

City of
LIVINGSTON



A GREAT PLACE TO CALL HOME

2015
ANNUAL ★ REPORT

A Message from our Mayor



Livingston City Council - Standing: Elgin Davis, Bill Wiggins, Ray Luna;
Seated: Mayor Clarke Evans, Judy Cochran

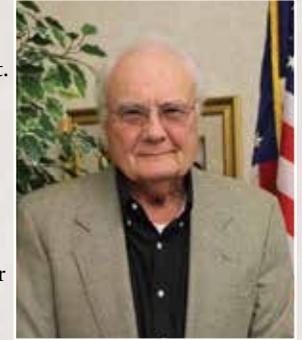
Dear Fellow Citizens:

Once again it is my privilege to report to you on the operation of our city during the past year. As you will see, the City moved forward in 2015 with various major capital improvement projects to meet the continuing growth in our community:

- The expansion of the city's water treatment plant on FM 350 South to increase production from 3 MGD to 5 MGD to meet increased water supply needs in the community.
- The construction of an electric express feeder to connect the Livingston substation on the east side of the city with the Ogletree substation on the west side of the city for redundancy in electric operations within the city limits.
- A major renovation project wherein more than 6 miles of existing city streets were rehabilitated and improved.
- The expansion and upgrade of a major sanitary sewer lift station which serves the US 190 West and US 59 bypass area to meet the needs in this area.

As we begin 2016, we will begin the process of developing a new 5-year strategic plan for our community, with input from the citizens, supervisory personnel and the City Council.

One of the highlights of 2015 was the 100th anniversary celebration of the Livingston Volunteer Fire Department. There is no way we can adequately thank the many special individuals who have volunteered to protect and serve our community throughout the past 100 years, but we all know how very special these firefighters are and just how much they have meant to our community.



Mayor Clarke Evans

In my position as Mayor, I am able to meet with community organizations and individuals on a regular basis who demonstrate their willingness to serve our community in a variety of ways. We are fortunate to have so many "volunteers" to work with us to ensure that Livingston remains "a great place to call home" for future generations. I continue to be grateful to our city employees, our management staff and to the members of our City Council for their selfless commitment and involvement. It is my honor to serve as Mayor of this community.

Sincerely,

Clarke Evans, Mayor

DATE OF INCORPORATION:

October 3, 1902

CITY CHARTER:

General City Law

FORM OF GOVERNMENT:

Council/Manager

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Mayor and five Council members

TERM OF OFFICE:

Two years

REGULAR MEETINGS:

2nd Tuesday of each month at 5pm

SPECIAL MEETINGS:

Called by Mayor



City Council & Administration

- The resignation of Alderman Ray Hill was accepted by Council effective January 2, 2015. Mayor Evans presented a resolution of appreciation to Mr. Hill at the January council meeting in recognition of his service.
- Mayor Evans accepted a proclamation from the Harris County Sheriff's Office Junior Mounted Posse in recognition of the kick-off for the 83rd Annual Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo.
- The Robert Rankin Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution presented a 50th Anniversary Vietnam War Commemorative Flag to the City and held a ceremony of dedication and flag raising to honor and thank the Vietnam War veterans for their service to the nation.
- Alderman Elgin Davis was appointed to serve on the Deep East Texas Council of Governments Board of Directors to fill the remainder of the term vacated by Mr. Hill. In June, Council reappointed Alderman Davis to serve for the term 7/1/15 - 6/30/16.
- Council received a request from Debbie Mayes, Director of Operations for the Polk County Commerce Center, for funding from hotel occupancy tax revenue to assist in promotional advertising and marketing of events held at the Polk County Commerce Center. Council approved an agreement with the Polk County Higher Education & Technology Foundation for funding to the Polk County Commerce Center from hotel occupancy tax funds in the amount of \$15,000.00 for the calendar year 2015 with the amount to be reviewed annually.
- Council authorized the sale of the Murphy Memorial Library property and improvements located at 601 W. Church Street to Jacque Delahoussaye, dba Airway Partners, in the amount of \$151,000.10.
- Council presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the First Baptist Church for their third annual RISE UP! Day of Service which included over 1,000 participants from six local churches giving of their time and talents to provide community service project assistance to the City of Livingston as well as numerous school districts and non-profit service organizations in the area.
- Mayor Evans was reappointed to serve on the Sam Rayburn Municipal Power Agency Board of Directors for the 2015-2017 term.
- Mayor Evans presided over the Flag Day Ceremony & American Flag Presentation Friday, June 12, 2015 honoring World War II Veteran James David Coogler, Jr., sponsored by the American Legion Post #312.
- The Robert Rankin Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution dedicated a bench to the City and held a ceremony of dedication at Anniversary Park on Veteran's Day to honor all veterans of the United States military.
- Council approved the payment of \$4,200.00 as the City of Livingston's pro-rata share of the annual funding of the Brazos Transit District service.
- The City hosted a tourism organizational planning meeting to review and coordinate tourism advertising and marketing programs. Representatives were included from the City, Chamber, Merchants Guild, Main Street, Trade Days and Commerce Center.
- The City conducted an online auction of surplus vehicles and equipment.
- Effective July 2015, the City changed our emergency notification system from CODERED to Blackboard Connect.



