



City of Longview

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Minutes

City Council

*Mayor Erik Halvorson
Mayor Pro Tem Keith Young
Council Member Chris Bryant
Council Member Mike Claxton
Council Member Ruth Kendall
Council Member Kalei LaFave
Council Member Wayne Nichols*

Thursday, January 22,
2026

6:00 PM

2nd Floor, City Hall

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Halvorson called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. INVOCATION*/FLAG SALUTE

26-0060 PASTOR TODD BEAL, NEW AND LIVING WAY CHURCH

After the invocation provided by Pastor Todd Beal of New and Living Way Church, the flag salute was recited.

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Halvorson, Mayor Pro Tem Young, Councilmember Bryant, Councilmember Claxton, Councilmember Kendall, Councilmember LaFave, Councilmember Nichols

Staff Present: City Manager Jennifer Wills, Interim City Attorney Chris Pimker, Public Works Director/Assistant City Manager Chris Collins, Community & Economic Development Director Nick Little,

Parks & Recreation Director Justin Brown, Police Chief Robert Huhta, Fire Battalion Chief Eric Koreis, Public Information Officer Angela Abel, Information Technology Director Mike Sullivan, Library Director Jacob Cole, City Clerk Tiffany Ostreim

4. **WORKSHOP**

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Councilmember Claxton, seconded by Councilmember LaFave, to approve the January 8, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes and the January 15, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

26-0022 JANUARY 8, 2026 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

26-0048 JANUARY 15, 2026 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

6. **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

7. **PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS**

26-001155 **PROCLAMATION - LONGVIEW LIBRARY 100TH ANNIVERSARY; RECIPIENT JACOB COLE, LIBRARY DIRECTOR**

Mayor Halvorson presented the proclamation to Library Director Jacob Cole, who accepted on behalf of the Library.

26-001156 **PROCLAMATION - NATIONAL SQUIRREL APPRECIATION DAY; RECIPIENT SPENCER BOUDREAU, PRESIDENT OF THE LONGVIEW SANDBAGGERS**

Mayor Halvorson presented the proclamation to Spencer Boudreau, who accepted on behalf of the Longview Sandbaggers.

26-0040 **LPD MDT REPLACEMENT**

Police Chief Robert Huhta and Captain Branden McNew presented. Council discussed the presentation.

26-0041 **OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS**

Police Chief Robert Huhta and Fire Battalion Chief Erik Koreis presented. Council discussed the presentation.

26-0045 **DOWNTOWN UNIFORM PARKING PROPOSAL**

Community Development Director Nick Little presented. Council discussed the presentation.

8. **CONSTITUENTS' COMMENTS - NON-AGENDA ITEMS (Thirty Minutes)**

*Mike Pederson provided public comment.
Clint Hash provided public comment.
Larry Jacobs provided public comment.
Jennifer Leach provided public comment.
A citizen, name unstated, provided public comment.
Tom Spain provided public comment.
Jason Still provided public comment.
Derek Fine provided public comment.*

9. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

10. CONSTITUENTS' COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS (Thirty Minutes)

Dawn Courtney provided public comment in support of the LPD MDT replacement.

Larry Jacobs provided public comment regarding the downtown parking proposal.

Jennifer Leach provided public comment in support of the Opioid Settlement funds.

Shaun Higgins provided public comment in support of the Opioid Settlement funds and regarding the downtown parking proposal.

Jason Still provided public comment on the LPD MDT replacement, Opioid Settlement funds, and the downtown parking proposal.

The Council recessed at 8:43 p.m. for a period of 10 minutes, until 8:53 p.m. At 8:53 p.m. the council reconvened with all members present.

11. BOARD & COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS**25-001104 LIBRARY ALCOHOL USE POLICY****RECOMMENDED ACTION:
MOTION TO ADOPT THE POLICY**

Library Director Jacob Cole explained the background of the request and the proposed policy. The Library Board has approved the proposed policy.

Council discussed the proposed policy.

Council requested Director Cole return with a detailed scope for the Library's 100-year Anniversary Gala and apply for a special use permit. Council wants to see how an event with alcohol is managed and obtain additional information before making a change to the policy.

12. ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS**13. MAYOR'S REPORT**

A motion was made by Mayor Halvorson, seconded by Councilmember LaFave, to oppose HB2489.

Council discussed the motion.

Jason Still provided public comment in support of the motion.

Dawn Courtney provided public comment in support of the motion.

A citizen, name unstated, provided public comment in support of the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Halvorson provided a verbal report.

14. COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS

Councilmember LaFave provided a verbal report.

Councilmember Nichols provided a verbal report.

15. CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Councilmember Bryant, seconded by Councilmember Kendall, to adopt the Consent Calendar. The motion carried unanimously.

26-001157 APPROVAL OF CLAIMS**26-0023 SET PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE NO. 3571 – AMENDMENTS TO LMC CHAPTER 6.06 (DOG LICENSING TERM AND SPAY-NEUTER RELEASE PROGRAM FOR CATS)****RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

MOTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR FEBRUARY 12, 2026 DURING THE REGULAR

CITY COUNCIL MEETING, TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE NO. 3571 AMENDING CHAPTER 6.06 OF THE LONGVIEW MUNICIPAL CODE

- 26-0030 POLICE MDT FLEET REFRESH - DELL PRO RUGGED 14 LAPTOPS AND HAVIS DOCKING STATIONS**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF 52 DELL PRO RUGGED 14 (RB14250) LAPTOPS AND 35 HAVIS DELL VEHICLE DOCKING STATIONS FOR PATROL USE, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$224,282.73, INCLUDING ESTIMATED SALES TAX AND FREIGHT, AND AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER (OR DESIGNEE) TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY PURCHASE DOCUMENTS.

- 26-0043 RESOLUTION NO. 2602 - PSA WITH CARL'S TOWING SERVICE & REPAIR, INC.**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2602 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN AMENDMENT #1 TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CARL'S TOWING SERVICE & REPAIR, INC.

16. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- 26-0031 DOWNTOWN UNIFORM PARKING PROPOSAL, INCLUDING PATH FORWARD FOR IMPLEMENTATION**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

SEEKING APPROVAL TO IMPLEMENT THE DOWNTOWN UNIFORM PARKING PROPOSAL

A motion was made Mayor Halvorson, seconded by Councilmember Young, for staff to take the proposal back to the DAC for proposed adjustments creating 10-hour parking on 14th Avenue between Vandercook and Florida and the side streets of Maple, Broadway, Hudson and Hemlock between 14th Avenue and 15th Avenue and revisiting the recent RWC Downtown Parking Study to ensure these recommendations align with the guiding principles outlined in the study. The motion carried unanimously.

- 26-0042 RESOLUTION NO. 2603 - OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2603 AUTHORIZING THE USE OF OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS FOR APPROVED OPIOID REMEDIATION AND ABATEMENT ACTIVITIES

*A motion was made by Councilmember Kendall, seconded by Councilmember Nichols, to adopt Resolution No. 2603. The motion carried by the following vote:
Ayes: Councilmember Kendall, Councilmember Nichols, Councilmember Young, Councilmember LaFave, Councilmember Bryant, Councilmember Claxton
Nays: Councilmember Halvorson*

- 26-0047 2026 CITY COUNCIL SUMMIT EXPECTATION DISCUSSION**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

PROVIDE DIRECTION FOR THE 2026 CITY COUNCIL SUMMIT

*City Manager Jennifer Wills requested direction for the 2026 city council summit.
Consensus from council: March 13 from 5 to 8 pm and March 14 from 9 am to 1 pm. The*

preferred location is the 911 Center, if not available, locate at the City Hall. No facilitator, use workshop model. Discussion focused on council business, not city business. Items of discussion include: council goals, city manager goals, protocol manual, boards and commissions, and strategic vision. Staff participation as needed. City Manager Wills will bring back an agenda for the council's review.

Councilmember Bryant and Councilmember Claxton volunteered to attend the Revenue Committee on February 9.

17. **MISCELLANEOUS**

18. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

19. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10: p.m.

*Tiffany Ostreim
City Clerk*

*Approved: _____
Mayor*

NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS:

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2025 – 6:00 P.M.