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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

February 28, 2019

The City Council of the City of Longview, Texas, met in a Regular Session, February 28, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Jo Ann Metcalf Municipal Building. Mayor Andy Mack presided.

Members present were:

Members absent were:

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

Staff members present were:

Keith Bonds, City Manager
Angie Shepard, City Secretary
Jim Finley, 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 – Invocation was led by Kevin Anthony with Mt. Calvary Baptist Church.

III. Pledge of Allegiance – Members of Journey of a Young Lady led the pledge of allegiance.

IV. Employee Recognition - Community Development Division

Tonight we are recognizing the City's Community Development Division. This Division is charged with administering the Community Development Block Grant and the HOME Grant for our City. These formula grants are provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and have very specific goals that must be met annually.

In July 2018, the Community Development Division wrote a competitive grant to HUD for a Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Program.

The State of Texas had 4 jurisdictions selected in this highly competitive process: Harris County received \$3,600,000, City of Waco received \$1,500,000, City of Dallas received \$2,300,000 and the City of Longview received \$2,000,000.

Using the grant, the City of Longview will address lead hazards in 100 housing units providing safer homes for low and very low-income families with children.

Community Services, Community Development and our Finance Department staff are currently working with HUD to establish the administrative protocols for the grant. Would Assistant Director of Community Services Dietrich Johnson, Community Development Administrator Dakota Brown and Community Development Coordinator Doug Brown please come forward?

V. Community Recognition – This past weekend was the 11th annual Zonta Club of Longview Prom Boutique. The purpose of the event is to give free pro dresses to people who otherwise would not be able to afford them. They also provide jewelry, shoes and makeup. They even make a scholarship available for a senior recipient.

They have 2,500 donated dresses available to choose from. This year, Zonta gave away approximately 400 dresses to girls from all over East Texas and beyond. Plus, an additional 400 dresses were given to Hope's Closet at the end of the event.

Ashley Hanson Summers is not only the current President of the Zonta Club of Longview, she is also the Prom Boutique Chair. In fact, Ashley was the one who originally brought the idea of a Prom Boutique to the club in the beginning, and she has been the chair all 11 years of the event. Thank you for your service Ashley!

VI. Citizen Comment

There were no citizens to speak tonight.

VII. Public Safety Update

A. Police –Chief Mike Bishop

Captain Promotional Ceremony was held Friday, February 15. Congratulation to our latest Captains: Captain Ben Kemper and Captain Russell Washburn.

We will have another promotional ceremony Friday, March 1st and you are all welcome to attend. Rebekah Martinez will be promoted to Lieutenant and Charles Rockett and Kendrick Montgomery will be promoted to Sergeant.

Commissioning Ceremony for Eliseo Rodriguez will be Thursday, March 7 at the Roy Stone Training Center. He is a recent graduate of Tyler Junior College. Come out and welcome our newest Longview Officer.

It's Police vs Fire again! We will have our annual basketball game Saturday, March 16 at 3pm. The admission is free and will be held at Letourneau University.

We have another Women's Safety Course coming up in April. This is a week-long - free safety course from April 22 – 27. We do have a few opening so please call 903.808.3388 or go to LongviewTexas.gov/WomensSafety to register.

B. Fire – Chief JP Steelman

Our Stop the Bleed campaign continues to grow. I want to thank Spring Hill High School for hosting training for their staff.

Big Tech Event Downtown. A couple of week ago we attended this city sponsored event. As you can see in this photo, that's what 90 years' worth difference a fire truck looks like. We were happy to be a part of that event.

East Texas Integrated Warning Team Workshop was held in Tyler on the 21st. This was a collaboration of many agencies. We had State and Regional EM Officials, National Weather Service, area Emergency Response, area School Districts, area utility providers and our Local Media.

Longview World of Wonders Fresh Chef Jr. contest was February 23, we had a couple of our employees there as judges. We were happy to be a part of this event as well.

LeTourneau University Nursing Program invited me to speak. Thank you to Ms Ballard and her students for the opportunity to be with you. We had great conversations and they had some outstanding questions.

