

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

Alderman Present: John Clough
Rex Dale
Ken Dodson
Bruce Elder
David Langford (late)
Bill Linder

Alderman Absent: None

Mayor Curtis Hayes called the meeting to order.

Rex Dale made the motion to accept the minutes with the correction of changing the name from Robert McDonald to Robert McDaniel. John Clough seconded the motion. The vote was 5 yes and 0 no.

Ken Dodson made the motion to approve the addition of the following items to the agenda.

10. Vermeer Heartland - Chipper

11. LPD Report

12. Lawn mower bid

Bill Linder seconded the motion. The vote was 5 yes and 0 no.

Ray Evans, Chairman of the Downtown Revitalization Committee, gave an update on the 4 grants. He also stated that they are working on the 2022-23 budget, and it should be ready to present soon.

Mayor Hayes reported that Ray Evans had submitted his resignation as Chairman effective October 15, 2022. It is recommended that Gene Gantt be the new chairman.

David Langford made the motion to approve Gene Gantt as Downtown Revitalization Chairman. John Clough seconded the motion. The vote was 6 yes and no.

The Board discussed hiring Ray Evans as Consultant for TDOT projects and other Downtown Revitalization projects for \$2000.00 per month. This fee would be paid out of downtown revitalization funds.

Ken Dodson made the motion to approve the hiring of Ray Evans as consultant. Bill Linder seconded the motion. The vote was 5 yes with David Langford voting no.

Devona Wright of Air Evac was present to discuss membership. The cost would be \$65.00 per employee and that would cover the members of their household too. She asked the Board to consider this for next year's budget.

Ashley Walton addressed the Board about the Upper Cumberland Community Registered Nurse Navigator. This is a grant through the TN Dept. of Health.

Attorney Danny Rader presented the Board with an Agreement to Repay Training Costs in the event of voluntary separation. This will be for new hires.

Bill Linder made the motion adopt this agreement. Rex Dale seconded the motion. The vote was 6 yes and 0 no.

John Clough made the motion to pass the first reading on Ordinance 2022-9-1 (An Ordinance to amend Section XI, Subsection Q of the Livingston Personnel Policy. Ken Dodson seconded the motion. The vote was 6 yes and 0 no.

Sheree Jolley, Utility Billing Clerk, reported on the required water line survey that all water customers must complete.

Mayor Hayes presented the state bid from CMI Equipment for a 2024 Garbage truck in the amount of \$203,467.96. If this truck was ordered today, it would probably be a year before we received it.

Ken Dodson made the motion to purchase the garbage truck in the amount of \$203,467.96. Bill Linder seconded the motion. The vote was 6 yes and 0 no.

Ken Dodson made the motion to approve the purchase of Christmas Décor not to exceed \$10,000.00. John Clough seconded the motion. The vote was 6 yes and 0 no.

Andre Greppen was the only applicant for City Attorney.

After discussion, John Clough made the motion to hire Andre Greppen as City Attorney. Ken Dodson second the motion. The vote was 6 yes and 0 no.

Ken Dodson made the motion to approve the purchase of a chipper from Vermeer Heartland in the amount of \$68,000.00. Rex Dale seconded the motion. The vote was 6 yes and 0 no.

Interim Police Chief Ray Smith gave an update on the Livingston Police Department.

He also requested that Shane Barlow be hired as a certified police officer.

Mayor Hayes disclosed that Shane Barlow was his brother-in-law.

Rex Dale made the motion to hire Shane Barlow as police officer. David Langford seconded the motion. The vote was 6 yes and 0 no.

Bill Linder ask how many officers worked the street. Ray Smith stated that there were 8 officers that worked the street.

John Clough ask about a specified plan for on-going training in the police department. Ray Smith stated that of the new officers six of them must go to training.

Mayor Hayes presented the bids for Ballpark lawnmower. The bids were as follow:

- a. Tri-Green \$11,700.00
- b. Full Mower Service 11,796.75

Mayor Hayes recommended that they accept the bid from Full-Service Mower since they were local.

Bill Linder made the motion to accept the bid from Full-Service Mower. Ken Dodson seconded the motion. The vote was 6 yes and 0 no.

Mayor Hayes stated that there would be a work session in October to discuss alderman compensation, pay scale and charter changes.

Mr. Robert McDaniel addressed the Board about animal cruelty at his neighbor Ray Smith's house.

Ken Dodson made the motion to adjourn. Bill Linder seconded the motion. The vote was 6 yes and 0 no.

Mayor

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