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Of A

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

February 22, 2018

The City Council of the City of Longview, Texas, met in a Regular Session, February 22, 2018, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Jo Ann Metcalf Municipal Building. Mayor Andy Mack presided.

Members present were:

Andy Mack
Ed Moore
Nona Snoddy
Wray Wade
Kristen Ishihara
David Wright
Steven Pirtle

Members absent were:

Staff members present were:

Keith Bonds, City Manager
Angie Shepard, City Secretary
Robert Ray , Assistant City Attorney
Michael Shirley, Director of Development Services
Rolin McPhee, Director of Public Works
Laura Hill, Director of Community Services
Scott Caron, Director of Parks and Recreation
Angela Coen, Director of Financial Services
Mary Ann Miller, Director of Administration
J.P. Steelman, Fire Chief
Mike Bishop, Police Chief

I. Call to Order – Mayor Andy Mack called the meeting to order.

II. Invocation – Rev. Mia Levetan- Co-Pastor, St. Andrews Presbyterian Church Longview gave the invocation.

III. Pledge of Allegiance – Rev. Mia Levetan- Co-Pastor, St. Andrews Presbyterian Church Longview led the pledge of allegiance.

IV Election Item

Presentation of Oath of Office to Council Member Elect of District No. 3 – Angie Shepard, City Secretary.

Angie Shepard, City Secretary gave the Oath of Office to Council Member Elect Wray Wade of District 3.

V. Employee Recognition

Tonight's employee recognition is Longview Transit. March 17th will mark the 15th anniversary for public transportation in the City of Longview. Annual ridership averages 245,000 persons per year, and returns over \$1.5 million taxpayer dollars to the City of Longview.

Two individuals have been employed with Transit since its inception:

Tequita Dudley- Started as a driver and has worked her way up to the Director of Operations.

Clinton Williams- Started as a driver and has since held various positions within the organization.

We would also like to recognize R & K Distributing for their 10 years of support and sponsorship of the New Year's Eve Safe Ride Home program allowing citizens of Longview a free ride on New Year's Eve. The objective of the

program is simple: to provide a safe and easy alternative to getting behind the wheel on New Year's Eve

VI. Community Recognition

Tonight in community recognition, I'm going to dovetail off of what we just did. Tonight I want to recognize someone that has really made an impact on this community in more ways than what we just talked about. This is a guy that answers the call. What I mean by that is, if you need something and you make a call, I have never heard him say no. It's a terrible trait in his business because he gets bombarded with stuff from the community. This guy is always there and is special. You can always count on him. I'm talking about John Martin again so John you might as well come back up here. I know you had no idea about this either. This guy right here does so many things for so many events that take place here in Longview. From a personal standpoint, I've known him to be a kind and caring person and a wonderful guy to be around. He is a member of the LEDCO Board and he spends his time and energy doing what we need to do for this community. Besides his business aspect, he volunteers over and over again. This is the kind of example we need in our community. We appreciate that at the City and I appreciate it personally. Getting to know you has been a real pleasure and I thank you for what you do.

VII. Citizen Comment

Jimmy Howell of 4306 Windrush Drive Longview. I am retired from Neiman Marcus, in 1995 Neiman Marcus decided to move to Longview. We invited a large number of people to come with us. Primarily managers and supervisors, less than half of them made the trip; stating quality of life is not what they wanted here. Since that time I will tell you Longview has made great stride. The bus ride over here originally, we could not find a route into the city that we wanted to take to show off the city. The city entrances look amazing now. The city parks were not where we needed them to be, you have stepped up. Lear Park is amazing, Kid Country is a destination. If you are out there you see busses from all over East Texas driving in to take advantage of it. I am not an arboretum person; I will tell you I don't know an Elm from an Ash. I will tell you an arboretum is one of those quality of life things that will pay huge dividends in attracting the kinds of businesses and people that we need in Longview. I think if Neiman Marcus were relocating today, and the arboretum was in place and Lear Park was in place and the entrances were in place, I think we could have attracted more people. I believe going forward this town has the opportunity to really attract quality people and businesses in with this investment. It is an investment in the community. You've got a group of dedicated volunteers that are dead set on this is going to

happen. This is going to happen, they have already raised 1.7 million dollars. What they need right now is your buy in, a signature on a document, an MOU stating we back you, you can start construction. We believe this will be a good thing for our city. Thank you

VIII. Presentation Items

A. Presentation of UT Tyler strategic plan - Dr. Mike Tidwell, UT Tyler President.

Dr. Mike Tidwell gave UT Tyler's mission state: UT Tyler is committed to student success by proving a uniquely balanced student experience in an environment of innovative scholarship and research shaped to serve East Texas and beyond.

