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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

February 24, 2022

The City Council of the City of Longview, Texas, met in a Regular Session, February 24, 2022, 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
Tem Carpenter
Nona Snoddy
Wray Wade
Kristen Ishihara
David Wright
Steven Pirtle

Staff members present were:

Rolin McPhee, City Manager
MaryAnn Hagenbucher, Assistant City Manager
Angie Shepard, City Secretary
Jim Finley, City Attorney
Michael Shirley, Director of Development Services
Dwayne Archer, Director of Public Works
Laura Hill, Director Grant and Human Services
Scott Caron, Director of Parks and Recreation
Angela Coen, Director of Financial Services
Bonnie Hubbard, Director of Administration
J.P. Steelman, Fire Chief
Anthony Boone, Acting Police Chief
Josh Gamble, Director of Information Technology

Shawn Hara, Director of Community
Dietrich Johnson, Director of Community Services

- I. **Call to Order** – Mayor Andy Mack called the meeting to order.
- II. **Invocation** – Jeff Borgwardt of First Lutheran Church gave the invocation.
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Jeff Borgwardt also led the pledge of allegiance.
- IV. **Presentation**

Presentation of a Proclamation celebrating David Huber and Gary Ford Day in Longview.

V. **Employee Recognition** –

Tonight, in employee recognition, we are recognizing employees with the Longview Police Department and Longview Fire Department who provided life-saving aid in the course of their work.

Longview Police Officer Rodney Eubanks

On December 27, 2021, Officer Rodney Eubanks was dispatched to a residence for an unconscious person not breathing.

When Officer Eubanks arrived at the scene, he observed a person on the floor while the reporting party, the victim's mother, was attempting to perform CPR. Officer Eubanks assessed the victim, and was unable to locate a pulse. He took over performing CPR and remained composed. Upon pausing to check the victim's carotid artery for a pulse, he did locate a weak pulse. He then continued lifesaving measures until EMS personnel arrived at the location.

The victim was transported to the hospital for further treatment. The hospital staff acknowledged that had Officer Eubanks not performed CPR, the victim would not have survived.

Longview Fire Battalion Chief Justin Jenkins

On the evening on Saturday, January 22, the Longview Fire Department responded to an apartment fire on Green Street. Battalion Chief Justin Jenkins had just returned to Fire Station 1 from a prior response and quickly responded to the call. Arriving first on the scene, Chief Jenkins was told that there was a male victim still inside of the burning apartment.

With no other units on scene yet to assist him, Chief Jenkins looked inside the smoke-filled apartment and saw the unconscious victim about 8-feet from the front door. Chief Jenkins cautiously entered the apartment and rescued the victim, who was treated on

scene by a medic unit and ultimately taken to Parkland Burn Center for further treatment. Without the selfless and heroic actions performed by Chief Jenkins, this injured citizen may have very well succumbed to his injuries from this apartment fire.

VI. Citizen Comment – Jake Thompson at 3600 Stracener Road request the city look into the traffic and school lights at George Richey Road and Gilmer Road. In the mornings, the traffic is always backed up and he cannot get out of his road.

VII. Public Safety Update

A. Police – Acting Chief Anthony Boone – We had our Kid Fish Derby at Teague Park on February 19 and the Police Department was there for the Child ID Station. This was free to the public and designed for children 2-17. The parents were given a disc that included a voice recording, pictures and fingerprints of their kids.

Also, be aware of thing you have in your vehicle. Don't be a victim, lock your doors, remove your valuables and please don't leaving coins and cash in sight. Longview PD is still hiring, for information go to LongviewTexas.gov/LPDJobs.

B. Fire – Chief JP Steelman – A special thanks to Invista for their \$8,300 donation to the fire department's Special Operations Team for new emergency response equipment! This grant facilitates the purchase of a Radius BZ-1 Area Monitor for use at incidents that create a concern for atmospheric hazards and/or air quality concerns.

VIII. Consent Agenda

A. Consider a Resolution approving the Longview Fire Department to participate in the 2023 State Homeland Security Program grant funding process to receive funds in an amount not to exceed \$88,000.00 for the purchase of specialized equipment for use by the department's Special Operations Team –

J.P. Steelman, Fire Chief was present and requested the Council to consider the approval of a Resolution to allow the Fire Department to apply for, receive and expend 100% grant funding (with no match) from the State Homeland Security Program in an amount not to excel \$88,000.00. This funding will be used to purchase equipment essential for use by the department Special Operations Team in victim rescue situations.

The following Resolution was approved:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS AUTHORIZES THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNORS' (OOG) HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT DIVISION (HSGD) FOR GRANT FUNDING THROUGH THE STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM (SHSP), AS MANAGED BY THE EAST TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Such Resolution No.5914 appears in the Resolution and Ordinance records of the City of Longview.

- B. Consider a Resolution awarding a contract in the amount of \$284,580 and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute any necessary documents with L.S. Equipment Co. Inc. of Henderson, TX, for the construction of the 2021 CDBG Water, Sewer, Drainage, & Street Improvements at Joaquin Court and approval of a deductive change order in the amount of \$82,500.00 which will result in a contract price of \$202,080.00 –**

Dwayne Archer, Director of Public Works was present and requested the Council to consider the approval of a Resolution awarding a contract in the amount of \$284,580.00 to L.S. Equipment Co. Inc., of Henderson, Texas for the construction of the referenced project. The following bids were opened on December 21, 2021:

Bidder	Amount
LS Equipment Co., Inc. Henderson, Texas	\$284,580.00
McKinnon Construction Co. LLC Kilgore, Texas	\$304,526.00
D&D Pipeline Consultants, LLC Longview, Texas	\$308,725.00

The scope of work includes the construction of 182 feet of 8 inch sewer main, 190 feet of 8 inch water main, 1,045 square yards of paving, 54 feet of 24 inch storm drain pipe, and related work at Joaquin Court and miscellaneous work as necessary to complete the installations.

