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REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

June 23, 2016

The City Council of the City of Longview, Texas, met in a Regular Session, June 23, 2016, 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

Nona Snoddy
Kasha Williams
Kristen Ishihara
David Wright
Sidney Allen
Steve Pirtle

Members absent were:

Ed Moore

Staff members present were:

David Willard, City Manager
Jim Finley, City Attorney
Keith Bonds, Assistant City Manager
Shawn Hara, Media and Tourism Manager
Shelly Ballenger, City Secretary
Ingrid Self, Assistant 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 – Dr. John Hatch, Interim Pastor, Oakland Heights Baptist Church, gave the invocation.

III. Pledge of Allegiance – Dr. John Hatch, Interim Pastor, Oakland Heights Baptist Church, led the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Mack: Tonight is a historic event. We are here to say, “goodbye” to a long term council member and, “hello” to a new member. “Sidney, we are going to miss you.” Mr Allen was elected to Council in May, 2007 and has served 9 years as representative for district 6. Before serving on City Council he has served on the Planning and Zoning Commission, has been involved in a variety of community initiatives and efforts. Known for their generosity Mr. Allen and his Wife Anna Lee have been major contributors to significant projects all across the community including: the soon to open animal shelter, the LeTourneau Belcher Center and the Allen Student Center that is named in their honor. Throughout Mr. Allen’s tenor as a Council Member he has been a detail oriented advocate for good management. This Council will sorely miss you! It has been a pleasure and honor to do this with you.

Mayor Mack presented Mr. Allen with a service award.

Council Member Allen said thank you and he tried to represent not just district 6 but all of Longview.

IV. Election Item

Presentation of Oath of Office to Council Member Elect of District No. 6 –

Shelly Ballenger, City Secretary administered the oath of office to Steve Pirtle, Council Member Elect District No. 6. Mr. Steve Pirtle then took his seat.

V. Employee Recognition

Mayor Mack: Fleet Services with a staff of eleven (11) provides for the maintenance and repair of 128 trailers, 325 light vehicles (including 139 emergency services units), 44 pieces of off-road equipment, and 105 medium and heavy duty vehicles (including 32 emergency services units).

Fleet Service serves the citizens of Longview by providing vehicle support services to the other departments of the city. Departments like Fire, Police and Public Works are kept on the road and serving our citizen because of Fleet Services dedication to providing the best possible service to their customers.

Fleet Services continues to earn the ASE (Automotive Service Excellence) Blue Seal certification each year due to their insistence on hiring and training knowledgeable and experienced staff.

Present tonight: Jon Keasler, Michael Crowley, Joe Duncan, Chris Hines, Walter Reed, Samantha Tate, and Kelly Williams. Unable to attend this evening: Virgil Bolter, Craig Crawford, James Nelson, and Adam Taylor.

VI. Citizen Comment

Shelia Ann Maxey, 21 Aaron, Longview, TX: Lives in District 3, represented by Kasha Williams and spoke on how there non-compliance in the neighborhood was regarding loose pits bulls. Ms. Maxey also mentioned of how the City should represent all districts and there should be clarity with, funds, employment, promotions and raises.

Deidre Beckworth, 1224 South High Street, Longview, TX: Spoke of wanting to volunteer in the City and is still motivated in the midst of all the negative things that are going on to help. Wanted to let Council member Kasha Williams of how she would really like to know her better.

Laura Hill, Allison Dominguez and Katie (red, white and blue poodle), PO Box 1952, Longview, TX: Wanted to invite citizens to the Freedom Firework Celebration July 4, 2016 from 11 a.m. until. Laura mentioned there will be several activities and shows going on available to the public.

VII. Public Safety Update

A. Police –

Chief Bishop, Police Chief: Sergeant Larry Webb will be retiring June 29, 2016, at 10:00 a.m. in the Roy Stone Training Room after 20 years of service. Congratulate him on becoming the new Upshur County Sherriff.

Chief announced the Police Department would be hosting their Free Women's Safety Course on September 19 - 24, 2016 at Maude Cobb Activity Center. Deadline September 16, 2016. For more information call 903-237-1199 or visit LongviewTexas.gov/WomensSafety.

