#### PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR AGREEMENT

between the

CITY OF MANSFIELD, TEXAS

and

**REGIONS BANK** 

Pertaining to

City of Mansfield, Texas General Obligation Refunding Bonds Series 2014

Dated as of December 1, 2013

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#### PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR AGREEMENT

THIS PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR AGREEMENT (the or this "Agreement") is by and between the City of Mansfield, Texas (the "Issuer") and Regions Bank (the "Bank"), a banking corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Alabama and authorized to do business in the State of Texas.

WHEREAS, the Issuer has duly authorized and provided for the issuance of its General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2014 (the "Bonds"), dated as of December 1, 2013, to be issued as registered securities without coupons; and

WHEREAS, all things necessary to make the Bonds the valid obligations of the Issuer, in accordance with their terms, will be taken upon the issuance and delivery thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Issuer is desirous that the Bank act as the Paying Agent for the Issuer in paying the principal and redemption premium, if any, of and interest on the Bonds, in accordance with the terms thereof, and that the Bank act as Registrar for the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Issuer has duly authorized the execution and delivery of this Agreement, and all things necessary to make this Agreement the valid agreement of the Issuer, in accordance with its terms, have been done;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is mutually agreed to the following terms:

#### ARTICLE I

## APPOINTMENT OF BANK AS PAYING AGENT AND REGISTRAR

Section 1.01. <u>Appointment</u>. (a) The Issuer hereby appoints the Bank to act as Paying Agent with respect to the Bonds, in paying to the Owners of the Bonds the principal, redemption premium, if any, and interest on all or any of the Bonds.

- (b) The Issuer hereby appoints the Bank as Registrar with respect to the Bonds.
- (c) The Bank hereby accepts its appointment, and agrees to act as, the Paying Agent and Registrar.
- Section 1.02. <u>Compensation</u>. (a) As compensation for the Bank's services as Paying Agent/Registrar, the Issuer hereby agrees to pay the Bank the fees and amounts set forth in Annex A hereto for the first year of this Agreement, or such part thereof, as this Agreement shall be in effect, and thereafter while this Agreement is in effect, the fees and amounts set forth in the Bank's current fee schedule then in effect for services as Paying Agent/Registrar for municipalities, which shall be supplied to the Issuer on or before 90 days prior to the close of the Fiscal Year of the Issuer, and shall be effective upon the first day of the following Fiscal Year.
- (b) In addition, the Issuer agrees to reimburse the Bank upon its request for all reasonable expenses, disbursements and advances incurred or made by the Bank in accordance

with any of the provisions hereof, including the reasonable compensation and the expenses and disbursements of its agents and counsel.

#### ARTICLE II

#### **DEFINITIONS**

Section 2.01. <u>Definitions</u>. For all purposes of this Agreement, except as otherwise expressly provided or unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms have the following meanings when used in this Agreement:

"Bank" means Regions Bank.

"Bond" or "Bonds" means any or all of the Issuer's General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2014, dated as of December 1, 2013.

"Designated Payment/Transfer Office" means the principal corporate trust office of the Bank located at 1111 W. Mockingbird Lane, Suite 1200, Dallas, Texas or in such other location as designated by the Paying Agent/Registrar. The Bank will notify the Issuer in writing of any change in location of the Designated Payment/Transfer Office.

"Fiscal Year" means the fiscal year of the Issuer.

"Issuer" means the City of Mansfield, Texas.

"Issuer Request" and "Issuer Order" means a written request or order signed in the name of the Issuer by an authorized representative of the Issuer and delivered to the Bank.

"Legal Holiday" means a day on which the Bank is required or authorized to be closed.

"Ordinance" means, the authorizing document of the governing body of the Issuer pursuant to which the Bonds are issued, certified by the Secretary of the governing body of the Issuer or any other officer of the Issuer and delivered to the Bank.

"Owner" means the Person in whose name a Bond is registered in the Register.

"Paying Agent" means the Bank when it is performing the functions associated with the terms in this Agreement.

"Person" means any individual, corporation, partnership, joint venture, association, joint stock company, trust, unincorporated organization or government or any agency or political subdivision of a government.

