

**CITY OF GRAHAM
SPECIAL SESSION
THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 2019
8:15 A.M.**

The City Council of the City of Graham met in special session at 8:15 a.m. on Thursday, January 17, 2019, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building located at 201 South Main Street.

Council Members Present:

Mayor Jerry Peterman
Mayor Pro Tem Lee Kimrey
Council Member Griffin McClure
Council Member Chip Turner
Council Member Melody Wiggins

Also Present:

Frankie Maness, City Manager
Aaron Holland, Assistant City Manager
Darcy Sperry, City Clerk

Mayor Jerry Peterman called the meeting to order and presided at 8:15 a.m.

Closed Session to Conduct City Attorney Interviews:

Mayor Peterman made a motion that the City Council go into closed session for the purpose of interviewing candidates for hiring a public official to wit: "City Attorney" pursuant to the terms of N.C.G.S. §. 143-318-11 (a) (6), seconded by Council Member Melody Wiggins. All voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Tom Boney of the Alamance News stepped forward and expressed concern with Council's decision to go into closed session.

At 9:29 a.m. Council Members returned to the Council Chambers where Mayor Peterman made the motion to recess the closed session until 8:15 a.m. on Friday, January 18, 2019. Council Member Chip Turner seconded the motion and all voted in favor of the motion.

At 8:15 a.m. on Friday, January 18, 2019, Mayor Peterman reconvened the closed session.

At 2:50 p.m. Council Member Wiggins made a motion to close the closed session, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Lee Kimrey. All voted in favor of the motion.

At 2:51 p.m. Council Member Griffin McClure made a motion to reconvene the open session, seconded by Council Member Wiggins. All voted in favor of the motion.

Mayor Peterman made a motion to direct City Attorney Keith Whited to draft an offer agreement with Ward/Coleman to provide City Attorney services and this offer stipulate a minimum of 20 hours per week through the City Attorney's office at City Hall and not to exceed \$78,000 in annual compensation to be voted on at the February 4, 2019 City Council meeting. Council Member Wiggins seconded the motion and all voted in favor of the motion.

At 2:52 p.m., Mayor Pro Kimrey made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Turner. All voted in favor of the motion.