

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF POLK
CITY OF LIVINGSTON**

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**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 13, 2026
5:00 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Livingston, Texas convened in regular session in Council Chambers at City Hall at 5:00 P.M., January 13, 2026, with the following members present:

Judy B. Cochran	)	Mayor
Alan Cook	)	Councilmembers
Bobby Jackson, Sr.)	
Andy Evans)	
Billy S. Wiggins	)	City Manager
Ellie Monteaux	)	City Secretary/Assistant City Manager
Scott Ferguson	)	City Attorney

and the following others present:

Sgt. Ronnie Bogany	)	Livingston Police Department
Lt. Jack Mueller)	
Chief Corky Cochran	)	Livingston Volunteer Fire Department
Chance Eppars	)	Ewald Kubota
Lynn Riley	)	Main Street/Special Events Coordinator
Isabel Gobel	)	Gobel West
Scott Rayburn	)	Community Development Coordinator
Byron Black	)	Self
Toni Lee Wood	)	Self

Emily Banks Wooten) Polk County Enterprise

Mayor Cochran called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. and called on Alderman Evans to open the meeting with prayer and the pledges.

Mayor Cochran recognized Sergeant Ronnie Bogany and presented a Certificate of Appreciation honoring Sgt. Bogany's retirement following 29 years of service to the City of Livingston and Livingston Police Department.

(Ronnie Bogany and Corky Cochran retired from the meeting.)

The City Manager presented the draft minutes of the regular meeting of December 9, 2025 for approval. It was moved by Alderman Cook and seconded by Alderman Jackson that the minutes of the regular meeting of December 9, 2025, be approved. All present voted aye.

Mayor Cochran announced the Public Hearing to receive public comment regarding the proposed ordinance adding Section 10-30 to Article II of Chapter 10 (Buildings and Structures) of the Code of Ordinances Regulating Fences. Community Development Coordinator Scott Rayburn and City Attorney Scott Ferguson reviewed the need and requirements for the proposed ordinance regulating fences. Discussion ensued relative to the required sight triangle, dumpster enclosures, structures to be "grandfathered," and the need to address flood plain issues related to fences.

Mayor Cochran opened the Public Hearing at 5:12 P.M. to receive public comment regarding the proposed ordinance adding Section 10-30 to Article II of Chapter 10 (Buildings and Structures) of the Code of Ordinances Regulating Fences. Mayor Cochran called for anyone speaking in favor of the proposed ordinance. Byron Black spoke in support of the proposed ordinance. Mayor Cochran called for anyone speaking against the proposed ordinance. No one present spoke against the proposed ordinance. Mayor Cochran called for anyone present who may have questions concerning the proposed ordinance. Toni Wood asked if existing signs that block traffic would be addressed. Discussion ensued relative to the sign that blocks traffic at the corner of West and Washington. Mayor Cochran advised Ms. Wood that the Community Development Department would investigate the sign mentioned.

Mayor Cochran closed the Public Hearing at 5:16 P.M.

The City Manager presented a proposed ordinance adding Section 10-30 to Article II of Chapter 10 (Buildings and Structures) of the Code of Ordinances Regulating Fences. Discussion ensued relative to procedure for variances and the appeal process. It was moved by Alderman Evans that the ordinance be approved with additional clarification on Section 1(d) regarding the definition of the "sight triangle" as mentioned in today's presentation. Discussion ensued relative to the recommendation of Community Development Coordinator Scott Rayburn that a diagram be included in the permit application itself rather than within the ordinance regarding sight impairment on corners to allow for updates as necessary. Alderman Evans withdrew his request for additional clarification on Section 1(d) and moved that the proposed ordinance be approved as presented. Alderman Cook seconded the motion for approval. All present voted aye. The ordinance, as adopted, is captioned as follows:

"ORDINANCE NO. A-857

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LIVINGSTON,
TEXAS, ADDING SECTION 10-30 TO ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER
10 (BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES) OF THE CODE OF
ORDINANCES, THEREBY ESTABLISHING A CODE REGULATING
FENCES WITHIN THE CITY OF LIVINGSTON, TEXAS."**

The City Manager recognized Community Development Director Scott Rayburn and City Attorney Scott Ferguson who provided Council with an overview of preliminary recommended ordinance amending multiple sections of Chapter 28 (Manufactured Homes and Parks) of the Code of Ordinances. Scott Rayburn requested that a Public Hearing be set regarding the proposed ordinance. Discussion ensued regarding the proposed ordinance, manufactured homes, industrial modular housing, parking of RV's on streets, the addition of the term "non-site built manufactured residential structure (NSBMRS)" and definition thereof. Scott Rayburn reviewed the tentative schedule for presentation of additional ordinances regarding manufactured homes and travel trailer/motor homes.