Finance Department

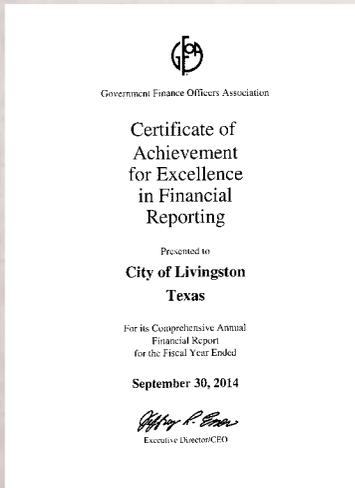
The City was awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association for its 2014 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. This is the 27th consecutive year the City has earned this prestigious national award.

REVENUES	
Property Tax	-0-
Sales Tax	\$3,488,475
Hotel Occupancy Tax	\$297,152
Gross Receipts Tax	\$142,040
Administrative Department	\$239,553
Sanitation Department	\$1,041,025
Fire Department	\$75,343
Police Department	\$299,425
Street Department	\$4,155
Parks and Recreation	\$108,773
Library	\$44,422
Trade Days	\$66,928
Electric Department	\$15,003,762
Water Department	\$2,707,222
Sewer Department	\$1,892,459
Grant Funds	\$219,600
TOTAL REVENUES	\$25,630,334

EXPENDITURES	
Administrative Department	\$590,106
Sanitation Department	\$701,256
Fire Department	\$396,935
Police Department	\$1,882,423
Street Department	\$536,667
Parks and Recreation	\$645,306
Library	\$350,495
Trade Days	\$288,554
Garage Department	\$201,151
Electric Department	\$9,828,087
Water Department	\$3,630,435
Sewer Department	\$717,097
Capital Improvements	\$2,947,680*
Debt Service	\$1,283,975
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$24,000,167

*Includes \$444,342 in bond proceeds for library and water tank capital projects.

MUNICIPAL COURT 2015 VIOLATIONS	
Total Fines and Fees Collected	\$198,870.70
Traffic Violations	4,108
Criminal Violations	243
Other Violations	51
Total Violations	4,402



Community & Economic Development

- The Department sponsored its annual Community Cleanup at Pedigo Park on May 2nd to allow residents of the City to dispose of old bicycles, stoves, refrigerators, furniture and similar items.
- Josh Mohler, Fire Marshal/Code Enforcement Officer, continued to work on a city-wide cleanup of junked vehicles.
- The Polk County Adult Probation Department assisted with litter collection with monthly community service work days.
- The Community Development Department conducted 452 inspections during 2015.
- Texas Slam Baseball & Softball Academy located at 411 West Park Drive expanded its facility in 2015 with the addition of a new concession stand with restrooms.
- Council approved an ordinance amending Chapter 1 of the Code of Ordinances increasing the penalty for dumping of refuse.

