

**CITY OF GRAHAM
SPECIAL SESSION
WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2015
5:30 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Graham met in special session at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 20, 2015, in the Conference Room 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 Chip Turner
Council Member Lee Kimrey

Also Present:

Frankie Maness, City Manager
Darcy Sperry, City Clerk
Sandra King, Finance Director
Thomas Murawski, The Alamance News

Mayor Jerry Peterman called the meeting to order and presided at 5:52 p.m. and Pro Tem Mayor Jimmy Linens gave the invocation.

Council Members expressed concern over City Manager Frankie Maness' proposal to not fund the Assistant City Manager position in the FY 2015-2016 Budget. Council Members advised that they want to see the Assistant Manager position funded in the upcoming Budget and asked Mr. Maness for suggestions as to how this could be done without raising taxes. Mr. Maness advised that one option would be to appropriate fund balance. Mr. Maness went on to say that due to the time that would be involved in hiring an Assistant Manager, it may very well be this fall before anyone would start and by then, the City would most likely only be paying that salary for part of the FY 2015-2016.

Mayor Peterman polled the Council as to whether or not they are comfortable with having to possibly use the General Fund for this, knowing that they might be "in the red" in this upcoming Budget. All said they would be comfortable with this. Council Members also stated that they feel there is a very good chance that the revenues will be higher than what is being projected, therefore the need to fund this position with the General Fund may not have to happen.

There being no further discussion and upon a motion by Council Member Chip Turner, seconded by Council Member Lee Kimrey, the Council voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

Darcy Sperry, City Clerk