

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

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**CITY COUNCIL**  
**August 11, 2020**  
**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., August 11, 2020, with the following members present:

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

and the following others present:

Jason Chlappek	)	Polk County Enterprise
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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.

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It was moved by Alderman Smith and seconded by Alderman Cook that the minutes of the regular meeting of July 14, 2020 be approved. All present voted aye.

The City Manager advised Council that Ordinance A-813 regarding procedures for distributed energy resource (DER) residential solar energy systems and installations includes a monthly DER fee of \$19.95 which is before the City Council for discussion and possible action. Discussion ensued relative to options available regarding the fee including reduction, elimination, or suspension of the fee and preparation of an ordinance amendment for consideration at the September meeting of the City Council. It was moved by Alderman Cook and seconded by Alderman Smith that the City Manager and City Attorney be directed to prepare a proposed ordinance amending Code Section 40-23(d)6 to suspend the monthly Distributed Energy Resource (DER) fee until and if it becomes necessary with the proposed ordinance to be presented to City Council at the September 8, 2020 City Council Meeting. All present voted aye.

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

The City Manager presented Pay Request No. 11 of Maguire Iron, Inc. in the amount of \$38,237.50. Kirk Bynum, Project Manager with the Brannon Corporation, has reviewed the pay request and recommended approval. This amount represents fabrication of the West Street Tower and the Walnut Street Tower. Based on the recommendation of the City Manager and Project Engineer, it was moved by Alderman Cook and seconded by Alderman Smith that Payment Request No. 11 in the amount of \$38,237.50 to Maguire Iron, Inc., payable from local funds, be approved as presented. All present voted aye.

The City Manager reported on the following items:

A) Update on Projects and Development - The City Manager provided the Council with an update of current projects and development.

B) Upcoming Events:

Livingston Farmers Market - The Farmers Market has finished for this year.

Matthews Street Pool - The pool has closed for the season.

9/11 Remembrance Ceremony - Planning is underway for Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at City Hall with a modified format following CDC guidelines and social distancing.

C) Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) - The City Manager advised Council of the latest statistics for Polk county and the City's response to coronavirus/COVID-19.

D) Sales Tax - The July sales tax report from the State Comptroller will be available August 14, 2020 for the month of June 2020.

The City Manager presented the preliminary budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year and requested that Council continue its review of the budget prior to the September meeting so that any desired changes can be discussed prior to its scheduled adoption.

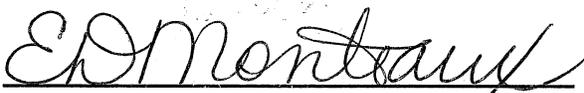
Mayor Cochran called a public hearing for Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. on the budget for the fiscal year 2020-2021.

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 5:36 P.M. All present voted aye.

**SIGNED:**

  
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**Judy B. Cochran, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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