The University of Texas at Tyler has 4 key areas:

1. Student Success
 - a. Focused career placement
 - b. Concierge approach to student success
2. Student Experience
 - a. Economic development around campuses
 - b. Enhance facilities
 - c. Broaden diversity initiatives
3. Discovery/Scholarship/Research
 - a. Student led research
 - b. Creation of Research Assistantships
4. Outreach/Impact
 - a. Connectivity
 - b. Economic Development
 - c. Enhancing K12

The major areas of collaboration are

1. Build academic programming
2. Partner on economic development
3. Partner on grant opportunities
4. Alleviate Brain Drain

B. Presentation on Hinsley Park - Scott Caron, Director of Parks and Recreation.

Scott Caron:

First of all I want to apologize for not providing regular updates on the Hinsley Parks project. All though progress has been made, very little is currently happening and there is not much to report. There are questions out there as to what is actually going on and we haven't had the answers to those and that's why we failed to update you. So, we would like to take this opportunity to let each of you know what has happened, where we are and where we think this is going.

As you can see on the screen, our adult softball league is doing well and the reason I'd like to mention this is because we currently operate Hinsley Park the manner in which we always have. We have our adult softball, our disk golf going on, we have a pavilion, we have restrooms. We continue to operate just as we do in all of our other parks.

We were approached by a developer, SDI, about the possibility of retail development at Hinsley Park. That's the site that they choose that they thought would be most appropriately for retailer that had approached them. What we told them was, they had to do three things.

Vote required to undesignated the property as a park
Developers to FUND and CONSTRUCT a replacement park
City may only deed Hinsley to the Cargill family

They have to get through all three of those hurdles to order for us to relinquish the park. SDI has made a considerable investment in the property and continues to be enthusiastic about the project. In their enthusiasm, I think they received some false information as to how they needed to go about the process. One of those ways was in the actual development of the retail side as well as the new park. In that, was the Army Corp of Engineers permitting, not only did they have to get those permits, they believe they could get a national permit which doesn't require the number of reports and studies that need to be done. They had to get individual permits for each of those sites and those typically take 12 to 18 months. Now that they have those in hand, they are ready to move to the next step in the process.

We all know what has occurred within e-commerce, it continually changes and there are a number of entities that change the way big box stores and retail development is occurring. Now you can shop on your phone and go pick it up at

the store. That is a shift in the market that they did not anticipate two year ago and that is one of the things the retailers have to adjust to now. They want to make sure they keep up with the demands of the customers.

So, where we are today, in addition to the daily maintenance of the ballfields and everything the city has invested in.

The City continues to operate Hinsley Park consistent with other parks.
The City has not taken action on removing the park designation
SDI has made a considerable investment in the project.

We do recognize that Hinsely Park needs to be upgraded but at this time, we have other Parks that need upgrades as well, those needs are greater.

So, SDI currently has an option on the property with the Cargill family. They are enthusiastic about the project and we believe the city is still in a great position. The reason I say we are in a great position is we have a great park, we are currently operating that park and if the development goes forward, we are going to have a 3.5 million dollar new park that will be as good or better than what we currently have. Not only that, it will not be done with taxpayers dollars.

That's currently where we are and I'd be happy to answer any questions.

Mayor Mack: Mr. Caron, I appreciate your presentation and I realize there are been some inquiries in the community and it's understandable. What I want them to understand is we are not the holdup in the situation. The city has given them every opportunity that we can and we have approved everything we can approve to move forward if SDI chooses to do so. I appreciate you also bringing up the fact that Hinsley Park is still functional and operational and will continue to be that way. Nothing has been put on hold because of this project. If this project were to come up next week, we'd say great, move forward. If it doesn't ever come forward, we still have a great park just like we always have. It's not holding anything up in our parks master plan. We are in a no lose situation here, if they choose to build us a brand new park, we are going to take it. If they choose not to, we will continue to operate just like we have been. We will do upgrades as we see necessary.

I understand and I wish they had done it last year or two years ago. That's just not in our hands. We don't control the purse strings of SDI, when they get their finances in order and are ready to move forward, we will certainly give them that opportunity.

Scott Caron: SDI has had a considerable investment in the project and they would like to continue and see a return on their investment. They will continue to be diligent in moving forward with this project.