"Predecessor Bonds" of any particular Bond means every previous Bond evidencing all or a portion of the same obligation as that evidenced by such particular Bond (and, for the purposes of this definition, any Bond registered and delivered under Section 4.06 in lieu of a mutilated, lost, destroyed or stolen Bond shall be deemed to evidence the same obligation as the mutilated, lost, destroyed or stolen Bond).

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"Record Date" means the last business day of the month next preceding an interest payment date established by the Ordinance.

"Register" means a register in which the Issuer shall provide for the registration and transfer of Bonds.

"Responsible Officer" when used with respect to the Bank means the Chairman or Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors, the Chairman or Vice Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors, the President, any Vice President, the Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, the Treasurer, any Assistant Treasurer, the Cashier, any Assistant Cashier, any Trust Officer or Assistant Trust Officer, or any other officer of the Bank customarily performing functions similar to those performed by any of the above designated officers and also means, with respect to a particular corporate trust matter, any other officer to whom such matter is referred because of his knowledge of and familiarity with the particular subject.

"Stated Maturity" means the date specified in the Ordinance as the fixed date on which the principal of the Bond is due and payable or the date fixed in accordance with the terms of the Ordinance for redemption of the Bonds, or any portion thereof, prior to the fixed maturity date.

#### ARTICLE III

#### **PAYING AGENT**

- Section 3.01. <u>Duties of Paying Agent</u>. (a) The Bank, as Paying Agent and on behalf of the Issuer, shall pay to the Owner, at the Stated Maturity and upon the surrender of the Bond or Bonds so maturing at the Designated Payment/Transfer Office, the principal amount of the Bond or Bonds then maturing, provided that the Bank shall have been provided by or on behalf of the Issuer adequate funds to make such payment.
- (b) The Bank, as Paying Agent and on behalf of the Issuer, shall pay interest when due on the Bonds to each Owner of the Bonds (or their Predecessor Bonds) as shown in the Register at the close of business on the Record Date, provided that the Bank shall have been provided by or on behalf of the Issuer adequate funds to make such payments; such payments shall be made by computing the amount of interest to be paid each Owner, preparing the checks, and mailing the checks on each interest payment date addressed to each Owner's address as it appears on the Register.
- Section 3.02. <u>Payment Dates</u>. The Issuer hereby instructs the Bank to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds at the dates specified in the Ordinance.

#### ARTICLE IV

#### REGISTRAR

Section 4.01. <u>Transfer and Exchange</u>. (a) The Issuer shall keep the Register at the Designated Payment/Transfer Office, and subject to such reasonable written regulations as the Issuer may prescribe, which regulations shall be furnished the Bank herewith or subsequent hereto by Issuer Order, the Issuer shall provide for the registration and transfer of the Bonds.

The Bank is hereby appointed "Registrar" for the purpose of registering and transferring the Bonds as herein provided. The Bank agrees to maintain the Register while it is Registrar.

- (b) The Bank as Registrar hereby agrees that at any time while any Bond is outstanding, the Owner may deliver such Bond to the Registrar for transfer or exchange, accompanied by instructions from the Owner, or the duly authorized designee of the Owner, designating the persons, the maturities, and the principal amounts to and in which such Bond is to be transferred and the addresses of such persons; the Registrar shall thereupon, within not more than three (3) business days, register and deliver such Bond or Bonds as provided in such instructions. The provisions of the Ordinance shall control the procedures for transfer or exchange set forth herein to the extent such procedures are in conflict with the provisions of the Ordinance.
- (c) Every Bond surrendered for transfer or exchange shall be duly endorsed or be accompanied by a written instrument of transfer, the signature on which has been guaranteed in a manner satisfactory to the Bank, duly executed by the Owner thereof or his attorney duly authorized in writing.
- (d) The Bank may request any supporting documentation it feels necessary to effect a reregistration.
- Section 4.02. The Bonds. The Issuer shall provide an adequate inventory of unregistered Bonds to facilitate transfers. The Bank covenants that it will maintain the unregistered Bonds in safekeeping and will use reasonable care in maintaining such unregistered Bonds in safekeeping, which shall be not less than the care it maintains for debt securities of other governments or corporations for which it serves as registrar, or which it maintains for its own securities.
- Section 4.03. <u>Form of Register</u>. (a) The Bank as Registrar will maintain the records of the Register in accordance with the Bank's general practices and procedures in effect from time to time. The Bank shall not be obligated to maintain such Register in any form other than a form which the Bank has currently available and currently utilizes at the time.
- (b) The Register may be maintained in written form or in any other form capable of being converted into written form within a reasonable time.
- Section 4.04. <u>List of Owners</u>. (a) The Bank will provide the Issuer at any time requested by the Issuer, upon payment of the cost, if any, of reproduction, a copy of the information contained in the Register. The Issuer may also inspect the information in the Register at any time the Bank is customarily open for business, provided that reasonable time is allowed the Bank to provide an up-to-date listing or to convert the information into written form.
- (b) The Bank will not release or disclose the content of the Register to any person other than to, or at the written request of, an authorized officer or employee of the Issuer, except upon receipt of a subpoena or court order or as otherwise required by law. Upon receipt of a subpoena or court order the Bank will notify the Issuer so that the Issuer may contest the subpoena or court order.

