

Regular Meeting of the Livingston Mayor and Board of Alderman on August 1, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at Livingston City Hall.

Alderman Present: John Clough  
Kelly Coleman  
Ken Dodson  
Rex Dale

Alderman Absent: David Langford

Mayor Curtis Hayes called the meeting to order.

John Clough made the motion to accept the minutes as handed out. Rex Dale seconded the motion. The vote was 4 yes and 0 no.

Arno Proctor had 5 questions that he would like to get answers on.

Mayor Hayes stated that he had two minutes to address the Board.

Kelly Coleman made the motion to give Arno Proctor time to talk. John Clough seconded the motion. The vote was 4 yes and 0 no.

Mr. Proctor stated that he was concerned on how the situation was handled with the missing funds at the Police Department, when the Alderman knew about the problem and other concerns. He would like for the Board to update the citizens at the Board meeting.

Mr. Robert McDaniel of 503 Evans Street had a complaint about dogs being abused by his next-door neighbor. The dogs did not have any water, etc.

Mayor Hayes stated that according to the report from Sheriff Garrett, who had a report from the veterinarian stating that the dogs were in good condition.

Interim Police Chief Ray Smith gave an update on the evidence room. They have hired 3 uncertified officers. They have also hired Ricole Morgan as dispatcher to replace Tracy Dishman who resigned. He stated that they had 15 items to put on GOV.Deals.

Kelly Coleman made the motion to approve the selling of these items on GOV.Deals. Ken Dodson seconded the motion. The vote was 4 yes and 0 no.

Warren Nevad of MTAS was present to discuss MTAS helping with the Police Chief Search.

Alderman Coleman stated that there would probably be a limited number of applications because of the pay scale. He thought that the city could do the interviewing themselves. He also stated that there is

someone present tonight that meets the requirement of being the chief of police and that we need to give Ray Smith an opportunity.

Alderman Clough stated that we need to see what is out there.

After discussion, Rex Dale made the motion to have MTAS help us with the process of putting out the ad, hiring and interview process. Ken Dodson seconded the motion. The vote was 3 yes with Kelly Coleman voting no.

Alderman Coleman discussed term limits. He has polled the surrounding cities and some of them have term limits. He encouraged the Board to consider term limits and changing the charter to a City Manager type charter.

Mayor Hayes stated that he met with the Director of Schools and that the State is no longer giving grants to schools for SRO's.

Alderman Coleman ask the mayor to meet with the County to see if they could help with the cost for SROs at the schools in the city.

Ken Dodson made the motion to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$107,750.40 and pursue asking the County to help fund the SROs for the schools in Livingston. John Clough seconded the motion. The vote was 3 yes with Kelly Coleman voting no.

Mayor Hayes stated that he had 3 letters for the open position for Alderman. Arno Proctor, Judy Smith, and former Alderman Chris Speck's letter recommending Bill Linder to fill his unexpired term.

After discussion, Ken Dodson made the motion to appoint Bill Linder as alderman to fill the unexpired term of Chris Speck. Kelly Coleman seconded the motion. The vote was 4 yes and 0 no.

Interim Attorney Danny Rader discussed the open city attorney position. He stated that they would advertise for request of qualifications for attorney in Municipal Attorneys Association, MTAS, etc.

Kelly Coleman made the motion to have Danny Rader advertise for the open position for attorney. Rex Dale seconded the motion. The vote was 4 yes and 0 no.

Ken Dodson made the motion to adjourn. Rex Dale seconded the motion. The vote was 4 yes and 0 no.

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