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Tuesday, Sept. 11 marked the final city council meeting for City Superintendent Tyson McGreer, with action being taken on several items of new business.

The first item on the agenda following release of water and lotto reports was a public hearing on the city's new 2012-13 fiscal year budget.

The hearing was closed with no public input, followed by a public hearing on a liquor license application for a new restaurant opening soon. Again, there was no public input and Grant City Council proceeded with the evening's agenda.

A single item of unfinished business concerning action on vacating an alley along land owned by the Perkins County Health District died for lack of motion. The matter will be revisited sometime in the future as the hospital draws closer to its expansion project.

New Business

- Council unanimously passed a resolution to set the proposed tax rate for the upcoming budget year at the same rate. The proposed tax rate of 0.451482 is for the personal and real property tax required of \$203,426 for next year.
- An ordinance adopting the annual appropriation bill was unanimously approved following a unanimous vote to waive the three readings.
- Council also unanimously approved waiving three readings on an ordinance approving a 1 percent increase in base limitation of restricted funds and approved the ordinance in a 4-0 vote.
- A liquor license was approved by council for 310 Central American Grill which will open in the near future.
- Council discussed extending the watering days due to the hot/dry weather over the summer months and the potential damage to trees.
Watering only one day per week is to take effect Sept. 25 and last until Oct. 14, when watering is to be halted.
Watering past that date up until Oct. 30 with option to extend it to Nov. 15 if it stays warm and dry will be at the recommendation of Mayor Mike Wyatt as agreed upon by council.
- Council unanimously approved a motion to engage the services of Almquist, Galloway and Luth for an audit of 2011-12 figures.