Building Permits were issued for:

- *Church Street Financial – 2123 US 190 West (new construction)*
- *Stripes Convenience Store and Café – 2301 US 190 West (new construction)*
- *Chicken Express – 1840 US 190 West (new construction)*
- *Texas Slam – 411 West Park Drive (new concession stand/restrooms)*
- *First United Methodist Church – 2801 US 190 West (new garage)*
- *Walmart – 1620 W. Church (remodel)*
- *Livingston Fitness Center – 601 W. Church (remodel)*
- *Premier Nail Bar – 202 N. Washington (remodel)*
- *Pit Row Pit Stop Café – 402 First Street (remodel)*
- *Milam Street Coffee House & Bakery – 705 N. Washington (remodel)*

2015 BUILDING PERMIT RECAP

TYPE	NUMBER	VALUATION
Residential – New	3	\$495,000
Commercial – New	6	\$3,357,000
Residential & Commercial - Addition/Alteration	47	\$2,784,280
Pools/Storage Buildings/Other	4	\$126,260
Demolition	2	
Plumbing	95	
Electrical	92	
Air Conditioning	19	
Sign	23	
Others	3	
Totals 2015	294	\$6,762,540
Totals 2014	305	\$9,473,160



Police Department



- Escorted and assisted with traffic control for several parades and events throughout the year including the Livingston Volunteer Fire Department 100th Anniversary Parade, the Dunbar Alumni Association Parade, the Spirit Ride bicycle event, the Jingle Bell Fun Run/Walk and the annual lighted Christmas Parade.
- Livingston Police Chief Dennis Clifton assisted with the Region 6 Special Olympic Basketball Tournament by cooking hamburgers for the 14 teams that participated in the tournament. The Livingston Go-Getters placed 3rd and 5th and did an awesome job.
- The Livingston Police Department celebrated National Public Safety Telecommunications Week April 12th through April 18th and expressed appreciation for the dedication and professionalism of the department's telecommunicators.
- Officer Scott Paske gave a presentation at Livingston Junior High for the Hometown Hero event.
- Livingston police officers assisted the teachers and staff of Timber Creek Elementary School with their field trip to Sonic.
- The 'City Slickers' Basketball Team, made up of employees from various City departments, competed in a basketball competition with the 'Go Getters' Livingston Special Olympics Basketball Team, coached by Detective Marty Drake. The City Slickers team was once again defeated.
- Officer Kevin Blackburn co-sponsored the Livingston Junior High Crime Stoppers program and participated in numerous activities throughout the school year.
- The Livingston Police Department's Caran Coward Memorial Scholarship was awarded to four graduating seniors from Livingston High School. Scholarships were presented by Officer Chad Lilley. Department employees raised funds for the scholarships by selling barbecue sandwiches.
- The Livingston Police Department presented public safety programs to various civic organizations in the community.
- Detective Marty Drake and Officer Kaleb Barker gave a presentation to the Beacon Bay Baptist Church on "Prevention of Scams, Fraud & Identity Theft."
- Participated in the 9-11 remembrance ceremony at Livingston High School football game that honored police, fire and EMS personnel.
- Attended training throughout the year including legal update training and intermediate Spanish.
- Partnered with the Texas Department of Public Safety and Walmart for the second annual "Shop with a Cop" event where several local children were treated to breakfast with the officers before going on a shopping spree.
- Two new patrol vehicles and two new detective vehicles were put into service.

Livingston Volunteer Fire Department

During 2015, the Livingston Volunteer Fire Department celebrated 100 years of volunteer service to Livingston, Polk County and surrounding counties. A wreath-laying ceremony was held at LVFD Fire Station No. 1 on August 23, 2015 and Chief Cochran presented a history of the Livingston Volunteer Fire Department. The 100th Anniversary Celebration was held on Saturday, October 24, 2015 and began with a fire apparatus and emergency vehicle parade through Livingston to the Livingston High School. The program included various presentations by speakers and elected officials and concluded with a roll call of deceased members and final honors in their memory. The Polk County Go Texan Committee prepared a catfish dinner with all the trimmings for those in attendance.

- In February, the Department held its annual fire training school, attended by over 400 students and instructors from over 95 different fire departments throughout Texas.



