

**CITY OF GRAHAM
REGULAR SESSION
TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2011
7:00 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Graham met in regular session at 7:00 p.m., on Tuesday, May 3, 2011 in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building located at 201 South Main Street.

Council Members Present:

Mayor Jerry Peterman
Mayor Pro Tem Jimmy Linens
Council Member Jim Albright
Council Member Victor Euliss
Council Member Chip Turner

Also Present:

Chris Rollins, City Manager
Frankie Maness, Assistant City Manager
Aaron Holland, Planner
Keith Whited, City Attorney
Kimberly Harris, City Clerk

Council Members Absent:

None

Mayor Peterman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Mayor Pro Tem Linens gave the invocation.

Proclamation: Tyronna Hooker - North Carolina Teacher of the Year 2011 -2012.

Mayor Peterman read aloud the City of Graham Proclamation for the North Carolina Teacher of the Year 2011 – 2012 honoring Ms. Tyronna Hooker an exceptional children’s teacher at Graham Middle School. Ms. Hooker was there to receive the Proclamation and thanked the City Council and the City of Graham for acknowledging and honoring this achievement.

Proclamation

RECOGNIZING

TYRONNA HOOKER

WHEREAS, Tyronna Hooker, an exceptional children’s teacher at Graham Middle School, Alamance-Burlington Schools, was honored as the recipient of the 2011-12 North Carolina Teacher of the Year, and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hooker is a wonderful example of the exceptional teachers leading public school classrooms across the State, and

WHEREAS Ms. Hooker motivates and engages students through her compassion and understanding to promote critical thinking, foster self-esteem and inspiration to achieve; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to show its sincere appreciation to Tyronna Hooker for her accomplishments;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Mayor of the City of Graham; in recognition of outstanding service to her students and this community, do hereby congratulate Tyronna Hooker as

2011 – 2012 NORTH CAROLINA TEACHER OF THE YEAR

In the City of Graham, I encourage all citizens to congratulate her on her accomplishments!

This the 3rd day of May 2011.

Recognize Graham Fire Fighters Chris Stokes and Chris Foust for Achievement in the 2011 Firefighter's Challenge.

City of Graham Fire Chief John Andrews, Jr. spoke before Council and recognized City of Graham Fire Fighters Chris Foust and Chris Stokes who competed in the 2011 Alamance County Fallen Hero's Memorial Fire Fighter's Challenge on April 17, 2011. Approximately 30 participants competed in this year's event. Chris Foust placed 1st in his class with a final time of 3 minutes and 42.72 seconds. Chris Stokes placed 2nd in his class with a final time of 3 minutes 19.78 seconds. This event raised \$860.00 for the Alamance County Fallen Hero's Memorial.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 160A-265 Approve Surplus and Confiscated Property to be Sold at Auction on May 21, 2011.

*SURPLUS INVENTORY
TO BE SOLD AT AUCTION
ON MAY 21, 2011*

VEHICLES

VEHICLE ID #

DEPARTMENT

106 1986 Fire Truck

V#1FDXD8OU4GVA36500

10.5300.

INVENTORY EQUIPMENT

9336	Icemaker	31.5900.
363	Coats Tire Changer, RC15	40.6650.
??	24 x 8 Pontoon boat, no motor	10.6210.

*CONFISCATED ITEMS
TO BE SOLD AT AUCTION
ON MAY 21, 2011*

Weed eater grass trimmer, featherlite model, FL20CC Engine Serial # 10071N501798-4

Weed eater grass trimmer, featherlite model, FL18CC Engine Serial # 9814N503804-3

Silver color floor jack, 3 ton, missing 1 wheel

Large black speaker box w/ 2 IMPP Speakers 10"

*SURPLUS INVENTORY
FOR PRIVATE SALE*

2252	Dog lot and Dog house	10.5100.
2528	K-9 Dog "Hector" Handler: McDaniel	10.5100.

Revised 5/3/2011 at 3:50 PM

prepared by: Sue Routh

Request by Alamance County War Memorial Committee to Close the South Side of West Elm Street from Maple Street to the Criminal Courts Building for the Annual Memorial Day Ceremony from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes - April 05, 2011 Regular Session

Upon Motion by Council Member Euliss, second by Council Member Turner, the Council voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda.