Mayor Cochran called a Public Hearing for February 10, 2026, at 5:00 P.M. to receive public comment regarding the proposed ordinance amending multiple sections of Chapter 28 (Manufactured Homes and Parks) of the Code of Ordinances.

The City Manager presented Polk County's annual request for the City's pro-rata share of \$4,200.00 in funding for the Brazos Transit District service. Discussion ensued relative to the request for statistics regarding use of the transit service and the breakdown of the amount paid by each contributing city.

It was moved by Alderman Jackson and seconded by Alderman Evans that the payment of \$4,200.00, as the City of Livingston's pro-rata share of annual funding of the Brazos Transit District service, be approved. All present voted aye.

The City Manager recognized Lynn Riley, Main Street Manager/Special Events Coordinator, who provided Council with an overview of the Livingston Main Street program. Discussion ensued relative to fund raising events in the Main Street area and the expansion of vendor spaces at the Livingston Hometown Christmas event.

The City Manager presented a proposed resolution approving the selection of Langford Community Management Services for Grant Administration Services of the Texas General Land Office CDBG-DR Grant for Infrastructure Improvement Project(s). It was moved by Alderman Cook and seconded by Alderman Jackson that the resolution, as introduced, be approved and adopted. All present voted aye. The resolution, as approved, is captioned as follows:

"RESOLUTION NO. 645

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIVINGSTON, TEXAS APPROVING THE SELECTION OF LANGFORD COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR GRANT ADMINISTRATION SERVICES OF THE TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE CDBG-DR GRANT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT(S); AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

The City Manager presented a proposed resolution approving the selection of The Brannon Corporation as Consulting Engineers for the design and implementation of the Texas General Land Office CDBG-DR Grant for Infrastructure Improvement Project(s). It was moved by Alderman Evans and seconded by Alderman Cook that the resolution, as introduced, be approved and adopted. All present voted aye. The resolution, as approved, is captioned as follows:

"RESOLUTION NO. 646

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIVINGSTON, TEXAS APPROVING THE SELECTION OF THE BRANNON CORPORATION, AS CONSULTING ENGINEERS FOR THE DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE CDBG-DR GRANT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT(S); AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

The City Manager presented the Accounts Over \$2,500.00 for approval. Discussion ensued relative to the purchase of a bucket truck for the Electric Department and the process in place for department heads to make purchases of equipment. It was moved by Alderman Jackson and seconded by Alderman Evans that the accounts over \$2,500.00, as submitted, be approved. All present voted aye.

The City Manager reported on the following items:

- A) Polk County Chamber of Commerce Banquet - Thursday, January 29, 2026 at the Polk County Commerce Center
- B) Sales Tax - The January sales tax report from the State Comptroller for the month of November 2025 reflects \$443,190.70, an increase of 1.92% from November 2024.
- C) Update of Development - The City Manager provided an update of 17 commercial projects and 7 residential home permits.
- D) July 4th Celebration of 250th Anniversary of the United States - The City Manager advised Council that this event is in the planning stages and will take place at Pedigo Park during the day.
- E) 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony - The City Manager advised that this event that is scheduled to be held on Friday, September 11, 2026, will be expanded to include the celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the United States.
- F) Livingston Municipal Golf Course Cart Path Project - The City Manager reported that the Cart Path Project is 99% complete.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, it was moved by Alderman Cook and seconded by Alderman Jackson that the meeting be adjourned at 5:57 P.M. All present voted aye.

SIGNED:



Judy B. Cochran, Mayor

ATTEST:



Ellie Monteaux, TRMC, MMC, CPM
City Secretary/Assistant City Manager