- The Livingston Volunteer Fire Department provides Livingston and the surrounding area with fire prevention, fire protection, medical first responders, rescue operations and hazardous material responses. The Department covers 250 square miles of property in its initial response area. The Department also provides mutual aid to the other ten departments in Polk County. In 2015, the Livingston Volunteer Fire Department responded to 531 calls for service, including 249 inside the City and 282 outside the City.
- Livingston Volunteer Fire Department introduced “Ready, Set, Go” which is a voluntary assistance program to assist property owners with assessments of their property to reduce wildfires.
- Throughout the year, members of the Department attended training at various locations to meet their continuing education requirements; the Department also provided fire prevention and fire safety programs to schools, civic groups and organizations throughout the County.



TYPE OF CALL	CITY	COUNTY
Automatic Alarm	77	8
Commercial Building Fire	10	6
Residential Fire	13	32
Mobile Home/Trailer Fire	0	11
Car/Truck Fire	15	17
Control Burn	0	10
Unauthorized Outside Burn	8	17
Grass Fire	6	42
Woods/Forest Fire	3	16
Dumpster Fire	2	0
Smoke in Building	2	1
First Responder	8	18
Jaws	10	28
Wreck	14	17
Bomb Threat	0	0
Search	0	0
Rescue	8	2
Lake Rescue	0	0
Hazardous Material	4	5
Electrical Hazard	7	4
Fumes/Vapor	16	2
Leak	10	0
Spill	4	3
False Alarm	1	2
Miscellaneous	0	1
Assists	31	40
TOTAL FIRE CALLS	249	282
GRAND TOTAL	531	



Livingston Municipal Library



Livingston Municipal Library, in its newly renovated location at the corner of Tyler and Milam Streets, offered exciting educational events throughout 2015. The three community meeting rooms were utilized throughout the year. The Friends of the Library hosted two book sales in their space on the second floor.

- The Library hosted the TAME Trailblazer II exhibit in January and several genealogy workshops during 2015.
- In March, the library hosted two sessions of the 'Edge of Imagination' interactive and mobile stop motion animation lab complete with experimental workspaces and custom software that provided a dynamic learning experience.
- The Library hosted the F.R.E.D. - Fathers Read Every Day event which encourages fathers to take an active role in their children's education by reading to them on a daily basis.
- The 'Every Hero Has A Story' summer reading program provided programs for children, including Storytime for preschoolers, Toddler Time for infants and toddlers, and offsite Storytime and Toddler Time to children in local schools and daycare centers. Special events included Science on Stage: Cool Chemistry, Fictional Heroes, Animal Heroes, Civil War, Earth Science on Wheels, Heroes without Capes & Magic Workshop, Family Game Time, Texas A & M Chemistry Road Show, African Dance & Drum Ensemble, Summer Reading Awards Celebration, Movie Day, and School Supply Giveaway.

- The Friends of the Library provided funds to purchase large print books, children's books and the Houston Chronicle as well as \$1,500 to allow the library to continue membership with the Piney Woods Digital Consortium. In addition, the Friends of the Library provided prizes for the summer reading program and hosted a Book Adoption Day in July and November.
- Council approved and adopted the long-range plan for the Livingston Municipal Library for 2015 through 2018.
- The Library hosted 'The Artic Express' program during Hometown Christmas including puppets, magic, storytelling, music and audience participation. This imaginary train ride magically takes kids around the world to learn about winter holidays around the world. Refreshments were served following the presentation.

STATISTICS

- 51,059 Customers entered the library
- 53,977 Items were checked out
- 1,691 Reference questions were asked of library staff
- 1,655 Items were added to the collection
- 848 New customers registered and 1,080 customers renewed their memberships
- 7,883 Hours of computer access to 8,491 customers were provided
- 7,981 Customers used the library's wireless access for 9,554 hours
- 119 eBooks were purchased
- 6,362 Digital items (eBooks and downloadable audiobooks) were checked out by customers

Livingston Main Street

Livingston Main Street continues to help revitalize downtown Livingston. Main Street distributed over \$26,000 in reimbursement grant funds to downtown business and building owners in 2015 bringing the total amount of reimbursement grant monies to almost \$200,000 since 2005. All of this money has been raised by local fundraisers – the program receives no federal or state financial assistance.