Mayor Mack: I spoke to SDI this week and they are optimistic that this project will move forward. They have jumped through some hoops with the Army Core of Engineers, we don't have any control over that and that's not city business.

Hinsley Park Adult Fall Softball late registration if Feb 26 – March 9 Fee is \$395 and the season starts March 19

IX. Public Safety Update

A. Police

Chief Mike Bishop:

This will be our last call for our March 19 – 23 Free Women's Safety Course and there are only a few remaining seats Please call 903.808.3388 to get registered. The next one will not be until June.

I am able to bring to you tonight our 2017 Crime Statistics. I want to tell you about our 2017 to give you a background on what your statistics were for the year. As you can see, we've had a significant reduction in crime across the board. I have it broken down into some different charts to show you a five year comparison.

Person's Crimes from 2016 to 2017, we have seen a 21.7 % reduction in crimes against persons. Some of the different types of crimes against persons are aggravated assault down 25.6%, our sexual assault stayed the same and then our homicide rate dropped 30% this last year.

Property Crimes were down 26.8% overall from 2016. Those crimes include larceny or theft where we saw a 29.1% reduction, burglary we saw a 27.5% reduction, motor vehicle theft was 4.8% reduction and robbery we saw a 16.5% reduction.

Our response times for the year: our priority one calls are calls that need an emergency response and these calls are dispatched within 45 seconds and our response time from dispatched to arrival is 4 minutes and 18 seconds on average for 2017. We shoot for less than five minute response time. Our priority two calls are dispatched within 3 minutes and our response time was five minutes and 30 seconds. Our priority three calls are dispatched within 10 minutes and we are at eight minutes and 30 seconds response time.

A little bit about our calls for service 2017. As you can see we answered 70,683 calls for service and that is down from 2016 which we answered 74,710 for a 5.6% reduction in calls. Our on view or officer initiated calls was up from 2016 by 8.7%. While our calls for service are going down our office initiated calls are up.

Our 2107 Fatality Accidents, we had 18 fatality accidents that resulted in 20 fatalities. As you can see we have an area there that we have to work on and that is our traffic safety.

Total arrest for the year: 901 felony arrest and 4569 misdemeanor arrest for 2017

Earlier today I place a copy of our 2017 annual contact report in your box. This is an annual report that we are required to do and it provides you, our governing body, the contacts we have. A copy will be uploaded to our website, on file in the library and a copy is also on file with the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement. Once you've had an opportunity to review, give me a call if you have any questions, I'd be happy to answer those questions for you.

B. Fire

Chief J.P. Steelman:

I had the privilege this past Monday to promotional six individuals in our department to a higher degree of responsibility. Captain Brian Vickery, Captain Justin Jenkins, Lieutenant Ramey Blalock, Lieutenant Cullen Wider, Fire Driver/Engineer Hunter Williams and Fire Driver/Engineer J. R Parker

We had the opportunity since we last met to spend a little time with the kids at Elmira Pre-School and we want to give them a quick shout out: Thanks for welcoming us to their facility to spread the message of fire prevention and fire safety. As you all know, children and the elderly are two of the populations at risk for fire injuries and death. The more of this kind of thing that we can do to get the

message out and keep that number low is certainly important. We had a great time.

We have had a lot of rain the past couple of day and we have some more to come so we certainly want to spread the message of travel safety. Beware of localized flooding – turn around don't drown. Don't attempt to drive through any standing water. Here in Longview we are doing fairly well, the rivers and creeks are draining fairly well and we haven't seen any major backups.

And last but not least Code Red, we want to encourage everyone to get signed up. This is a free service the city offers.

X. Consent Agenda

A. Consider a Resolution adopting and reconfirming tax abatement guidelines and criteria –

Robert Ray, Assistant City Attorney was present and requested the Council to consider the approval of a Resolution adopting and reconfirming tax abatement guidelines and criteria.

The following Resolution was approved

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS, ADOPTING AND RECONFIRMING TAX ABATEMENT GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT, REPEAL AND EXPIRATION OF SAID GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA AS REQUIRED BY TEXAS LAW; MAKING AND RECONFIRMING THE CITY'S ELECTION TO PARTICIPATE IN TAX ABATEMENT; DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED COMPLIED WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Such Resolution No. 5289 appears in the Resolution and Ordinance records of the City of Longview

- B. Consider a Resolution authorizing and directing the Acting City Manager or the Acting City Manager's designee to execute any necessary documents for the application, receipt and expenditure of sub-grant funds in the amount of \$145,000 for the Partners in Prevention Mentoring Program**

Holly Fuller, Partners in Prevention Manager was present and request a Resolution to authorize Partners in Prevention to execute any necessary documents for the application, receipt and expenditure of sbu-grant fund in the amount of \$145,000.00for the mentoring program.

