

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

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL
JULY 13, 2021
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., July 13, 2021, 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:

Delmy Reyes)	Texas Department of Transportation Area Engineer
Ricky Taylor)	Texan EMS

Mayor Cochran called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. and called on Alderman Smith 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 June 8, 2021 be approved. All present voted aye.

(Ricky Taylor and Alderman Davis entered the meeting.)

The City Manager recognized Delmy Reyes, Area Engineer with Texas Department of Transportation, who provided Council with an update of current and future transportation projects that will affect the City. Discussion ensued relative to the various traffic studies to be conducted, the right turn lane at McDonald's, the need for synchronization of traffic signals, increase of heavy traffic on US Highway 190 West, installation of sidewalk on East Church Street and the significant improvement in communication between TXDOT and the City.

(Delmy Reyes retired from the meeting.)

The City Manager advised Council that Dr. Elias Kanaan has served as the City's Health Authority since his first appointment in 2005. Dr. Kanaan is willing to serve an additional 2-year term should the Council appoint him. Upon the recommendation of the City Manager, it was moved by Alderman Luna and seconded by Alderman Cook that Dr. Elias Kanaan be reappointed as the City of Livingston Local Health Authority for the term July 1, 2021 through July 1, 2023. All present voted aye.

The City Manager presented an engagement letter from Harper and Pearson Company to perform the audit for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021. Discussion ensued relative to language included on Page 3 of the letter regarding required audit procedures and relative to the engagement of Harper and Pearson to complete the audit. It was moved by Alderman Evans and seconded by Alderman Cook that Mayor Cochran be authorized to execute the engagement letter with Harper and Pearson Company for the audit for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021 for an expected total fee of between \$27,000 and \$29,000. All present voted aye.

The City Manager presented the City of Livingston Investment Policy for annual review by the Council, in accordance with Section 16 of the Investment Policy, and a report of the current investments. The City Manager reviewed the policy and advised Council that there are no amendments or changes being presented at this time. Discussion ensued relative to the requirements of the policy and the status

of current investments. It was moved by Alderman Smith and seconded by Alderman Cook that the City of Livingston Investment Policy be approved as adopted on July 10, 2018. Discussion ensued relative to the investment of funds in accordance with the investment policy. All present voted aye.

It was moved by Alderman Evans and seconded by Alderman Cook that the accounts over \$500.00, as submitted, be approved for payment. All present voted aye.

Mayor Cochran called a Public Hearing for September 14, 2021 at 5:00 P.M. on the possible determination as unsafe and/or dilapidated buildings, the abandoned buildings, located at 154 Banks Drive, Livingston, Texas, and being situated on a called 3.489 acre tract of land, more or less, and an appurtenant 0.062 acre access easement, situated in the M. L. Choate Survey, A-15, Polk County, Texas, as described in a deed dated April 12, 2002, from Richard R. Hubert and Virginia Hubert to Marvin Louis Hamilton, recorded in Volume 1262, Pages 739 et seq. of the Official Public Records of Polk County, Texas, and consisting of Lots 1 through 4 and Lots 7 through 10, Block 7 of the Livingston Cochran Addition (inclusive of streets) described in a deed dated January 15, 2015 from B. M. Burkhalter, Sr. and wife, Rita Burkhalter to Robert Hill, recorded in Volume 1981, Pages 306 et seq. of the Official Public Records of Polk County, Texas.

The City Manager reported on the following items:

- A) Update of Projects and Development - The City Manager provided an update of current projects and development.
- B) Events -
 - Livingston Municipal Library Summer Reading Program - The Tails & Tales Summer Reading Program continues through July 21, 2021
 - Friends of the Library Book Fair - Friday, July 16th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
 - Family Luau Pool Party - Saturday, July 31st from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at Matthews Street Pool. The pool will close to the public Saturday, August 14th.

(Ricky Taylor and Jim Wright retired from the meeting.)

Mayor Cochran called the Council into executive session at 6:10 P.M., pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074 (Personnel - Performance Evaluation of City Manager).


(Bill Wiggins and Ellie Monteaux retired from Executive Session.)

Council reconvened in open session at 6:58 P.M.

It was moved by Alderman Luna and seconded by Alderman Cook that the City Manager be given a 5.0% increase in salary effective October 1, 2021. All present voted aye.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, it was moved by Alderman Cook and seconded by Alderman Davis that the meeting be adjourned at 7:08 P.M. All present voted aye.

SIGNED:



Judy B. Cochran, Mayor

ATTEST:



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