- Members of the Main Street Advisory Board are Betty Russo, Patricia Snook, Jeremy Buie, Debbie Cooper, Marilyn Sutton, Thom Bruning, Jim Wright, Kevan Wood and Ron Boyce.
- The Livingston Main Street Program received National Accreditation from the National Historic Trust for the 8th consecutive year. Only a small percentage of the 1,600 Main Street cities across the United States receive this honor.
- The 9th annual Downtown Trash & Treasures Garage Sale was held in November. Over the years, this has turned into a mini-festival with food, arts and crafts, and gift vendors. It was held in the covered parking area of the downtown First State Bank.
- Main Street provided promotional support for numerous events including Livingston Community Band Concerts and several events held at the Polk County Commerce Center including the Ogden Jubilee, The Cleverly's concert, and Ricky Skaggs concert. The concerts were well attended and the music was great.
- The façade of the Main Street office was restored in April of 2015. The stucco was removed and the brick underneath was restored. A new awning, front door and trim were installed to complete the restoration.

- Once again, HEB donated 100 pumpkins to Main Street for fall decorating of the downtown area.
- Main Street again joined with all City departments to host the Hometown Christmas Festival. An estimated 10,000 people visited the downtown area to watch the Jingle Bell Fun Run and shop for food and gifts from over 170 vendor spaces located along Jackson Street. The lighted parade and visits with Santa ended a day of fun.
- Main Street continued to distribute coloring books featuring pictures of downtown buildings drawn by Livingston Art League.
- Livingston Main Street sponsored the Tree of Lights remembrance project and assisted with the installation of a 25-foot tree and name display in Anniversary Park.
- The Livingston Main Street Facebook page has over 5,000 friends and has become an important tool for informing citizens of events in our local area. The Main Street "Who's Downtown" campaign showcased all businesses in the Main Street District and developed a downtown directory.
- Main Street partnered with the F.A.I.T.H Military Support Group for the 4th annual Independence Day "Picnic in the Park". A live band, a car and motorcycle show, hot dogs provided by our local Sonic and watermelon provided by HEB made this a memorable 4th of July celebration. In 2015 a patriotic themed kid's bicycle parade and bounce houses were added to the celebration.



Electric Department



- Assisted the Sam Rayburn Municipal Power Agency's contractor Kulaga Construction Company with the construction of an electric express feeder to connect the Livingston electric substation on the east side of Livingston with the Ogletree electric substation on the west side of Livingston to provide increased reliability and redundancy in the city's electrical distribution system.
- Maintained lights at Livingston Municipal Complex, Livingston Municipal Airport, tennis courts, baseball fields, Livingston Municipal Library, Barney Wiggins Memorial Arena Fairgrounds, Matthews Street Park and LVFD fire training field.
- Assisted in the Electrical Safety Training at the Annual Livingston Volunteer Fire Department Fire School.
- Continued maintenance of rights-of-way throughout the City including mowing of vegetation, tree trimming and removal of dead or problem trees.
- Performed routine maintenance of both Livingston and Ogletree electric substations.
- Participated in the annual lighted Christmas parade with a float.
- Assisted with roof replacement project at Barney Wiggins Memorial Arena including removal and replacement of light fixtures, the relocation of electrical service in some areas, and the trimming of trees along the south side of the arena. In addition, four new poles were set at the new entrance to fairgrounds off of Fair Street.
- Assisted with installation of Livingston Main Street 'Tree of Lights' in Anniversary Park, the lighted chandelier at the intersection of Polk and Jackson and the new pine cone pole decoration at Milam and Jackson.
- Electric linemen participated in six safety meetings hosted by Texas Electric Cooperatives.
- Installed three 50 kva transformers and metering equipment, one span of #4 primary, set new pole and hung crossarms to serve Melbo's Convenience Store.
- Ran new service to Habitat for Humanity house on Colita.
- Installed electrical service to newly constructed storage building at wastewater treatment plant.
- Replaced two spans of primary overhead line with one span of secondary underground on Matthews Street.
- Connected new electrical service at Matthews Street Park Walking Trail for additional lighting installed in coordination with Sam Houston Electric Cooperative's community service project.
- Installed new electrical service to storage building constructed at Livingston Municipal Golf Course.
- Maintained night lights, street lights and floodlights throughout the City.
- C.M. Joslin completed tree trimming along the electric distribution lines in the northeast section of the City.