The following Resolution was approved

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF LONGVIEW TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT AND EXPEND GRANT FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT OF UP TO \$145,000 FROM MANY CENTER FOR RESEARCH AND INNOVATION AS A SUB-GRANTEE OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR THE MENTORING OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH INITIATIVE, MULTI-STATE MENTORING PROGRAMS FOR THE USE BY THE CITY OF LONGVIEW PARTNERS IN PREVENTION MENTORING PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE LONGVIEW PARTNERS IN PREVENTION PROGRAM MANAGER OR OTHER OFFICIAL OF THE CITY AS SHALL BE REQUIRED TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS INCIDENT TO APPLYING FOR, SECURING AND EXPENDING SAID GRANT; PROVIDING FOR RETURN OF FUNDS FOR MISUSE; FINDING THAT NO MATCHING FUNDS ARE REQUIRED; FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION WAS PASSED WAS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Such Resolution No. 5290 appears in the Resolution and Ordinance records of the City of Longview

- C. Consider a Resolution awarding a contract to and authorizing and directing the Acting City Manager or the Acting City Manager's designee to execute any necessary documents with Pierce R&B, LLC of Beckville, Texas for in the amount of \$628,482 for the construction of the 2016 Bridge and Culvert Improvements Project**

Rolin McPhee, P.E., Director of Public Works was present and requested the Council consider a resolution awarding a contract in the amount of \$628,482 and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute any necessary documents with Pierce R&B, LLC of Beckville, TX, for the construction of the referenced project. The following bids were opened on January 4, 2018:

<u>Bidders</u> <u>Amount</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Pierce R&B LLC Beckville, TX	\$ 628,482.00
CDM Holdings LLC New Boston, TX	\$ 630,284.45
East Texas Bridge Longview, TX	\$ 648,328.00
Longview Bridge and Road Longview, TX	\$ 669,250.75
Horton Excavating, LLC Lufkin, TX	\$ 709,398.00
Welch Excavation and Utility Co. Winona, TX	\$ 753,859.40
AAA Sanitation, Inc. Tyler, TX	\$ 786,447.00

The scope of work includes the construction of 162 linear feet of precast box culverts at Grace Creek and Graystone Road and relocation of 6" water main and 8" sanitary sewer main as necessary to complete the installation.

Staff has examined the proposals and the qualifications of the low bidder, and recommends award of the contract to Pierce R&B, LLC of Beckville, TX in the amount of \$628,482.

The following Resolution was approved

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS, ACCEPTING THE BID OF PIERCE R&B, LLC, OF BECKVILLE, TEXAS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECT ENTITLED "2016 BRIDGE AND CULVERT IMPROVEMENTS"; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ACTING CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ANY DOCUMENTS NECESSARY BETWEEN THE CITY OF LONGVIEW AND PIERCE R&B, LLC, FOR THE ABOVE REFERENCED PROJECT; DETERMINING THAT THE CITY COMPLIED WITH ALL APPLICABLE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS IN ACCEPTING SAID BID; FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION WAS PASSED WAS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Such Resolution No. 5291 appears in the Resolution and Ordinance records of the City of Longview

- D. Consider a Resolution awarding a contract to and authorizing and directing the Acting City Manager or the Acting City Manager's designee to execute any necessary documents with McInnis Brothers Construction, Inc. of Minden, Louisiana, in the amount of \$2,615,700.00 for the construction of Lake Cherokee Water Treatment Plant Improvements-Clarifier Rehabilitation Project**

Rolin McPhee, P.E., Director of Public Works was present and request Council Consider a resolution awarding a contract in the amount of \$2,615,700.00 and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute any necessary documents with McInnis Brothers Construction, Inc., of Minden, LA, for the construction of the referenced project. The following five proposals were opened on February 1, 2018:

Bidder	Amount
McInnis Brothers Construction, Inc. Minden, LA	\$2,615,700.00
Gracon Construction, Inc. Mesquite, TX	\$2,687,000.00
Red River Construction Co. Wylie, TX	\$3,077,700.00
Associated Construction Partner,LTD Boerne, TX	\$3,526,500.00
Brunel Industrial & Pipeline Services Pasadena, TX	\$3,648,683.21

The scope of work includes the rehabilitation of needed improvements to the Lake Cherokee Water Treatment Plant upflow clarifier. This includes the replacement of radial launders, chemical piping, electrical controls, stairs, handrails, sludge blowdown valve relocation, 36 inch valve installation and necessary improvements to rehabilitate the upflow clarifier.