Recommendations from the Planning and Zoning Board:

Public Hearing Request of Michael A. Neal (Coucolas/ Knight Properties, LLC, Owners) to Amend Conditional Residential (C-R) Zoning for Harden Place Condos approved 10/2/2007. Amendment request is for changes to building size, shape and height. The

Property is located at 141 E. Harden Street shown on Old Alamance County tax map #150-613-55, GPIN# 8884240795.

Assistant City Manager Maness advised the Council that the applicants for the public hearing of Michael A. Neal (Coucolas/ Knight Properties, LLC, Owners) to amend Conditional Residential (C-R) Zoning for Harden Place Condos requested that it be postponed until the June Regular Session meeting of City Council.

The Council reached a consensus to approve the request to postpone the public hearing until the next Regular Session City Council meeting.

Reappoint Delegate to Serve on the New Piedmont Triad Regional Council.

City Manager Rollins explained that there were two separate North Carolina Councils of Government which came together and formed a committee that decided that it would be better to recombine into one Council of Government, the Piedmont Triad Regional Council. Council Member Turner was the appointed Council Member on the former Piedmont Triad Council of Government. City Manager Rollins advised that the Council needed to appoint a Council Member to serve on the New Piedmont Triad Regional Council.

Council Member Turner requested to be appointed to serve on the Piedmont Triad Regional Council.

Mayor Peterman Appointed Council Member Turner to serve on the Piedmont Triad Regional for the term of his City Council seat.

Consider Recommendations by the Appearance Commission.

Upon Motion by Council Member Albright, second by Council Member Turner, the Council voted to accept the resignations of Chuck Talley, Robert Stout, Billy Bradshaw and Reverend Kelly Crissman from the Appearance Commission.

Issues Not Included on Tonight's Agenda.

City Manager Rollins advised that a copy of the proposed 2011 – 2012 Budget Ordinance was given to each Council Member and was now on file with the City Clerk. He gave a brief overview of the \$16,957,200.00 proposed Budget which consists of \$9,805,600.00 in the General Fund, \$6,160,200.00 in the Water and Sewer Fund and \$ 991,400.00 in the Garage Fund. The overall increase for all Funds is .912%. The General Fund is a decrease of \$165,679.00, the Water and Sewer Fund is up \$139,000.00 and the Garage Fund is up \$179,000.00. The proposed Budget recommends that the Tax rate stays the same at .445 cents and a 3% increase in the Water and Sewer rates effective July 1, 2011. No new employee positions were proposed in the Budget and there are two positions currently not being filled; one in the Street Department and one in the Planning and Zoning/ Inspections Department. The proposed Budget includes a 2% cost of living salary increase for employees. City Manager Rollins asked the Council to look at their schedules for available dates for a Budget workshop.

The Council reached a consensus that dinner would not be served at the Budget Workshop.

Council Member Euliss inquired on the recent status of the problems over on Mendel Terrace. City Manager Rollins advised that the number of complaints had reduced in the past month. The Police Department is working with the property management and the weekly reports submitted by property management to identify problem units.

Mayor Peterman stated that he has received 2 citizen reports of improvements on Mendel Terrace.

Council Member Euliss asked if a temporary stop sign could be erected at West Gilbreath Street and Holt Avenue. City Attorney Keith Whited advised that he would not recommend erecting a temporary stop sign at that location due to liability. City Manager Rollins stated that the City would look into any continuing traffic problems at that location and report back to Council.

Council Member Albright asked if it is illegal to place portable basketball goals in the streets. City Manager Rollins stated that anything in the roadways that impedes traffic can be reported to and enforced by the Police Department.

Mayor Pro Tem Linens inquired about the schedule for installation of the leading green light off of Main Street onto East Hardin Street. City Manager Rollins replied that he had spoke with the North Carolina Department of Transportation's Traffic Engineering Department in Greensboro and they advised that they are planning to install 3 separate horizontal signals along that location due to clearance requirements however a schedule for installation has not been released.

Council Member Euliss stated that he had received a phone call from a citizen advising that her driveway on Holt Street has been blocked due to people parking their vehicles. He inquired as to whether or not a vehicle could be towed in that situation. City Attorney Keith Whited stated that he would look into that and report back to Council.

There being no further business Council Member Euliss moved to adjourn, second by Council Member Albright, all aye.

Kimberly Harris, City Clerk