

**CITY OF GRAHAM
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2021**

The City Council of the City of Graham held a special meeting beginning at 11:00 a.m. on October 22, 2021, in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Building located at 201 South Main Street, Graham, NC.

Councilmembers Present:

Mayor Jerry Peterman
Mayor Pro Tem Chip Turner
Councilmember Melody Wiggins
Councilmember Jennifer Talley
Councilmember Ricky Hall

Staff Present:

Aaron Holland, Interim City Manager
Darby Terrell, City Clerk
Bryan Coleman, City Attorney
Bob Ward, City Attorney - *Absent*
Lorrie Andrews, Human Resources Director

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Jerry Peterman called the meeting to order and presided at 11:00 a.m. Mayor Peterman offered the invocation and everyone stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

CODE OF ETHICS DISCLOSING CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:

Darby Terrell, City Clerk, asked Council to report any conflicts of interest. There were no conflicts of interest reported.

CLOSED SESSION:

City Council considered going into a Closed Session pursuant to N.C.G.S. §. 143-318-11 (a) (6), to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee.

Mayor Peterman stated the following staff and other non-council members would be attending the Closed Session:

- Aaron Holland, Interim City Manager
- Lorrie Andrews, HR Director
- Billy Clayton, Administrator of Police Department
- Megan Garner, Candidate
- Darby Terrell, City Clerk
- Bryan Coleman, City Attorney

Councilmember Ricky Hall motioned to go into closed session, Mayor Pro Tem Chip Turner seconded, the motion was approved. The Council moved to a Closed Session at 11:03 a.m.

Councilmember Melody Wiggins motioned to open the Public Meeting, Mayor Pro Tem Turner seconded, the motion was approved. The Public Session opened back up at 12:23 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

ITEM 1: CONTRACT- NEW CITY MANAGER

Mayor Peterman made the following statement, “We have discussed the position of City Manager and have extended an offer of employment and contract to Ms. Megan Garner, effective November 15, 2021.” The Mayor Peterman motioned the above statement, Councilmember Wiggins seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Tom Boney, Alamance News, asked for a copy of the contract between the City of Graham and Ms. Megan Garner. Mr. Boney also asked if Ms. Garner had accepted the position.

Bryan Coleman, City Attorney, informed Mr. Boney that since the contract had been approved, Mr. Boney would receive a copy of the contract. Aaron Holland, Interim City Manager, also informed Mr. Boney that only the contract terms had been approved on both sides and that Ms. Garner would need to sign the approved contract.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilmember Jennifer Talley welcomed Ms. Garner to the City of Graham.

ADJOURN

Councilmember Ricky Hall motioned to adjourn at 12:34 a.m., Mayor Pro Tem Chip Turner seconded the motion, the motion passed.

Darby Terrell

Darby Terrell, City Clerk