KSA has examined the bids and the qualifications of the low bidder, and recommends that the City award the contract to McInnis Brothers Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$2,615,700.00. Staff concurs with their recommendation.

The following Resolution was approved

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS, ACCEPTING THE BID OF MCLNNIS BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION, INC., OF MINDEN, LOUISIANA, FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECT ENTITLED "LAKE CHEROKEE WATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENTS CLARIFIER REHABILITATION"; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ACTING CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO

EXECUTE ANY DOCUMENTS NECESSARY BETWEEN THE CITY OF LONGVIEW AND MCLNNIS BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION, INC., FOR THE ABOVE REFERENCED PROJECT; DETERMINING THAT THE CITY COMPLIED WITH ALL APPLICABLE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS IN ACCEPTING SAID BID; FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION WAS PASSED WAS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Such Resolution No. 5292 appears in the Resolution and Ordinance records of the City of Longview

- E. Consider a Resolution accepting the Intersection Improvements East Hawkins Parkway East of North Eastman Road Project and authorizing final payment of \$30,144.30 to East Texas Bridge, Inc., of Longview, Texas**

Rolin McPhee, P.E., Director of Public Works was present and request Council consider a resolution accepting the "Intersection Improvements - E. Hawkins Parkway East of N. Eastman Road" and authorizing final payment of \$30,144.30 to East Texas Bridge, Inc., of Longview, Texas. Approval of the final payment will begin the contractor's one-year warranty period.

The City Council awarded a contract to East Texas Bridge, Inc., on November 10, 2016 in the amount of \$584,784.40. Change Order No. 1 Increased the contract price by \$33,725.00 for a new price of \$618,509.40. City Council approved the change order on March 9, 2017 for additional concrete street pavement. The final construction cost is \$602,886.00.

The project provided for the construction of concrete street pavement on Hawkins Parkway east of Eastman Road to improve the existing vertical alignment. This included the replacement of storm drain pipes, storm drain inlets, sidewalks and other construction activity necessary to perform the work.

The project has been completed in accordance with the contract. Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., recommends acceptance of the project and approval of the final payment. City staff concurs with their recommendation.

The following Resolution was approved

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS, ACCEPTING THE PROJECT ENTITLED "INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS - E. HAWKINS PARKWAY EAST OF N. EASTMAN ROAD"; AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING FINAL PAYMENT TO EAST TEXAS BRIDGE, INC., OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS FOR THE COMPLETION OF SAID PROJECT; FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION WAS PASSED WAS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Such Resolution No. 5293 appears in the Resolution and Ordinance records of the City of Longview

- F. Consider a Resolution authorizing and directing the Acting City Manager or the Acting City Manager's designee to execute any necessary documents for the application, receipt and expenditure of grant funds in the amount of \$115,046 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice 2018 Victims of Crime Act Formula Grant Program (VOCA) for the purpose of supporting initiatives which assist crime victims and their families**

Mike Bishop, Police Chief was present and request Council consider a resolution authorizing and directing the City Manager or the City Manager's designee to execute any necessary documents for the application, receipt, and expenditure of grant funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance 2018 Victims of Crime Act Formula Grant Program (VOCA) fund in the amount of

\$115,046 for the purpose of supporting initiatives which assist crime victims and their families.

The following Resolution was approved

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING APPLICATION, ACCEPTANCE AND EXPENDITURE OF GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$115,046 FROM THE 2018 VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT FORMULA GRANT PROGRAM (VOCA) FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE FOR USE BY THE CITY OF LONGVIEW POLICE DEPARTMENT; AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF ALL SPECIAL CONDITIONS IMPOSED IN CONNECTION WITH SAID GRANT FUNDING; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ACTING CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS INCIDENT TO APPLYING FOR, SECURING AND EXPENDING SAID GRANT; PROVIDING FOR RETURN OF FUNDS FOR LOSS OR MISUSE; FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION WAS PASSED COMPLIED WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Such Resolution No. 5294 appears in the Resolution and Ordinance records of the City of Longview

G. Acceptance of the December 2017 Quarterly Investment Report

Angela Coen, Director of Finance presented the Investment Report for the quarter ending December 31, 2017 is presented as required by the Public Funds Investment Act.