Stop the Bleed - once again. I want to give a shout out to the Judson Community Lions club for the interest and contribution to the Stop the Bleed campaign.

VIII. Consent Agenda

A. Consider a Resolution authorizing application for and acceptance of a grant in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00 from the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, Juvenile Services, to support the Partners in Prevention Mentoring Program

Holly Fuller, Partners in Prevention Manager was present and requested the Council to consider the approval of a Resolution authorizing the grant application for projects that support juvenile justice and delinquency prevention during the state fiscal year 2019-20.

The purpose of the grant solicitation is to support programs that prevent violence in and around schools and to improve the juvenile justice system and develop effective education, training, prevention, diversion, treatment and rehabilitation programs in the area of juvenile delinquency. Mentoring is a proven strategy to deter juvenile crimes. Partners in Prevention will submit an application for funding to support the Mentoring Program.

The grant amount is not to exceed \$35,000 and requires no matching funds from the city.

Partners in Prevention Mentoring Program will utilize the funds for program supplies, mentor/mentee activities, and contractual personnel, as required by the grant.

The following Resolution was approved:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR AND ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$35,000.00 FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION, JUVENILE SERVICES, TO SUPPORT PARTNERS IN PREVENTION MENTORING PROGRAM INVOLVING JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION DURING THE STATE FISCAL YEAR 2020 GRANT CYCLE; AUTHORIZING THE TIMELY SUBMITTAL OF SAID APPLICATION; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR THE CITY MANAGER'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS INCIDENT TO APPLYING FOR AND SECURING SAID GRANT; PROVIDING FOR RETURN OF FUNDS FOR MISUSE; FINDING AND DETERMINING 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.

Such Resolution No. 5443 appears in the Resolution and Ordinance records of the City of Longview.

- B. Acceptance of the December 31, 2018 Quarterly Investment Report – Angela Coen, Director of Finance.**

The Investment Report for the quarter ending December 31, 2018 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, 2018

Texpool	\$ 858,119	
Ending Yield	2.29%	
Weighted Average Maturity		1 Days
Interest Earned	\$4,766	

Texas Class	\$1,476,159	
Ending Yield	2.50%	
Weighted Average Maturity		1 Days
Interest Earned	\$13,454	

Certificate of Deposits	\$22,368,805	
Ending Yields		
12 months	2.74%	
12 Months	2.04%	
18 Months	1.65%	
21 Months	1.69%	
24 Months	1.73%	
24 Months	2.06%	
24 Months	1.40%	
24 Months	2.25%	
24 Months	2.96%	
Interest Earned		\$115,231

Southside Money Market Account	
Ending Yield	2.19%

NEXBANK Money Market Account	
Ending Yield	2.53%

BTH Money Market Account	
Ending Yield	2.47%

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).

IX. Election Item

Consider an Ordinance canceling the Election to fill the expired term for City Council District 5 and declaring elected to office the unopposed candidate for a term expiring in May, 2022

Angie Shepard, City Secretary, was present and requested the Council to consider the approval of an Ordinance cancelling the May 4, 2019 General Election for District 5 and declaring Councilman David Wright elected to office.

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

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS, CONFIRMING THE CERTIFICATION OF DAVID WRIGHT AS AN UNOPPOSED CANDIDATE FOR ELECTION AS CITY COUNCIL MEMBER FOR CITY COUNCIL VOTING

DISTRICT NO. 5 FOR THE MAY 4, 2019, GENERAL ELECTION; DECLARING DAVID WRIGHT ELECTED AS CITY COUNCIL MEMBER FOR CITY COUNCIL VOTING DISTRICT NO. 5; DECLARING THE MAY 4, 2019, GENERAL ELECTION FOR CITY COUNCIL VOTING DISTRICT NO. 5 CANCELED; FINDING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS ORDINANCE 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 Ishihara seconded the motion.

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

Such Ordinance is No. 4197 and appears in the Resolution and Ordinance records of the City of Longview.