Public Works Department

STREET DEPARTMENT

- The 2014-2015 Texas Community Development Block Grant Project – Circle Drive Street Improvements was completed during 2015. The total bid of \$247,881.25 was awarded to Longview Bridge & Road, Ltd.
- Additionally, the 2015 Street Improvement Project was completed. The total bid of \$1,447,942.25 was awarded to Longview Bridge & Road, Ltd. More than six miles of city streets were improved.
- Ditch maintenance and drainage improvements were made throughout the city.
- Sign maintenance and signage improvements were made throughout the city.
- Continued the brush collection program picking up vegetative debris and brush once a month in each quadrant of the city.
- Continued aquatic vegetative control in Whataburger pond.
- A new front sidewalk with steps and new side and back entrance upgrades were made at Miss Effie's Cottage to improve accessibility.

WATER & WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT

- The exterior and interior cleaning and painting project at the Walnut Street water tank on Cemetery Hill was completed. The bid was awarded to Utility Service Co., Inc. for a total base bid of \$153,600.
- The annual Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Study was completed on schedule with corrections of direct storm water inflow into the sanitary sewer system as research and data collection required.

- Construction continued on the Trinity River Authority project for the expansion and rehabilitation of the City's existing water treatment plant on FM 350 South. The expansion will increase daily water production from 3 MGD to 5 MGD to meet increased water supply needs in the community. Construction began in November, 2013 on the \$16,148,000 project.
- Construction began on improvements to the sanitary sewer lift station located adjacent to the Relax Inn on US Highway 59 South bypass. The bid was awarded to Duplichain Contractors, LLP for a total base bid of \$403,010 and the additional bid for odor control in the amount of \$48,000.
- Continued with fire hydrant maintenance and replacement throughout town.
- Continued with upgrades to the water distribution system in various parts of town.

GARAGE DEPARTMENT

- Maintained 33 generators that supply electricity to various city facilities during power outages.
- Maintained and repaired more than 135 pieces of equipment/vehicles used by all city departments.
- Maintained fuel supply and fuel operations at Livingston Municipal Airport.
- Fabricated and repaired specialty tools for all city departments.
- Installed emergency lighting, radios and other equipment in new service vehicles.
- Completed construction of wash rack at Public Works facility.



Trade Days / Special Events

Trade Days completed its 16th year of operation with an average of 150 vendors attending each monthly event. Advertising efforts attracted vendors from as close as our hometown of Livingston to as far away as Wisconsin, Utah, South Dakota, Montana, Arizona, Illinois, California, Minnesota and Iowa. Zip code information collected from shoppers showed visitors from Minnesota, Arkansas, Missouri, Montana, North Carolina, Wisconsin, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Florida, South Dakota, Ohio and all areas of Texas.

- Trade Days special events included the 14th Annual Spring Outdoor Expo in March, the Texas Pioneer Bird Show in May, and the annual Dog Show in November. Trade Days hosted the annual Hot Dog Supper for vendors in August and the Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner for vendors in November.
- The City's 16th annual Easter Eggstravaganza drew large crowds of children hunting more than 20,000 Easter eggs stuffed with candy and prize tokens. Local businesses donated candy and more than 200 prizes, including bicycles, tricycles, swimming pools, sports equipment, Easter baskets, stuffed animals, electronic toys and learning games.
- The annual Kids Fishing Frenzie tournament was held in April for children from toddlers to age 16. The event promotes an interest in fishing. The Texas Game Wardens Association stocked Pedigo Park Pond with catfish; other sponsors included C.H. Marine, First National Bank, First State Bank, and the V.E.W.

- The Volunteer Appreciation Dinner was held in April with the theme "M&M ~ Our Volunteers are Magnificent & Marvelous." Without its volunteers, the City of Livingston would be unable to host the many special events and youth sports leagues throughout the year.
- The annual Hometown Christmas celebration attracted many visitors. The Jingle Bell Fun Run included 312 walkers and runners, many in costume. Vendors, Bouncy – The World's Tallest Snowman, Toboggan Tunnel roller sledding ride, and carriage rides were popular attractions surrounding City Hall. The Train Village was popular throughout the month of December. The Hometown Christmas event concluded with a lighted evening parade and visits with Santa at City Hall.



