

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the City of Grandview, Texas (“City”), will be held on February 1, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of considering and taking action on all matters on the agenda for the meeting, including approval of two agreements with the law firm of Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP as special counsel to perform all legal services necessary to collect delinquent property taxes and court fines and fees, and authorizing the execution of such agreements.

The agreements to be considered are necessary for the delinquent taxes and court fines and fees owed to the City to be collected in the most effective manner. The City desires that such delinquent tax, penalties and interest be collected as provided in the Texas Tax Code and that all court costs, fines, fees and penalties be collected as provided in the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure.

The Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP firm is fully qualified to provide this representation, being the largest delinquent collection law firm in the State of Texas, as well as the United States and having been engaged in this specialized legal service for more than 45 years. In addition, the Linebarger Goggan Blair and Sampson, LLP firm possesses infrastructure and technology, such as a dedicated ad valorem tax case management system, call center staff, and other tools that the City does not currently possess.

Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP has previously represented the City. The law firm also represents many nearby municipalities with competence and professionalism, in the collection of delinquent property taxes and court fines and fees. The law firm currently represents nearby entities of Alvarado, Burleson, Venus ISD along with many others.

The specialized legal services required by this agreement cannot be adequately performed by the attorneys and supporting personnel of the City due to the high cost of implementing the appropriate infrastructure and technology and employing sufficient in-house attorneys and staff with the level of experience and competence necessary to perform these activities.

Linebarger will be compensated on a contingent fee basis as provided in the Texas Tax Code Sections 6.30, 33.07, 33.08, 33.11, and 33.48 for delinquent property tax cases. The law firm will be compensated on a contingent fee basis as provided in the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, Article 103.0031 for delinquent court fines and fees. These Texas provisions specifically provide for an additional penalty to compensate collection attorneys which is not paid by the City. A contract to pay inside or outside attorneys on an hourly basis would represent an additional cost to the City.

Entering into the proposed agreement is in the best interests of the residents of the City because the delinquent accounts will be professionally and competently collected without the additional costs to the City of implementing infrastructure and technology, and employing in-house personnel or paying outside counsel on an hourly fee basis which would otherwise be required.