X. Action Item

Consider a Resolution accepting the donation of \$60,000 from AMBUCS Longview Too and authorizing the purchase of a shade canopy for the AMBUCS Longview Too / Neal McCoy Playground at Spring Hill Park for an amount not to exceed \$90,000 via the local government purchasing cooperative administered by Region VIII Education Service Center and known as The Interlocal Purchasing System (“TIPS”)

Scott Caron, Director of Parks and Recreation, was present and requested the Council to consider the approval of a Resolution accepting the donation of \$60,000 from AMBUCS Too for the purchase and installation of shade canopy over the Neal McCoy Playground at Spring Hill Park. The equipment will be made through the local government purchasing cooperative The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS), managed by the Region VIII Education Service Center. The equipment listed has been properly bid and by purchasing from this purchasing cooperative agreement we fulfill bidding requirements under Chapter 252 of the Local Government Code. The transaction will not exceed \$90,000

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

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS, ACCEPTING THE DONATION OF \$60,000 FROM AMBUCS LONGVIEW TOO AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A SHADE CANOPY FOR THE AMBUCS LONGVIEW TOO / NEAL MCCOY PLAYGROUND AT SPRING HILL PARK VIA THE CITY'S PURCHASING AGREEMENT WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PURCHASING COOPERATIVE ADMINISTERED BY REGION VIII EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER AND KNOWN AS THE INTERLOCAL PURCHASING SYSTEM ("TIPS"); AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER, OR THE CITY MANAGER'S DESIGNEE AND/OR OTHER OFFICIAL(S) OF THE CITY AS SHALL BE REQUIRED TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE ANY DOCUMENTS NECESSARY FOR SAID ACCEPTANCE AND PURCHASE; SETTING FORTH THE CONDITIONS OF SUCH AUTHORIZATION; DETERMINING THAT SAID PURCHASE IS EXEMPT FROM STATE COMPETITIVE PURCHASING REQUIREMENTS; FINDING AND DETERMINING 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 Pirtle seconded the motion.

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

Such Resolution No. 5444 and appears in the Resolution and Ordinance records of the City of Longview.

XI. Items of Community Interest

Sponsors are needed for the July 4th Fireworks and Freedom Celebration being held at Maude Cobb Activity Center. If you or your business would like to team up with this patriotic event visit LongviewTexas.gov/Fireworks

Grassroots at The Green is returning on Friday, March 15. This outdoor event features artists, merchants, live music, food trucks, adult beverage vendors and free admission. For more information visit KeepLongviewBeautiful.org

Join the Longview Animal Care & Adoption Center on Saturday, March 30 for the Strut Your Mutt 1 Mile Walk. Enjoy music, vendors, contests and kids activities for two and four legged family members. Registration includes an event t-shirt and dog bandana. To register visit LongviewTexas.gov/Animals

Upcoming Events: There are several upcoming events through-out the Longview community.

Longview Ballet's four performances of "The Sleeping Beauty" are Friday, March 1 through Sunday, March 3 at the Belcher Center. The production marks the 50th anniversary of the Longview studio. Tickets are available at BelcherCenter.com

The Zonta Antique Show begins Friday, March 1 and continues through the weekend. Over 50 exhibitors from multiple states will bring beautiful antiques to fill Maude Cobb. The Zonta Tea Room and Pie Bar will be waiting on you with great food and delicious pies. Learn more at ZontaAntiqueShow.com

The Longview Half Marathon is planned for Saturday, March 9. The race starts in downtown and runs through the Cargill Long Park Trail and the Boorman Trail. All proceeds go to the East Texas Down Syndrome Group. Register at HalfMarathonLongview.com

For more information on any of these events, please check out the calendar at VisitLongviewTexas.com or for City events visit LongviewTexas.gov/calendar

Passing of Bunky Grimes

We were saddened by the passing of one of our community leaders, Bunky Grimes, whose life was celebrated in a service Saturday at First Christian Church.

Bunky was one of the original volunteers at Longview Community Ministries, which was founded by First Christian and other churches. He also served with Refuge International for many years. His legacy will continue.

XII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

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Angie Shepard
City Secretary

