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City of Cleburne's Budget Workshop Update

Cleburne, Texas – Fiscal Year 2017 has been an exciting time for the City of Cleburne with the opening of the Depot Stadium and the return of Railroader baseball, the completion of public infrastructure at Cleburne Station, water line system enhancements, major road reconstruction along portions of Nolan River Road and Westhill, and the start of a significant sewer expansion project from US 67 north along the east side of SH 174 towards our northern city limits, just to name a few. We will continue to be active during the upcoming fiscal year as infrastructure projects remain in the forefront. At the same time, we are continuing to focus on internal operations as we seek to improve our processes, service levels and lines of communication.

During the last several years, Cleburne has remained relatively flat with regard to revenues. The upcoming fiscal year is no different. The General Fund, which accounts for the bulk of our operations, is anticipated to have increased in receipts by a nominal 2.4% (or .6% annually) over the last four fiscal years (FY 2015-FY2018).

Through careful planning and deliberation, the city has crafted a proposed budget that will keep property tax rates unchanged for the upcoming fiscal year. The proposed budget for fiscal year 2018 is based on conservative fiscal management practices and balances the needs of the community with available resources. The planning and the strategic use of available funds and resources will be critical if we are to continue to show progress during lean times.

“Our city staff has done an exceptional job creating an efficient and effective budget for FY2018”, Cain said. “This year’s budget focusses on protecting and preserving city assets. This balanced budget includes a substantial investment in road maintenance and upkeep on city facilities. It also includes measures to partner with downtown property owners in bringing our historic downtown back to life. Often, when cities finish a large project like the Depot there is a tendency to slow down and rest. That is not the case in Cleburne.” Cain continued.

Below are some, but not all, of the major proposed fiscal year 2018 city-wide capital purchases and large operating expenses:

- Signal Lights – Nolan River at Cleburne Station
- Replace Dome Liner and Dome Lighting at Splash Station
- Resurface Slide Interior and Replaster the Leisure Pool at Splash Station

- General Vehicle Replacement for Police, Sanitation, Parks & Recreation, and Ambulance
- Gym Floor and A/C Replacement at Booker T. Washington Recreational Center
- Major Street Repair Projects
- Waste Water Treatment Plant Expansion Engineering
- Façade Improvement Program
- Downtown Building Redevelopment Program

“Our staff spent countless hours ensuring that taxpayers get the most bang for their buck by investing in maintenance on the city’s current assets. While our future continues to look bright, our staff has taken the steps to ensure that today is a great day in Cleburne.” Cain said.

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