Chief Bishop talked about a few scams that are currently being presented in the area.

Driveway Scam – Unsolicited by homeowner, in the area with extra material, can offer reduced price, request down payment, job not completed, high pressure sales tactics and they target the elderly.

IRS Scam – Unsolicited phone calls, threats of arrest or jail for not paying taxes, demands for personal information or immediate payment and remember the IRS does not contact individuals by phone / you will receive a letter only.

Lottery Scams – Unsolicited phone calls, letters and emails, won big prize, demands or need to send money to receive lottery winnings, once money sent nothing more is received.

B. Fire

Chief Steelman, Fire Chief was present and wanted to acknowledge that the Longview Fire Department is now classified as an ISO Class 2 Fire Department. They also recently received a Region 4 Award for the work the department does annually with the Christmas Toy Drive.

The Fire Department's annual Heroes of Tomorrow (H.O.T.) camp will be held on June 25, 2016 and July 9, 2016. Anyone from the grades of 8th – 12th could apply. There will be an informational lunch session with the Chief on the days listed above from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. for the parents. To receive more info: call 903-237-1019 or 903-237-1119.

Chief Steelman thanked Longview for their generous donation for the 2016 collections of the MDA "Fill the Boot" Fundraiser. They generated \$64,574.81!

Last but not least Chief Steelman invited everyone out to celebrate the retirement of Battalion Chief Russell Marshall on June 28, 2016, at 9 a.m. and Captain Stoney Stone on July 7, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. They will both be held at the Longview Fire Department Training Center at 411 American Legion Boulevard.

VIII. Action Items

- A. Consider a Resolution to apply for and accept Fiscal Year 2016 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) from the U.S. Department of Justice in the amount of \$34,528.00 to be used for crime prevention initiatives and law enforcement equipment –**

Holly Fuller, Partners in Prevention Manager: The Bureau of Justice Assistance through U.S. Department of Justice is soliciting program applications from local government agencies for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Local Solicitation Program to develop and enhance crime prevention, prevention and education programs, personnel, and supplies for Partners in Prevention and equipment for Longview Police Department. Both departments will jointly work to prevent crime, and raise public awareness of crimes against children, including human trafficking.

The City of Longview is eligible to receive funding in the amount of \$34,528.00. Matching funds are not required.

City of Longview will apply for the grant and use the funds to address crime prevention, and raise awareness around crimes involving children; to support contractual staff; and equipment for Longview Police Department.

MOTION: Council Member Williams made a motion the following Resolution be 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 \$34,528 FROM THE 2016 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE FOR USE BY THE

CITY OF LONGVIEW, PARTNERS IN PREVENTION AND LONGVIEW POLICE DEPARTMENT; AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF \$34,528 IN GRANT FUNDS FOR USE BY THE CITY OF LONGVIEW; AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF ALL SPECIAL CONDITIONS IMPOSED IN CONNECTION WITH GRANT FUNDING; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY OF 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; 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.

SECOND: Council Member Ishihara seconded the motion.

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

Such Resolution No. 5071 and appears in the Resolution and Ordinance records of the City of Longview.

- B. Consider a Resolution authorizing and directing the City Manager, or his designee to negotiate and execute interlocal agreements between the City of Longview and Gregg County, City of Kilgore, City of White Oak and City of Gladewater for the Longview Animal Care and Adoption Center to provide animal care services –**

Shannon DeRosa, Animal Services Manager: Gregg County and the Cities of Gladewater, Kilgore and White Oak are seeking to enter into an agreement with the City of Longview Animal Care and Adoption Center to shelter, care for and dispose of animals collected by their Animal Control Authorities.

The City of Longview provided standard proposals to each entity and they have accepted the proposals. If approved by our city council, the city and the contracting

jurisdictions would enter into an interlocal agreement for Animal services for a per animal fee.

