

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF POLK §
CITY OF LIVINGSTON §

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 14, 2022
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., June 14, 2022, with the following members present:

Judy B. Cochran)	Mayor
Alan Cook)	Councilmembers
Raymond Luna)	
Elgin Davis)	
Clarke Evans)	
Marion 'Bid' Smith)	
Billy S. Wiggins)	City Manager
Ellie Monteaux)	City Secretary/Assistant City Manager
James Wright)	City Attorney

and the following others present:

Chad Nobles)	Ameresco
Yvonne King)	Polk County Chamber of Commerce
Brenda Clifton)	

Lt. Marty Drake) Livingston Police Department

Emily 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.

It was moved by Alderman Cook and seconded by Alderman Evans that the minutes of the regular meeting of May 10, 2022 and special meeting of May 17, 2022 be approved. All present voted aye.

The City Manager recognized Chad Nobles, Senior Account Executive with Ameresco, who provided Council with a detailed overview of the project for replacement of water and electric meters and the implementation of automatic metering infrastructure (AMI). Mr. Nobles advised Council that, following Local Government Code 302, the project would be implemented using a Cooperative Purchasing Agreement (791 Cooperative) to select and contract with Ameresco to provide a turn-key project with a firm fixed price in the amount of \$5,087,423.00.

(Marty Drake retired from the meeting.)

Mr. Nobles reviewed the key objectives in the project which are to provide greater transparency to citizens regarding their water and electricity usage, to reduce loss and unaccounted for water, to address aging infrastructure, to reduce operating costs and to comply with the EPA Lead/Copper Rule.

(Alderman Davis entered the meeting.)

Discussion ensued relative to financial information for the project, timeline for ordering of materials and completion of the project, installation of automatic meter infrastructure to read electric meters and water meters, and collection of pipe type information on both sides of the water meter for reporting to the EPA. It was moved by Alderman Cook and seconded by Alderman Luna that the water and electric meter replacement project and automatic metering infrastructure (AMI) implementation be approved, as presented. All present voted aye.

The City Manager presented a letter dated May 20, 2022 that was received from DETCOG regarding the Regional Mitigation Program Method of Distribution (MOD) Funding Notification. The Texas General Land Office (GLO) allocated \$161,542,000

to DETCOG to develop a method of distribution for the Regional Mitigation Program as part of the State of Texas CDBG Mitigation Action Plan as amended. Through the DETCOG MOD, the City of Livingston is included as a potential recipient of funding in the amount of \$2,541,000.00. This funding does not require a local match. This amount is subject to change as the public participation process is completed and until approved by GLO. The City of Livingston was required to sign and return the form to accept or decline the funds allocated through the MOD no later than June 8, 2022. City Manager Bill Wiggins completed the form to acknowledge and accept funding through the Regional Mitigation Program and submitted the form to DETCOG. It was moved by Alderman Davis and seconded by Alderman Smith to ratify the action taken by the City Manager in responding to the letter that the City of Livingston will accept the funding through the Regional Mitigation Program Method of Distribution, as presented. All present voted aye.

The City Manager advised the Council that a member of the Council needs to be appointed to serve on the DETCOG Board of Directors for the term July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. It was moved by Alderman Cook and seconded by Alderman Smith that Alderman Davis be appointed to serve on the DETCOG Board of Directors for the term July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. All present voted aye.

The City Manager presented the Accounts Over \$500 for approval. It was moved by Alderman Cook and seconded by Alderman Davis that the accounts over \$500.00, as submitted, be approved for payment. All present voted aye.

The City Manager reported on the following items:

A) Events for June and July 2022

Livingston Farmers & Artisan Market - Saturdays from 7:00 AM to 10:00 AM
at Anniversary Park

Polk County Youth Rodeo Kickoff, Cookoff & Barn Party - Saturday, June 18
at Barney Wiggins Memorial Fairgrounds & Arena

3rd Annual Smoke in the Pines BBQ Cookoff - June 24 & 25 at Pedigo Park

July 4th Picnic in the Park - Monday, July 4th at Anniversary Park

61st Annual Polk County Youth Rodeo - July 6 to July 9 at Barney Wiggins
Memorial Fairgrounds & Arena

Friends of the Library Book Fair - Friday, July 15 at the Library

B) Sales Tax - The June sales tax report from the State Comptroller for the month April reflects \$399,212.94, an increase of 6.38% over April, 2021.

C) Update of Projects and Development - The City Manager provided an update of current projects, development and demolitions.

- D) Sam Rayburn Municipal Power Agency (SRMPA) - The City has been contacted by Bruce Mintz, Executive Director of SRMPA, and put on alert for possible load shedding according to the system in place for the three member cities.
- E) LISD School Resource Officers - Police Department personnel have been working with the LISD for a number of years on active shooter response and LISD wants to have an officer at every campus. The officers are hired through the City of Livingston and the City is reimbursed by the school district. During the summer months and school breaks, the officers continue to work on regular duties of the Livingston Police Department.
- F) Investment Report - The City Manager provided Council with an update of the current investments as required by the City's Investment Policy.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, it was moved by Alderman Cook and seconded by Alderman Smith that the meeting be adjourned at 6:37 P.M. All present voted aye.

SIGNED:



Judy B. Cochran, Mayor

ATTEST:



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

