

Regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderman on November 7, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at Livingston City Hall.

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

Alderman Absent: None

Mayor Curtis Hayes called the meeting to order.

Bill Linder made the motion to accept the minutes as handed out. Rex Dale seconded the motion. The vote was 6 yes and 0 no.

Ken Dodson made the motion to add part-time employee Ray Evans to the agenda and remove Item 6. Bill Linder seconded the motion. The vote was 6 yes and 0 no.

Downtown Revitalization Chairman Gene Gantt gave an update on the various projects. He also stated that there were 2 vacancies on the Committee and that they were recommending April Stover and Larry Phipps be appointed to replace Ray Evans and Bruce Hudgens.

Ken Dodson made the motion to approve the appointment of April Stover and Larry Phipps to the Downtown Revitalization Committee. David Langford seconded the motion. The vote was 6 yes and 0 no.

New Christmas lighting for the buildings around the square was discussed.

Rex Dale made the motion to approve the purchase of new lighting for the buildings not to exceed \$6500.00 and for this purchase to be paid out of downtown revitalization funds. Ken Dodson seconded the motion. The vote was 6 yes and 0 no.

Chamber Executive Director Shannon Cantrell reported that Christmas in the Country would be on November 25, December 2, and December 9th from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Christmas Parade will be on December 10th at 1:00 p.m. For future reference, the Christmas Parade will always be the 2nd Saturday in December. There will be ice skating at Central Park on December 16,17, and 18 from 1:00 to 9:00. They will also be showing movies and playing Christmas music.

The Board discussed the MTAS Assessment report on the Police Chief applicants.

After discussion, Bill Linder made the motion to appoint Ray Smith as Police Chief. David Langford seconded the motion. The vote was 6 yes and 0 no.

Allision Smith of Habitat for Humanity stated that Rock the Block would be on November 12th. They have approximately 100 volunteers and will be able to help around 10 households.

City Attorney Andre Greppin reviewed the changes in the SRO contract. There will be 4 SROs. One will be at A.H. Roberts/Reach Academy, 1 at LMS and 2 at Livingston Academy.

Bill Linder made the motion to approve the SRO contract. Rex Dale seconded the motion. The vote was 6 yes and 0 no.

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

City Attorney Andre Greppin presented Resolution 2022-11-1 on Charter Changes.

Ken Dodson made the motion to adopt Resolution 2022-11-1. John Clough seconded the motion. The vote was 6 yes and 0 no.

The Board discussed the hiring of Ray Evans as a part-time employee at \$24,000.00 per year. The \$24,000.00 would be paid out of downtown revitalization funds.

Ken Dodson made the motion to hire Ray Evans as part-time employee not to exceed 24,000.00 per year. Bill Linder seconded the motion. The vote was 5 yes with David Langford voting no.

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

Mayor

ATTEST: _____

