

Regular Meeting of the Livingston Mayor and Board of Alderman on June 6, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Alderman Present: John Clough
Rex Dale
Ken Dodson
David Langford
Chris Speck

Alderman Absent: Kelly Coleman

Mayor Curtis Hayes called the meeting to order.

Rex Dale made the motion to accept the minutes as handed out. John Clough seconded the motion. The vote was 5 yes and 0 no.

Ken Dodson made the motion to add lawnmower bid to the agenda. Chris Speck seconded the motion. The vote was 5 yes and 0 no.

Daniel Tribble of J. R. Wauford & Co. gave an update on the water projects. The pump for the raw water intake should be shipped 2 weeks from today. He discussed the automated meter reading system. We are waiting on SRF for priority rating.

Ray Evans, Chairman of the Downtown Revitalization Committee, informed the Board that the committee had applied for a TN Dog Park Dash Grant.

Representatives of Highlands TN gave an update on the programs. Their goal is to help businesses in the Upper Cumberland area to grow and prosper. They will be opening a Highlands Training Center this fall.

Austin Farmer of Retail Coach reported that they had been working on identifying the retail leakage and they will be working on recruiting new retailers to Livingston.

Tammy Kennedy and Missy Trent were present to thank the City for all their help and support with the LA Prom. It was a great success.

Tiffany Whited, Small Business Support Specialist, discussed the need for childcare centers in Overton County. There are currently 149 childcare spots. She stated that unfortunately there are no start up grants for daycare centers.

Alan Lingerfelt of Symmetry Energy Solutions gave an update on the natural gas market.

Mayor Hayes presented Ordinance 2022-6-1 (Rezoning Paranyoto properties located on Church Street, East 4th Street and Oakland Park from R-1(Low Density Residential), C-1 (Local Commercial) to I-1 (Light Industrial)).

Kristian Mansell, Codes Enforcement Officer, reported that 1 neighbor had reached out about the rezoning. He stated that the owner would have to meet all setback requirements.

After discussion, Ken Dodson made the motion to pass the first reading on Ordinance 2022-6-1. Chris Speck seconded the motion. The vote was 3 yes with Rex Dale and David Langford voting no.

Mayor Hayes reported that Alderman Coleman was in Greece. An email from Alderman Kelly Coleman was read requesting a special called meeting to discuss police department.

No action was taken on having a special called meeting.

City Attorney John Meadows stated that Alderman Coleman had requested being able to join this meeting by Zoom. He stated that participating via Zoom is no longer allowed. Only someone that is deployed is permitted to participate by Zoom.

City Attorney Meadows stated that the investigations of the evidence room by the Comptroller's Office and TBI and District Attorney Dunaway have been completed.

Mayor Hayes stated that the finding from the Comptroller's Office concerning money being deposited into the Drug Fund instead of General Fund is being corrected. All that money is accounted for.

Mayor Hayes stated that in reference to the \$27,000.00 missing from the Evidence Room at the police department, he had suspended Chief Etheredge until tonight's meeting and Amy Stalker was no longer the evidence clerk, she will just be the police department secretary.

Alderman Speck stated that he felt that the chief has done a really good job and that he has saved us money. He stated that the missing funds was not taxpayer money.

Chris Speck made the motion to recommend that Chief Etheredge be suspended for 3 weeks, be on a 6-month probation period and he is to give the Board of Alderman a monthly report on the evidence room and the activities of the police department. John Clough seconded the motion.

Upon discussion:

Alderman Langford stated that he did not agree with this motion.

Alderman Clough stated that the situation is serious and there are several ways to handle the situation. There needs to be root core analysis and to work through these problems. We need to look at the problems and see what needs to be re-evaluated.

Vice-Mayor Dodson stated that the finding of money being deposited into Drug Fund instead of General Fund has been corrected and that correctible actions are being taken in the evidence room.

The vote was 3 yes with David Langford and Rex Dale voting no.

Mayor Hayes reported that only 1 bid had been received on a lawnmower for Sewer Plant. The bid was as follows:

Full Mower Service \$11,563.97

Ken Dodson made the motion to accept the bid from Full Mower Service in the amount of \$11,563.97. Rex Dale seconded the motion. The vote was 5 yes and 0 no.

Mayor Hayes presented a revised land acquisition agreement from Barge Designs in the amount of \$23,578.00.

Ken Dodson made the motion to approve the revised agreement. John Clough seconded the motion. The vote was 5 yes and 0 no.

Ken Dodson made the motion to adjourn. Chris Speck seconded the motion. The vote was 5 yes and 0 no.

Mayor

ATTEST: _____

