



MINUTES

Of A

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 27, 2022

The City Council of the City of Longview, Texas, met in a Regular Session, January 27, 2022, 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
Tem Carpenter
Nona Snoddy

Kristen Ishihara
David Wright
Steven Pirtle

Members absent were:

Wray Wade

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 – Caleb Kimbrough gave the invocation. Caleb is a 14-year-old Star Scout from Troop 613 in Spring Hill. He has been extremely active in Scouting for the last 7 years in Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts.

He is in the 8th Grade at Spring Hill School, and plays the trombone in the band. He is currently serving as the Assistant Senior Patrol Leader in Troop 613. In a few months, he will be joining Venture Crew 613.

He is the son of Luke and Deeann Kimbrough, of Longview, and the younger brother of Eagle Scout, Jacob Kimbrough.

III. Pledge of Allegiance – Caleb Kimbrough led the pledge of allegiance.

IV. Employee Recognition – Longview Fire Station 3 “A” Shift.

Tonight, the Longview Fire Department would like to present a Unit Citation Award to the members of Station 3 “A” Shift for their selfless service to a citizen in need during a structure fire on September 30, 2021.

During the fire, the crew found a bed-bound citizen and got him safely out of the house. After the fire, the crew worked with members of the American Red Cross to find a hotel that would allow the citizen to bring his hospital bed and then helped transport the resident and his bed to the hotel. It was vital the citizen have his hospital bed as he was on oxygen and had a feeding tube and needed to keep his head elevated to breathe. Not everyone receiving the award is able to be here tonight, but I want to go ahead and read all their names.

- Captain Dusty Burks
- Driver Engineer Ricky Norman
- Firefighter Josh Petticrew
- Captain Jonathan Cameron
- Driver Engineer Chris Wilson
- Firefighter Craig Barton
- Captain Kolby Beckham
- Driver Bubba Perry
- Firefighter Brad Brown

Crews used their own personal vehicles to help transport the bed and had to move it piece by piece up to the 2nd floor of the hotel

- Hotel was LaQuinta on I-20

- Fire was in the 1100 Block of Booker Street

Chief JP Steelman presented each a certificate for their Unit Citation Award.

V. Citizen Comment – Larry James Smith, 2306 Nixon Drive, Longview. Mr Smith spoke about his “Mixxed Traffic Mentoring Men”. Wants to spread the word of his mentoring for men 13-35 years of age.

VI. Public Safety Update

A. Police – Assistant Chief Anthony Boone

Chief Boone gave information on Project 365. It has been a couple of years since we have been able to have this project because of COVID. This year it will be in the area of Birdie Park, from Silver Falls Road to Pine Tree Road and from Birch Drive to Marshall Avenue. There are many originations that will be helping. They are Longview PD, Fire, Animal Service, Keep Longview Beautiful, Connect Longview, Streets Department, Development Services, Community Development – Lead Safe Housing Program, Parks and Recreation, Media Development, MPO, Traffic, American Red Cross, Code Compliance, Sanitation, and Beautification.

I also want to congratulate Sergeant Luke Altman. He is the recipient of the Departments Civic Achievement Award. He has work the last two years leading the Blue Santa Program. He was helping during COVID and was able to help 49 families – 142 children and this past year, there were 129 families – 325 children.

B. Fire – No Fire Update

VII. Consent Agenda

A. Consider a Resolution authorizing and directing the City Manager or the City Manager’s designee to execute any necessary documents to enter into a cooperative purchasing agreement with the East Texas Council of Government (ETCOG) –

Amanda Phillips, Purchasing Agent was present and requested the Council to consider the approval of a Resolution adopting the cooperative purchasing agreement with East Texas Council of Government. This item would allow the City of Longview to enter into a cooperative purchasing agreement with the East Texas Council of Government (ETCOG) who provides cooperation purchasing services through a program called COGWORKS. This cooperative purchasing program offers various goods and services that are available for purchase locally. The items purchased through this program have been properly bid and satisfy State of Texas competitive purchasing laws.

The following Resolution was approved:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR CITY MANAGER'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE A COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF LONGVIEW AND THE EAST TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT (ETCOG) THROUGH A PROGRAM KNOWN AS COGWORKS; CONDITIONING SAID AUTHORIZATION ON THE RECEIPT OF ALL RELEVANT DOCUMENTS IN A FORM ACCEPTABLE TO THE CITY ATTORNEY; 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. 5913 appears in the Resolution and Ordinance records of the City of Longview.

B. Consider approval of the December 9, 2021 minutes: –

Angie Shepard, City Secretary was present and requested the Council to consider the approval of the December 9, 2021 minutes.

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

SECOND: Council Member Snoddy seconded the motion.

VOTE: The motion carried unanimously (6, 0).

VIII. Presentation Item

Receive and discuss a presentation from HUB International regarding the Longview Firemen's Relief and Retirement Fund.

Steve Denton and Scott Boolay with Summit Financial Corporation give the following findings and their recommendation of their actuarial study.

The pension plan has a little more than \$49 million in assets, with a funding liability of more than \$117.7 million. The plans liabilities are 40% funded, however, based on the new government accounting standards, the plans are 23% funded.

The fire department has approximately 170 employees, 17 were eligible for retirement as of December 31, 2020, and another 51 will be eligible within the next 10 years. Unless we do something and unless there's some changes made, the plan is expected to run out of money in the next 20 years.

Denton and Boolay offered several options for issuing pension obligation bonds, the recommended option is for a \$45.6 million bond to secure the pension plan.

Mayor Mack: The money was not mismanaged. There are many things that contribute to this. We were forward thinking and wen with the four steps were requested to make. That is the nature of the market. We shouldn't wait, we can borrow at a lower rate right now.

David Wright: The money would be given to the fireman fund, same control as it is now.

Tem Carpenter: This is a hard impact on the budget. This has to be voter approved.

Kristen Ishihara: We've worked hard on this since 2014. The bond is the solution that many in the state are using.

Mayor Mack: We need to think about this and have further discussions. If we call for a vote, the deadline to call an election is February 18.

IX. Items of Community Interest

Councilwoman Ishihara made the motion for Councilman Wray Wade's absence to be excused. Councilman Wright seconded the motion. Motion passed 6/0.

Mayor Mack clarified some questions regarding the pay from the reorganization.

Fund	Original	Reorganization	Change
General Fund	\$1,115,682	\$973,575	(\$142,107)
Water Fund	\$299,058	\$289,148	(9,910)
Information Tech	\$0	\$30,192	\$30,192
Risk Management	\$108,231	\$177,115	\$68,884

Sanitation	\$0	\$49,477	\$40,477
Fleet Services	\$71,409	\$31,175	(\$40,234)
CVB	\$54,719	\$70,732	\$16,015
Grants	\$0	\$21,432	\$21,432
TOTAL	\$1,649,099	\$1,633,848	(\$15,251)

X. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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Angie Shepard
City Secretary