Parks & Recreation Department

Pedigo Park was the site for several community events, including the Annual Polk County Relay for Life for the American Cancer Society, the Habitat for Humanity Challenge Walk, the Christmas Hay Ride in the Park, the First Annual Color Fun Run, the First Baptist Church “A Night In Bethlehem” and the Angelina College K-9 Certification Program training session.

- The Texas Independence Day Celebration was held at the Old City Cemetery in February and was sponsored by the Polk County Historical Commission.
- The United States Fastpitch Association held their World Series Winter Tournament at the Livingston Girls Softball Complex located in Pedigo Park in February.
- The 70th Annual Trinity-Neches Livestock Show & Rodeo was held at the Barney Wiggins Memorial Rodeo Arena in March and included 4-H and FFA youth exhibitors from Livingston and Polk county. Events included a BBQ cook-off, livestock show, washer tournament, arts & crafts exhibits, food show, ag mechanics exhibits, horticulture exhibits, sweetheart contest, rodeo and livestock auction.
- Matthews Park Swimming Pool offered a summer full of activities including swimming lessons for over 426 children, including Water Babies, Water Waddles for 3-year-olds and regular swim lessons for children 4 years old and older.
- Matthews Street Pool is the home of the Livingston Sea Lions Swim Team, including swimmers from age 6 to 18. The Sea Lions had another successful year in 2015.
- The 55th Annual Polk County Youth Rodeo was held at the Barney Wiggins Memorial Rodeo Arena in July.
- The Parks and Recreation Department created a wide array of special Christmas lighting throughout the City.
- Numerous tournaments were hosted by Livingston Youth Baseball Association and Livingston Girls Softball Association bringing in many families to spend the weekend in Livingston.
- New playground equipment was installed at Matthews Street Park replacing equipment that was installed in 1992.
- A new picnic pavilion was constructed adjacent to the back pond and girls softball fields.
- In July, the City entered into a 5-year lease agreement with Bobby Brame for the operation of the Livingston Municipal Golf Course, a 9-hole course located adjacent to Matthews Street Park.



City of Livingston Personnel

ADMINISTRATIVE & UTILITY BILLING



Marilyn Sutton
City Manager / Finance Officer



Administrative - Seated: Linda Hammond,
Debbie Clack; Standing: Jim Wright,
Ellie Monteaux



Patricia Crawford,
Utility Billing Supervisor



Utility Billing Staff
Julie Miller, Carla Dunning, Jerri Greene

LIVINGSTON MUNICIPAL COURT



Associate Judge Gene Bush, Sarah Milner,
Judge Mack Coats

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



Ben Buchanan, Community Development
Coordinator and Cheryl Paul

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Jerry Marsh, Building Official

MAIN STREET



Bob Zeigler, Main Street Manager



City of Livingston Personnel

TRADE DAYS/SPECIAL EVENTS



Stacy Edwards, Lynn Riley, and Toni Fuller, Trade Days/
Special Events Coordinator

FIRE DEPARTMENT



Josh Mohler, Fire Marshal

LIBRARY DEPARTMENT



Priscilla Emrich, Library Director



Library Staff – Marilee McGuyer, Luisa Santiago, Nita Kuehn,
Sabrina Jackson, Kimberly Perkins

ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT



Dewayne Oates,
Electric Superintendent



Electric Crew – Scott Langston, Bud Farrar, Derrick Richardson, Jamie Valdez,
Gunnard Elliott, Cedric Ivory

GARAGE DEPARTMENT



Keith Foxworth, Garage Superintendent and Scott Bradley



City of Livingston Personnel

POLICE DEPARTMENT



Dennis Clifton, Police Chief



Melissa Blackburn, Animal Control Officer



Administrative Staff –
Trisha Stinson and Michelle Lilley



Telecommunications – Standing – Gina Whitehouse,
Laura Lopez, Stephnie Smith. Seated – Lafay West



Row One: Lt. Matt Parrish, Sgt. Ronnie Bogany, Sgt. Lewis Milner, Sgt. Darrell Newman, Sgt. Chad Ward, Det. Leon Middleton, Det. Marty Drake. Row Two: Kaleb Barker, Kevin Blackburn, Brandon Brewer, Dallas Early, Chad Lilley, Scott Paske, Jason Thomas. Row Three: Tito Reyes, Kevin Ward, Adam Williford, Sgt. Mike deVilleneuve (Reserve), Nita Bowen (Reserve), Donald Dyson (Reserve), Mark Taylor (Reserve)