A deductive change order of \$82,500 is required to meet the available funding limits for the project. The revised construction contract amount for the project will be \$202,080. Hayes Engineering has examined the low bid and recommends award of the contract. 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 L.S. EQUIPMENT CO., INC., OF HENDERSON, TEXAS, FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECT ENTITLED "2021 CDBG WATER, SEWER, DRAINAGE, & STREET IMPROVEMENTS AT JOAQUIN COURT"; AUTHORIZING A DEDUCTIVE CHANGE ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$82,500 FOR SAID PROJECT; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER OR THE CITY MANAGER'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ANY DOCUMENTS NECESSARY BETWEEN THE CITY OF LONGVIEW AND L.S. EQUIPMENT CO., INC., FOR THE ABOVE REFERENCED PROJECT AND CHANGE ORDER; DETERMINING THAT THE CITY COMPLIED WITH ALL APPLICABLE COMPETITIVE PURCHASING REQUIREMENTS IN SOLICITING, RECEIVING, AND ACCEPTING SAID BID; 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. 5915 appears in the Resolution and Ordinance records of the City of Longview.

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

SECOND: Council Member Ishihara seconded the motion.

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

IX. Action Item

A. Consider a Resolution appointing Josh Gamble as Director of Information Services –

Rolin McPhee, City Manager was present and requested the Council to consider the approval of a Resolution adopting and naming Josh Gamble as Director of Information Services.

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

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS, APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION SERVICES; 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 ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

SECOND: Council Member Snoddy seconded the motion.

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

Such Resolution No. 5916 and appears in the Resolution and Ordinance records of the City of Longview.

B. Consider a Resolution awarding a contract in the amount of \$1,174,459.00 and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute any necessary documents with Transet Company of Longview, TX, for the construction of the Maude Cobb Convention Center Renovations project. –

Dwayne Archer, Director of Public Works was present and requested the Council to consider the approval of a Resolution awarding a contract in the amount of \$1,174,459.00 and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute any necessary documents with Transet Company of Longview, TX, for the construction of the referenced project. The following bids were opened on February 3, 2022:

<u>Bidders</u>	<u>Proposed Amount</u>
Transet Company	\$ 1,174,459.00

Longview, TX

The scope of work includes replacing the glass front curtain wall, the main hall floor outlets, lighting, and necessary appurtenances for completing the project

Johnson and Pace Engineers have examined the proposals and the qualifications of the low bidder, and recommends award of the contract to Transet Company of Longview, TX in the amount of \$1,174,459.00.

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

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS, ACCEPTING THE BID OF TRANSET COMPANY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS, FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECT ENTITLED "MAUDE COBB CONVENTION CENTER RENOVATIONS"; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER OR THE CITY MANAGER'S DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ANY DOCUMENTS NECESSARY BETWEEN THE CITY OF LONGVIEW AND TRANSET COMPANY FOR SAID PROJECT; DETERMINING THAT THE CITY COMPLIED WITH ALL APPLICABLE COMPETITIVE PURCHASING REQUIREMENTS IN SOLICITING, RECEIVING, AND ACCEPTING SAID BID; 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 Ishihara seconded the motion.

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

Such Resolution No. 5917 and appears in the Resolution and Ordinance records of the City of Longview.

C. Consider an Ordinance amending the budget for the City of Longview, Texas, for fiscal year 2021-2022 by allocating Hotel Occupancy Tax Funds in the amount of \$1,174,459.00 for construction of the project entitled “Maude Cobb Convention Center Renovations–

Dwayne Archer, Director of Public Works was present and requested the Council to consider the approval of a Resolution amending the budget in the amount of \$1,174,459 for the construction of the project entitled “Maude Cobb Convention Center Renovations”. The funds will be from the Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund.

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

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS, AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 BY ALLOCATING FUND BALANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,174,459 TO ACCOUNT 407-21-850-0000-55805 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECT ENTITLED “MAUDE COBB CONVENTION CENTER RENOVATIONS”; PROVIDING FOR FILING WITH THE COUNTY CLERKS OF GREGG AND HARRISON COUNTIES; DETERMINING 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 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

SECOND: Council Member Pirtle seconded the motion.

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

Such Ordinance is No. 4351 and appears in the Resolution and Ordinance records of the City of Longview

D. 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 the 2022 Tax Abatement Guidelines. In order to enter into tax abatement agreements, the city must officially adopt its own tax

abatement guidelines and criteria. Under Texas law, those guideline and criteria automatically expire after two years.

THIS ITEM REQUIRES A PUBLIC HEARING.

The public hearing was declared open.

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

The public hearing was declared closed.

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

SECOND: Council Member Snoddy seconded the motion.

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

Such Resolution No. 5918 and appears in the Resolution and Ordinance records of the City of Longview.

X. Items of Community Interest

XI. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

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Angie Shepard
City Secretary