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- Section 4.05. <u>Cancellation of Bonds</u>. All Bonds surrendered for payment, redemption, transfer, exchange, or replacement, if surrendered to the Bank, shall be promptly canceled by it and, if surrendered to the Issuer, shall be delivered to the Bank and, if not already canceled, shall be promptly canceled by the Bank. The Issuer may at any time deliver to the Bank for cancellation any Bonds previously certified or registered and delivered which the Issuer may have acquired in any manner whatsoever, and all Bonds so delivered shall be promptly canceled by the Bank. All canceled Bonds held by the Bank shall be disposed of pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.
- Section 4.06. <u>Mutilated, Destroyed, Lost, or Stolen Bonds</u>. (a) Subject to the provisions of this Section 4.06, the Issuer hereby instructs the Bank to deliver fully registered Bonds in exchange for or in lieu of mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Bonds as long as the same does not result in an overissuance.
- (b) If (i) any mutilated Bond is surrendered to the Bank, or the Issuer and the Bank receive evidence to their satisfaction of the destruction, loss, or theft of any Bond, and (ii) there is delivered to the Issuer and the Bank such security or indemnity as may be required by the Bank to save and hold each of them harmless, then, in the absence of notice to the Issuer or the Bank that such Bond has been acquired by a bona fide purchaser, the Issuer shall execute and upon its request the Bank shall register and deliver, in exchange for or in lieu of any such mutilated, destroyed, lost, or stolen Bond, a new Bond of the same stated maturity and of like tenor and principal amount bearing a number not contemporaneously outstanding.
- (c) Every new Bond issued pursuant to this Section in lieu of any mutilated, destroyed, lost, or stolen Bond shall constitute a replacement of the prior obligation of the Issuer, whether or not the mutilated, destroyed, lost, or stolen Bond shall be at any time enforceable by anyone, and shall be entitled to all the benefits of the Ordinance equally and ratably with all other outstanding Bonds.
- (d) Upon the satisfaction of the Bank and the Issuer that a Bond has been mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen, and upon receipt by the Bank and the Issuer of such indemnity or security as they may require, the Bank shall cancel the Bond number on the Bond registered with a notation in the Register that said Bond has been mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen; and a new Bond shall be issued of the same series and of like tenor and principal amount bearing a number, according to the Register not contemporaneously outstanding.
- (e) The Bank may charge the Owner the Bank's fees and expenses in connection with issuing a new Bond in lieu of or exchange for a mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Bond.
- (f) The Issuer hereby accepts the Bank's current blanket bond for lost, stolen, or destroyed Bonds and any future substitute blanket bond for lost, stolen, or destroyed Bonds that the Bank may arrange, and agrees that the coverage under any such blanket bond is acceptable to it and meets the Issuer's requirements as to security or indemnity. The Bank need not notify the Issuer of any changes in the security or other company giving such bond or the terms of any such bond, provided that the amount of such bond is not reduced below the amount of the bond on the date of execution of this Agreement. The blanket bond then utilized by the Bank for lost, stolen or destroyed Bonds by the Bank is available for inspection by the Issuer on request.