City of Livingston Personnel

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT



Hec Long,
Public Works Director



Street Crew – George Kirkpatrick, Carlos Orosco, Jason Cunningham, Clint Walters, Jose Ojeda, Ryan Tolar



Parks Crew – Sal Ramirez, Jeffery Hunter, Wyatt Pitts, Cody Marsh
(Not Pictured – Raymond Gilshenan)



Paul Baker, Assistant
Public Works Director



Jeff Hunter, Water/Wastewater
Compliance Coordinator



Water Crew – Wesley Green, Jason Britton, Jason Cecil, Shawn Nichols, Travis McCreight, Calvin Bogan, John Jacobs



Wastewater Crew – Ernesto Zuniga, Tim Smith, Tony Revis



Employee Appreciation and Awards Banquet

The City held its 23rd annual Employee Appreciation and Awards Banquet on February 5, 2016 to recognize employees for their service and efforts during 2015.

Service Awards were presented to 7 employees. Volunteer awards were presented to 35 employees. Attendance Awards were presented to 15 employees. Safety Awards were presented to 42 employees.

Departmental Safety awards were presented to the Fire, Garage, Parks & Recreation, and Wastewater Departments for working without on-the-job injuries or at-fault vehicular accidents during 2015.



ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT

Debbie Clack - Volunteer
Linda Hammond - Volunteer
Ellie Monteaux - Service 15 Years
Marilyn Sutton - Volunteer
Jim Wright - Volunteer

UTILITY BILLING

Patricia Crawford - Volunteer
Carla Dunning - Attendance and Volunteer
Jeri Greene - Volunteer
Julie Miller - Volunteer

LIBRARY

Priscilla Emrich - Volunteer and Service 30 Years
Sabrina Jackson - Attendance
Nita Kuehn - Volunteer
Luisa Santiago - Service 5 Years

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Stacy Edwards - Safety and Volunteer
Toni Fuller - Volunteer
Lynn Riley - Safety and Volunteer

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:

Ben Buchanan - Volunteer
Cheryl Paul - Volunteer



MAIN STREET

Bob Zeigler - Volunteer

MUNICIPAL COURT

Sarah Milner - Volunteer

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Corky Cochran - Volunteer

GARAGE DEPARTMENT

Scott Bradley - Safety

Keith Foxworth - Volunteer

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Kaleb Barker - Safety and Service 10 Years

Kevin Blackburn - Safety

Melissa Blackburn - Safety

Ronnie Bogany - Attendance and Safety

Brandon Brewer - Attendance and Safety

Dennis Clifton - Volunteer

Marty Drake - Safety and Volunteer

Dallas Early - Attendance and Safety

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Leon Middleton - Attendance, Safety and Volunteer

Lewis Milner - Attendance and Safety

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Matt Parrish - Volunteer

Scott Paske - Safety

Jason Thomas - Safety

Chad Ward - Attendance and Safety

Kevin Ward - Attendance and Safety

Lafay West - Attendance

Gina Whitehouse - Attendance

Adam Williford - Safety

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Bud Farrar - Safety

Cedric Ivory - Safety

Scott Langston - Safety

Dewayne Oates - Volunteer

Derrick Richardson - Safety and Volunteer

Jamie Valderez - Volunteer

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Paul Baker - Safety, Volunteer and Service 15 Years

Jeff Hunter - Volunteer

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George Kirkpatrick - Safety

Jose Ojeda - Safety

Carlos Orosco - Service 15 Years

Ryan Tolar - Safety

Clint Walters - Safety

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Jeffery Hunter - Volunteer

Cody Marsh - Safety and Volunteer

Wyatt Pitts - Attendance, Safety and Volunteer

Sal Ramirez - Safety

WATER DEPARTMENT

Calvin Bogan - Safety

Jason Britton - Attendance and Safety

Jason Cecil - Safety

Wesley Green - Safety and Volunteer

John Jacobs - Safety

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Tim Smith - Attendance and Safety

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