The City's investments for the quarter were in compliance with the City's investment Policy and the Public Funds Investment Act. The City had investments in Texpool, Cutwater Texas Class Investment Pool, Nexbank Money Market and Certificate of Deposits.

Quarter Ending December 31, 2017

Texpool \$ 842,663
Ending Yield 1.18%
Weighted Average Maturity 1 Days
Interest Earned \$2,304

Texas Class \$ 6,340,832
Ending Yield 1.41%
Weighted Average Maturity 1 Days
Interest Earned \$23,396

Certificate of Deposits \$26,854,126
Ending Yields
12 Months 1.19%
18 Months 1.20%
18 Months 1.65%
21 Months 1.69%
24 Months 1.73%
24 Months 1.12%
24 Months 1.40%
24 Months 1.05%
36 Months 1.20%
36 Months 1.41%
Interest Earned \$64,089

Southside Money Market Account
Ending Yield 0.45%
Weighted Average Maturity 1 Days
Interest Earned \$18,549

NEXBANK Money Market Account
Ending Yield 1.62%
Weighted Average Maturity 1 Days
Interest Earned \$55,391

Texpool is a local government investment pool. The primary objectives of the pool are to preserve capital and protect principal, maintain sufficient liquidity, provide safety of funds and investments, diversify to avoid unreasonable or avoidable risks, and maximize the return on the pool. The pool seeks to maintain a \$1.00 value per share as required by the Texas Public Funds Investment Act. Texpool investments consist exclusively of U.S. Government securities, repurchase agreements collateralized by U.S. Government securities, and AAA-rated no-load money market mutual funds. Texpool is rated AAAm by Standard & Poor's, the highest rating a local government investment pool can achieve. The weighted average maturity of the portfolio is limited to 60 days calculated using the reset date for variable rate notes ("VRNs") and 90 days or fewer using the final maturity date for VRNs, with the maximum maturity for any individual security in the portfolio not exceeding 397 days for fixed rate securities and 24 months for VRNs.

Through our depository bank, Southside Bank, City funds are in an interest bearing account, with pledged securities for collateral. Per the depository contract, interest is earned at the daily 30-Day T-Bill rate plus thirty five basis points.

MOTION: Council Member Ishihara made a motion to approve the consent agenda.

SECOND: Council Member Moore seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously (7, 0).

XI. Action Items

- A. **A PUBLIC HEARING will be held to consider an Ordinance nominating Longview Medical Center, L.P., to the Office of the Governor Economic Development and Tourism through the Economic Development Bank as an enterprise project. The proposed qualified business site is 2901 N Fourth, Longview which lies outside an enterprise zone. Tax and other potential incentives to be offered to projects within the City of Longview jurisdiction and under the auspices of the Texas Enterprise**

Zone Program administered by the Office of the Governor of Texas will be discussed at the hearing – THIS ITEM REQUIRES A PUBLIC HEARING.

Michael Shirley, Director of Development Services was present and requested the Council to consider the approval of an Ordinance nominating Longview Medical Center, L.P., to the Office of the Governor Economic Development and Tourism through the Economic Development Bank as an enterprise project. The proposed qualified business site is 2901 N Fourth, Longview which lies outside an enterprise zone. Tax and other potential incentives to be offered to projects within the City of Longview jurisdiction and under the auspices of the Texas Enterprise Zone Program

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This economic development tool allows local communities to partner with the state of Texas to encourage job creation and capital investment in economically distressed areas. Local communities can nominate a new or expanding business as an "enterprise project." Approved projects are eligible to apply for state sales and use tax refunds on qualified expenditures. The level and amount of refund depends on the capital investment and jobs created at the qualified business site.

The public hearing was opened.

There were no citizens in the audience to speak on this matter.

The public hearing was closed.

MOTION: Council Member Ishihara made a motion the following Ordinance be approved:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS, ORDAINING THE CITY'S

PARTICIPATION IN THE TEXAS ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM PURSUANT TO THE TEXAS ENTERPRISE ZONE ACT, CHAPTER 2303, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE; PROVIDING TAX AND OTHER INCENTIVES; DESIGNATING A LIAISON FOR COMMUNICATION WITH INTERESTED PARTIES; NOMINATING LONGVIEW MEDICAL CENTER, L.P. TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM THROUGH THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BANK AS AN ENTERPRISE PROJECT; FINDING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS ORDINANCE WAS ADOPTED COMPLIED WITH THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; REPEALING OTHER PROVISIONS IN CONFLICT HERewith; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY OF THE PROVISIONS HEREOF; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

SECOND: Council Member Snoddy seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously (7, 0)