The fees negotiated by the City Manager's Office for Gregg County are discounted 10% from the fees charged to cities based on Gregg County's financial contribution to the construction of the Longview Animal Care and Adoption Center:

Fiscal Year 2016: \$78.30 / Animal
Fiscal Year 2017: \$102.60 / Animal
Fiscal Year 2018: \$127.80 / Animal
Fiscal Year 2019: \$153.00 / Animal

The Cities of Gladewater, Kilgore and White Oak will be assessed the following fees:

Fiscal Year 2016: \$87.00 / Animal
Fiscal Year 2017: \$114.00 / Animal
Fiscal Year 2018: \$142.00 / Animal
Fiscal Year 2019: \$170.00 / Animal

The initial term ends on September 30, 2016, and will then automatically renew for successive one (1) year terms. Either party may terminate the agreement with a ninety day notice. The respective governing bodies have approved the interlocal agreement.

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 AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER OR THE CITY MANAGER'S DESIGNEE TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY OF LONGVIEW AND GREGG COUNTY, CITY OF KILGORE, CITY OF WHITE OAK AND CITY OF GLADEWATER FOR THE LONGVIEW ANIMAL CARE AND ADOPTION CENTER TO PROVIDE ANIMAL CARE SERVICES; PLACING CONDITIONS ON SAID AUTHORIZATION; 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 Williams seconded the motion.

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

Such Resolution No. 5072 and appears in the Resolution and Ordinance records of the City of Longview.

C. Consider a Resolution to publish and post the availability of the Fiscal Year 2016 - 2017 Annual Housing Plan (PHA) and PHA Administrative Plan to begin the HUD mandatory 45-day public comment period –

Cheteva Marshall, Housing Manager: Consider a Resolution to publish and post the availability of the Fiscal Year 2016 - 2017 Annual Housing Plan (PHA) and PHA Administrative Plan to begin the HUD mandatory 45-day public comment period. Both plans will be returned to Council for a Public Hearing prior to approval in July, 2016. Backup documents will be available for public review in the Housing/Community Development Office during the 45 day public comment period.

Funding is through the following Federal grants: Housing Choice Voucher Program, Family Self Sufficiency Program, and Continuum of Care (formerly Shelter Plus Care).

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

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE POSTING AND PUBLISHING OF THE FY 2017 HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER ADMINISTRATIVE PHA PLAN AND ANNUAL PHA PLAN AND TO BEGIN THE CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD AS REQUIRED BY LAW; 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.

SECOND: Council Member Ishihara seconded the motion.

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

Such Resolution No. 5073 and appears in the Resolution and Ordinance records of the City of Longview.

D. Consider approval of the following minutes: May 12, 2016 and May 24, 2016 –

Shelly Ballenger, City Secretary requested approval of the May 12, 2016 and May 24, 2016 minutes.

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

SECOND: Council Member Ishihara seconded the motion.

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

IX. Items of Community Interest

Council Member Snoddy: Beautiful Southside Festival on Saturday, June 25, 2016 at the Boys and Girls Club of Longview, 610 West Garfield.

Council Member Williams: Sent condolences to Annie Jones family because of her service in in the community and has been involved since the beginning of the Youth Action Committee.

Council Member Pirtle: Thanked family and friends for supporting him over the last 5 months through the election process and is glad to be of service to the community.

Mayor Mack: As part of the Longview Library's Summer Reading program, Chimp Haven - "A New Beginning" will be at Maude Cobb, Wednesday, June 29, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. For a full list of our Library's summer programs, go to www.LongviewTexas.gov/Library.

4th of July Fireworks and Freedom Celebration – Maude Cobb Convention Center – Gates open at 11:00 a.m. and admission is free.

There will be free concerts with music on two stages – featuring Walker McGuire at 6:00 p.m. and Asleep at the Wheel at 8:00 p.m. - Fireworks at 9:30 p.m.

Mayor Mack will have a Celebration Tent at the 4th of July Celebration located across from the Main Stage. For tickets go to www.Longviewtexas.gov/MayorJuly4.

Go to www.LongviewTexasEvents.com for the most recent events and upcoming June events.

MOTION: Council Member Snoddy made a motion to excuse Council Member Moore.

SECOND: Mayor Mack seconded the motion.

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

X. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

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Shelly Ballenger
City Secretary

