

**City of Graham
City Council Meeting Agenda
September 8, 2026**



6:00 p.m. | City Hall | 201 South Main Street | Graham, NC

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Chelsea Dickey

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Invocation – Pastor Derek Thorpe – North Graham Baptist Church

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. To approve the August 11, 2026 City Council and Closed Session minutes.
- B. To approve a Budget Amendment in the amount of \$152,000 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant comprised of \$120,000 for Biosolids Dewatering/Disposal and \$32,000 for Clarifier 2 Gear Box labor.
- C. To approve a Budget Amendment in the amount of \$7,000 in State Drug Forfeiture revenue for the Police Department's patch replacement.
- D. To approve resolutions for the Fall 2026 Graham-Mebane Wastewater Treatment Plant PFAS & Reliability and 2026-2036 Water & Sewer System Capital Improvement Plan.
- E. To approve an amendment to Section 4-4 of the City of Graham Personnel Policy to establish a separate probationary period of six months for qualified, in-state lateral-transfer officers per the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission.
- F. To approve tax releases in the amount of 2,148.53.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. REZONING – 0.73 ACRES – 1528 E. HARDEN STREET

A public hearing has been scheduled to consider rezoning a 0.73-acre lot at 1528 E. Harden Street from R-G (General Residential) to B-2 (General Commercial) to allow the existing house on the lot to be used for commercial purposes. **(Planning Board recommended approval)**

2. REZONING – 0.411-ACRE LOT – S. MAIN STREET/HWY 87 OVERLAY DISTRICT

A public hearing has been scheduled to remove the Overlay District from a 0.056-acre portion of a 0.4111-acre property that falls under the S. Main Street/Hwy 87 Overlay District. The remainder of the property is zoned B-2 (General Commercial) and, upon removal of the Overlay Zoning, would allow for a required sidewalk extension and to provide new parking in the front yard to support the existing commercial use. **(Planning Board recommended approval)**

NEW BUSINESS:

3. FUNDING REQUEST – HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMISSION – HISTORIC PLAQUES

City Council will consider approving a resolution authorizing \$650 in funding to install three new plaques on buildings with historic significance, in conjunction with the Historic Resources Commission. (*Children’s Chapel United Church of Christ, Green and McClure Furniture, and Graham Historical Museum*)

4. ACCEPTANCE OF PUBLIC STREETS AND RIGHT OF WAY – MEADOWVIEW GLEN - PHASE 2

City Council will consider approving a resolution authorizing the adoption and maintenance of portions of Meadowview Drive located within Phase 2 of the Meadowview Glen Subdivision.

5. DOWNTOWN GRANT USAGE DISCUSSION

City Council will discuss allocation of the remaining State downtown grant funds.

6. FALL FEST EVENT – STREET CLOSURE – W. ELM STREET

City Council will consider an amendment to include the closure of W. Elm Street on Saturday, September 19, 2026 from 8:00 am to 6:00 p.m. for the Fall Fest event. (Rain date of October 18, 2026)

7. CITY OF GRAHAM’S BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPOINTMENTS

City Council will consider appointments for the following boards and commissions due to recent resignations:

ABC Board – 1 Appointment

Applicants: Stacy Koon, Glenn Patterson

Graham Historical Museum Board – 1 Appointment

Applicants: Corbin Craig, Brooke Flood, Jillian Lea

Graham Housing Authority – 1 Appointment

Applicants: Sonya Carter, Jeffrey Rieman, Nicole Cousin

8. ETHICS AND CIVILITY STATEMENTS DISCUSSION

City Council will discuss and give direction to Staff to implement Council’s intentions to adopt Ethics and Civility Statements.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

CITY STAFF COMMENTS

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

CLOSED SESSION:

City Council will consider going into closed session in accordance with North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with an attorney employed or retained by the public body to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the public body for both current (Steven B. Wall and Todd Dean v. The City of Graham, et al. File 26CV004657-000).

ADJOURNMENT