Such Ordinance No. 4152 and appears in the Resolution and Ordinance records of the City of Longview

- B. Consider a Resolution authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Longview and Longview Arboretum and Nature Center, Inc., relating to the operation and maintenance of the Longview Arboretum and Nature Center**

Scott Caron, Director of Parks and Recreation was present a requested Council to consider a Resolution authorizing an agreement between the City of Longview ad the Longview Arboretum and Nature Center, Inc. Relating to the operation and maintenance of the Longview Arboretum and Nature Center

City Council approved Resolution 5150 on January 26, 2017 for the development and construction of the Longview Arboretum and Nature Center. Over the past year, the City of Longview and LANC, Inc. hired a consultant, ETM Associates, to assist in developing an operating agreement to include shared responsibilities and costs. ETM prepared and distributed a draft agreement. ETM and City staff presented the draft MOU at the City Council meeting on February 8. Approval of the resolution was tabled to allow for modifications to the MOU, which are incorporated now for approval.

MOU Overview:

5 year Agreement

Covers the City –owned property

City agrees to maintain the property and infrastructure at a level consistent with other parks

The Board will provide funding for landscape maintenance and be responsible for the building during the time they own it

The Board will charge fees for entry, programs, and rentals at the Arboretum, and will use these funds for the Arboretum.

MOU Updates:

Clarifies the agreement is City-owned property only

Delete reference to percentage decrease in budget

Added language on how the LANC will cover increased maintenance

MOTION: Council Member Ishihara made a motion the following Resolution be approved:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF LONGVIEW AND THE LONGVIEW ARBORETUM AND NATURE CENTER, INC., RELATING TO THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE LONGVIEW ARBORETUM AND NATURE CENTER; FINDING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED COMPLIED WITH THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; MAKING OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

SECOND: Council Member Snoddy seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously (7, 0)

Such Resolution No. 5295 and appears in the Resolution and Ordinance records of the City of Longview

XII. Items of Community Interest

Council Member Moore: Next Tuesday and Wednesday the city is going to conduct a re-vitalization sweep and we are going to clean up the Flamingo Mobile Home Park west of Pine Tree Road. For the residents of that area, this is going to be an excellent opportunity to get rid of extra bulky items, trash pick-up at no additional cost. We will work with the residents in the area to pick-up junk vehicles and furniture. Our main goal is not punitive to issue citations, rather to work with residents in the community to make it a nicer place to live.

Council Member Snoddy: I'd like to say thank you Scott Caron for the update on Hinsley Park. To Chief Bishop, thank you for your presentation as well. It's always good to hear that serious crime rates are going down. And to the gentlemen on my left: welcome to the council.

Council Member Wade: First off, I want to thank the Mayor, Mr. Bonds, other council members for welcoming me. It's a great honor to be here. As everyone knows, I was elected by a group of people that got out, went to the polls and voted. During my orientation, Ms. Shepard offered to me, over the next two years, somewhat of a stipend or payment for my role here with City Council. Tonight I would like to announce that I am donating that money to an economic development program in District 3 to build up our parks. I want to start a business initiative to take over some of the empty lots and try to build some houses and bring businesses to that area. You will hear a lot more about it and I look forward to working with everyone in that community and working for you. So thank you for supporting me.

Council Member Ishihara: Just want to say welcome to Wray, we are excited to have you here. I think I have a video: I just want to say thank you to everyone who came to my town hall meeting and to our city media group that came and took some video. This was my first joint Longview ISD and City Council meeting,

it was very well attended. Most were interested in what was going on with the school, which was great for me. It was an idea that I copied from Ms. Snoddy and Ms. Williams and I think it has been very successful in the past. One thing that I wanted to mention was, after the meeting, one of the attendees came up to me and said everything seems to be going really great with the city, what am I missing? I said they weren't missing anything. Everything is going great with the city. We have amazing projects like the Arboretum, The Greens and our trails. I just feel very positive where we are. I appreciate everyone that came to the town hall meeting. I need that feedback on things we vote on.

Council Member Wright: I too would like to welcome Wray and it's good to have you with us. About five or six years ago, our Rotary group has a group of Japanese kids here; they came over every year for a while. I brought them to the Longview High School and this guy from Longview with speaking with them in Japanese. They were all having a great time. Well, that guy was Wray Wade. It's great to have you Wray.

Spring Hill Education Foundation will have a fundraising dinner/banquet on March 3rd, Dagnabbit will be playing there so if you feel like doing something on March 3rd, come on out, we look forward to having you there.

