Pro Tem Jimmy Linens called the meeting to order and presided at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Linens gave the invocation and everyone stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda:

- a. *Approval of Minutes – February 7, 2017 Regular Session*
- b. *Tax Releases and Refunds*

CITY OF GRAHAM RELEASE ACCOUNTS				
MARCH COUNCIL MEETING				
<u>ACCT #</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON FOR RELEASE</u>	<u>AMOUNT RELEASED</u>
552115	2016	ANNETTE J NEESE	2 JET SKIS LISTED IN GUILDFORD COUNTY	4.20
648290	2016	JAMES BRILLHART	SOLD MH 2012	18.77
648290	2015	JAMES BRILLHART	SOLD MH 2012	20.12
648290	2014	JAMES BRILLHART	SOLD MH 2012	21.02
644599	2016	EMMETT W MARTIN	DOES NOT OWN 1969 SUPERCRAFT	5.01
644599	2015	EMMETT W MARTIN	DOES NOT OWN 1969 SUPERCRAFT	5.01
644599	2014	EMMETT W MARTIN	DOES NOT OWN 1969 SUPERCRAFT	5.01
597031	2015	EMMETT W MARTIN	DOES NOT OWN 1976 DIXIE	2.02
597031	2014	EMMETT W MARTIN	DOES NOT OWN 1976 DIXIE	5.01
638664	2016	BETTY J BROOKS	QUALIFIED FOR HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION	271.96
TOTAL RELEASES				358.13

**CITY OF GRAHAM
REFUNDS**

MARCH COUNCIL MEETING

<u>ACCT#</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON FOR REFUND</u>	<u>AMOUNT REFUNDED</u>
552115	2012	ANNETTE J NEESE	2 JET SKIS LISTED IN GUILFORD COUNTY	7.40
552115	2013	ANNETTE J NEESE	2 JET SKIS LISTED IN GUILFORD COUNTY	7.40
552115	2014	ANNETTE J NEESE	2 JET SKIS LISTED IN GUILFORD COUNTY	7.66
552115	2015	ANNETTE J NEESE	2 JET SKIS LISTED IN GUILFORD COUNTY	7.66

TOTAL REFUNDS 30.12

- c. Approve request by Graham Recreation and Parks Department to close the 100 block of West Elm Street on May 25, 2017, June 22, 2017, July 27, 2017, August 24, 2017, September 14, 2017 and September 28, 2017 from 5:00pm-11:00pm for the Thursday at Seven Concert Series*

Mayor Pro Tem Linens asked the Council Members if they would like to pull any of the items from the Consent Agenda. Council Member Lee Kimrey asked to pull item “c. Approve request by Graham Recreation and Parks Department to close the 100 block of West Elm Street on May 25, 2017, June 22, 2017, July 27, 2017, August 24, 2017, September 14, 2017 and September 28, 2017 from 5:00pm-11:00pm for the Thursday at Seven Concert Series.”

Council Member Chip Turner made a motion to approve items “a” and “b” on the Consent Agenda, seconded by Council Member Griffin McClure. All voted in favor of the motion.

Council Member Kimrey asked Recreation and Parks Director Brian Faucette about concert sponsorship. Mr. Faucette explained that over the past three to four years he has seen a stronger interest in those wishing to sponsor the concert series. Mr. Faucette gave a brief overview of the sponsorship program and stated that the City is currently paying for approximately one-third of the cost of the series expenditures.

With no further discussion, Council Member Kimrey made a motion to approve item “c. Approve request by Graham Recreation and Parks Department to close the 100 block of West Elm Street on May 25, 2017, June 22, 2017, July 27, 2017, August 24, 2017, September 14, 2017 and September 28, 2017 from 5:00pm-11:00pm for the Thursday at Seven Concert Series”, seconded by Council Member Turner. All voted in favor of the motion.

Graham Area Business Association Christmas Decorations:

a. Approve Budget Ordinance Amendment

City Manager Frankie Maness explained that members of the Graham Area Business Association (GABA) have worked for a couple years now towards the replacement of lighted decorations that line the streets in and around downtown Graham during the Christmas Holiday season. Most recently GABA sold raffle tickets for the express purpose of funding the effort and have raised approximately \$25,000 to date. GABA and/or other individuals with interests in downtown have traditionally supported the decorations. Mr. Maness added that the current lights are estimated to be at least 17 years old and due to age and normal wear, the decorations have fell into disrepair resulting in many, many man hours to repair each year. He advised that a significant cost savings can be realized by placing an early order. One vendor is offering a substantial discount for placing an order by March 15, 2017 with another vendor's deadline being the end of March 2017. In order to capitalize on discount offers, a budget amendment is required to support an early order.

Mr. John Harrington and Mr. Chuck Talley stepped forward to recognize members of GABA who have worked extremely hard and have assisted in the fundraising efforts for new Christmas lights. They spoke of the various fundraising events that they have held and look forward to seeing new lights throughout future Christmas Holiday seasons.

All members of GABA in attendance joined Mr. Harrington and Mr. Talley up front and together, they presented a check in the amount of \$25,291.23 to Mayor Pro Tem Linens to be used by the City for the purchase of new Christmas decorations.

Council briefly discussed ownership and storage of the lights, with Mr. Maness stating that they would be property of the City. The old Christmas lights will be advertised on govdeals.com with all proceeds going to the City.

Council Member McClure made a motion to approve the 2016-2017 Budget Ordinance Amendment to purchase new Christmas decorations, seconded by Council Member Turner.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL of the City of Graham that the 2016 - 2017 Budget Ordinance shall be and is hereby amended as follows:

Section 1: General Fund Expenditures		
	APPROVED	AMENDED
10-6600-5760 Christmas Lights	0	60,000
Section 2: General Fund Revenues		
10-3280-0000 Misc. Grants	100	25,000
10-3900-0000 Fund Balance	927,000	962,000

This the 7th day of March, 2017.

Issues Not on Tonight's Agenda:

Council Member McClure stated that he recently had the privilege of seeing North Graham Elementary's production of "The Lion King". He stated that it was a great production and thinks Council should recognize those individuals responsible for their dedication to making it such a success. He asked Council for consensus to recognize school principal Ms. Nancy Cothren and director Ms. Jordan Clifton at the April City Council meeting. Consensus was given.

Council Member Kimrey expressed concern for the need to record all board and commission meetings where grant funds are being awarded. He added that he believes such meetings should be held in the City's Council Chambers. Mayor Pro Tem Linens asked that this item be added to the Council's regularly scheduled April meeting.

Mr. Maness reminded Council that the Budget Retreat will be held on March 23, 2017 from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

At 7:24 p.m. Council Member Turner made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Member McClure. All voted in favor of the motion.

Darcy Sperry, City Clerk