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Section 4.07. <u>Transaction Information to Issuer</u>. The Bank will, within a reasonable time after receipt of written request from the Issuer, furnish the Issuer information as to the Bonds it has paid pursuant to Section 3.01, Bonds it has delivered upon the transfer or exchange of any Bonds pursuant to Section 4.01, and Bonds it has delivered in exchange for or in lieu of mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Bonds pursuant to Section 4.06 of this Agreement.

#### ARTICLE V

#### THE BANK

Section 5.01. <u>Duties of Bank</u>. The Bank undertakes to perform the duties set forth herein and in accordance with the Ordinance and agrees to use reasonable care in the performance thereof. The Bank hereby agrees to use the funds deposited with it for payment of the principal of, redemption premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds to pay the Bonds as the same shall become due and further agrees to establish and maintain all accounts and funds as may be required for the Bank to function as Paying Agent.

Section 5.02. <u>Reliance on Documents, Etc.</u> (a) The Bank may conclusively rely, as to the truth of the statements and correctness of the opinions expressed therein, on certificates or opinions furnished to the Bank.

- (b) The Bank shall not be liable for any error of judgment made in good faith by a Responsible Officer, unless it shall be proved that the Bank was negligent in ascertaining the pertinent facts.
- (c) No provisions of this Agreement shall require the Bank to expend or risk its own funds or otherwise incur any financial liability for performance of any of its duties hereunder, or in the exercise of any of its rights or powers, if it shall have reasonable grounds for believing that repayment of such funds or adequate indemnity satisfactory to it against such risks or liability is not assured to it.
- (d) The Bank may rely and shall be protected in acting or refraining from acting upon any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, direction, consent, order, certificate, note, security, or other paper or document believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed or presented by the proper party or parties. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing statement, the Bank need not examine the ownership of any Bonds, but is protected in acting upon receipt of Bonds containing an endorsement or instruction of transfer or power of transfer which appears on its face to be signed by the Owner or an attorney-in-fact of the Owner. The Bank shall not be bound to make any investigation into the facts or matters stated in a resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, direction, consent, order, certificate, note, security or other paper or document supplied by Issuer.
- (e) The Bank may consult with counsel, and the written advice of such counsel or any opinion of counsel shall be full and complete authorization and protection with respect to any action taken, suffered or omitted by it hereunder in good faith and in reliance thereon.

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- (f) The Bank may exercise any of the powers hereunder and perform any duties hereunder either directly or by or through agents or attorneys and the Bank.
- Section 5.03. <u>Recitals of Issuer</u>. (a) The recitals contained herein and in the Bonds shall be taken as the statements of the Issuer, and the Bank assumes no responsibility for their correctness.
- (b) The Bank shall in no event be liable to the Issuer, any Owner or Owners or any other Person for any amount due on any Bond except as otherwise expressly provided herein with respect to the liability of the Bank for its duties under this Agreement.
- Section 5.04. <u>May Hold Bonds</u>. The Bank, in its individual or any other capacity, may become the owner or pledgee of Bonds and may otherwise deal with the Issuer with the same rights it would have if it were not the Paying Agent/ Registrar, or any other agent.
- Section 5.05. <u>Money Held by Bank</u>. (a) Money held by the Bank hereunder need not be segregated from any other funds provided appropriate accounts are maintained.
- (b) The Bank shall be under no liability for interest on any money received by it hereunder.
- (c) Subject to the provisions of Title 6, Texas Property Code, any money deposited with the Bank for the payment of the principal or redemption premium, if any, of or interest on any Bond and remaining unclaimed for three years after final maturity of the Bond will be paid by the Bank to the Issuer, and the Owner of such Bond shall thereafter look only to the Issuer for payment thereof, and all liability of the Bank with respect to such monies shall thereupon cease.
- (d) The Bank will comply with the reporting requirements of Chapter 74 of the Texas Property Code.
- (e) The Bank shall deposit any moneys received from the Issuer into a trust account to be held in a fiduciary capacity for the payment of the Bonds, with such moneys in the account that exceed the deposit insurance available to the Issuer provided by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation to be fully collateralized with securities or obligations that are eligible under the laws of the State of Texas and to the extent practicable under the laws of the United States of America to secure and be pledged as collateral for trust accounts until the principal and interest on the Bonds have been presented for payment and paid to the owner thereof. Payments made from such trust account shall be made by check drawn on such trust account unless the owner of such Bonds shall, at its own expense and risk, request such other medium of payment.
- Section 5.06. <u>Indemnification</u>. The Issuer agrees to indemnify the Bank, its officers, directors, employees and agents for, and hold them harmless against, any loss, liability or expense incurred without negligence or bad faith on their part, arising out of or in connection with its acceptance or administration of the Bank's duties hereunder, and under Article V of the Ordinance, including the cost and expense (including its counsel fees) of defending itself against any claim or liability in connection with the exercise or performance of any of its powers or duties under this Agreement, to the extent allowed by law.