Council Member Pirtle: I want to welcome Mr. Wade. I also want to thank the Arboretum Board for their due-diligence for staying with us. I'm looking forward to that happening.

Mayor Mack: The Longview Municipal Court is offering a warrant amnesty program through March 31. We encourage anyone with an outstanding warrant through our court to take the opportunity and save some money and get a fresh start. Please call 903.237.1183 for more information.

Longview Parks and Recreation will offer a free Kids Fishing Day at Teague Park this Saturday, Feb 24th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.. The event will only be canceled if there is lightening. If canceled an audio message will be added to the 903.237.1118 hotline.

A Homeless Resource Day will be held on Saturday, March 24th at the Longview Fire Department Training Center at 411 American Legion Bldg. In a one day, one place a person experiencing homelessness can enroll and receive services from multiple organizations. There are opportunities to get involved, please contact Director of Community Services, Laura Hill 903.237.1392. That's our service fair that we talked about from our Homelessness Task Force.

Longview Boys Baseball Association sign up day deadline is this Saturday, February 24th. You can register online at longviewboysbaseball.org or go to TA

Sports at 2547 Judson Road. LBBA is just an important part of our community just like the girls softball signup that Scott talked about. My kids grew up doing baseball and softball. Get your kids registered. If you can't afford it, come see us. We'll find ways to get those kids registered. It's a great place to be in the summertime with friends and family.

Big Tex is a chance to peek behind the scene of the amazing technology that makes Longview work. Take a free tour this Saturday, February 24th at several Longview manufacturing facilities plus join our activities at our downtown museums. Tours are indoors and will go on rain or shine.

Longview World of Wonders will host Dr. Seuss's birthday on March 2nd from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Zonta Antique Show and Sale will be March 2-4. Tickets are \$10 and are good for re-entry all weekend. For those of you who have never been to the Zonta Show, you should go just to experience it. It's a lot of fun, you see some unique people there, and you see unique opportunities to look at things. It brings people to our community. It's a great economic tool to bring people in to show off what we have.

For more information on any of these events, please check out the calendar at www.VisitLongviewTexas.gov to learn more.

Survey Time: Do you think we should set a timeframe on the developers who wish to develop Hinsley Park (at their entire expense) or will you be happy to accept it anytime they desire to build us a new ballpark and develop the current Hinsley into a retail space?

- Set time limit
- Accept donation whenever available

71% Say Set Time limit
29% Accept donation whenever available

How many different disciplines (events) are there in the Winter Olympics?

- 10
- 15
- 20
- 25

3% 10

1% 15
26% 20
52% 25

The answer is 15 disciplines in the Winter Olympics.

XIII. Mayor Mack's Scholarship

Mayor Mack Scholarship will start now. So, here are the requirements: You must reside in Longview and be a graduating senior from Longview, Hallsville, Pine Tree or Spring Hill High School. You must get your application in by March 30, 2018. It's very simple, it a one page essay on what you think you can contribute to help Longview a better place to live. That's all there is to it. It's the simplest scholarship application there is but I get some the most incredible essay's every year. I read every one of them. It is such a blast to see the mindset of seniors in Longview.

So pleased to announce, there are four \$2,000 scholarships. Because someone who wanted to be anonymous, who sits right next to me, has also generously donated her stipend from her Council to add to the scholarship. So, now we will have a total of \$8,000. This is so great and I appreciated Kristen Ishihara for donating to the scholarship fund. This is service to our community. That's exciting news for our High School Seniors!

One more things, you all have something at your desk. Laura Hill has graciously given us information on the upcoming Homelessness Service Fair and how city staff has looked at ways of spending some of the funds. It's \$250,000 that was raised from the Go Giver Gala. If you look at this, you will see:

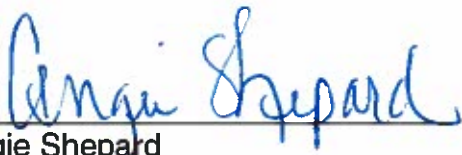
- \$8,000 to purchase monthly bus passes from Longview Transit
- \$4,000 to cover related County, State and Federal Expenses associated with obtaining a government I.D.
- \$15,000 for the POST Officers and other designated Police Department Personnel to be able to charge Greyhound / Amtrak tickets for those contacted that wish to return to their homes or journey on to family members. We are not shipping these individuals out; this is for tickets for those who want to return to their home.

Thank you Laura and our city staff for putting this together.

XIV. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

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Angie Shepard
City Secretary