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Section 5.07. <u>Interpleader</u>. The Issuer and the Bank agree that the Bank may seek adjudication of any adverse claim, demands or controversy over its persons as well as funds on deposit in a court of competent jurisdiction; waive personal service of any process; and agree that service of process by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, to the address set forth in this Agreement shall constitute adequate service. The Issuer and the Bank further agree that the Bank has the right to file a Bill of Interpleader in any court of competent jurisdiction in the State of Texas to determine the rights of any person claiming any interest herein.

#### ARTICLE VI

#### MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Section 6.01. <u>Amendment</u>. This Agreement may be amended only by an agreement in writing signed by both of the parties hereof.

Section 6.02. <u>Assignment</u>. This Agreement may not be assigned by either party without the prior written consent of the other.

Section 6.03. <u>Notices</u>. Any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other document provided or permitted hereby to be given or furnished to the Issuer or the Bank shall be mailed or delivered to the Issuer or the Bank, respectively, at the addresses shown below:

if to the Issuer: City of Mansfield, Texas

1200 E. Broad Street Mansfield, Texas 76063

Attention: Director of Business Services

if to the Bank: Regions Bank

1111 W. Mockingbird Lane, Suite 1200

Dallas, Texas 75247

Attn: Corporate Trust Department

Section 6.04. <u>Effect of Headings</u>. The Article and Section headings herein are for convenience only and shall not affect the construction hereof.

Section 6.05. <u>Successors and Assigns</u>. All covenants and agreements herein by the Issuer shall bind its successors and assigns, whether so expressed or not.

Section 6.06. <u>Separability</u>. In case any provision herein shall be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

Section 6.07. <u>Benefits of Agreement</u>. Nothing herein, express or implied, shall give to any Person, other than the parties hereto and their successors hereunder, any benefit or any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim hereunder.

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Section 6.08. <u>Entire Agreement</u>. This Agreement and the Ordinance constitute the entire agreement between the parties hereto relative to the Bank acting as Paying Agent/Registrar and if any conflict exists between this Agreement and the Ordinance, the Ordinance shall govern.

Section 6.09. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each which shall be deemed an original and all of which shall constitute one and the same Agreement.

Section 6.10. <u>Termination</u>. (a) This Agreement will terminate on the date of final payment by the Bank issuing its checks for the final payment of principal and interest of the Bonds.

- (b) This Agreement may be earlier terminated upon 60 days written notice by either party, provided that no resignation by the Bank shall be effective until a successor has been appointed by the Issuer and has accepted the duties imposed by this Agreement. The resigning Paying Agent/Registrar may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor Paying Agent/Registrar if an instrument of acceptance by a successor Paying Agent/Registrar has not been delivered to the resigning Paying Agent/Registrar within sixty (60) days after the giving of notice of resignation.
- (c) The provisions of Section 1.02 and of Article Five shall survive, and remain in full force and effect following the termination of this Agreement.

Section 6.11. <u>Governing Law</u>. This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of Texas.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the day and year first written above.

## CITY OF MANSFIELD, TEXAS

| 1              | Ву: _ |       |
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|                |       | Mayor |
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| ATTEST         |       |       |
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| City Secretary |       |       |

# REGIONS BANK as Paying Agent/Registrar

| Ву: _  |  |  |  |
|--------|--|--|--|
| Title: |  |  |  |

## ANNEX A

## Fee Schedule