

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING ON NATURAL GAS ON DECEMBER 18, 2018 AT 5:00 P.M.

ALDERMAN PRESENT: KELLY COLEMAN

RONALD DISHMAN

CHRIS SPECK

BILL WINNINGHAM

ALDERMAN ABSENT: KEN DODSON

DAVID LANGFORD

MAYOR CURTIS HAYES CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER.

MAYOR HAYES STATED THAT THIS WAS A SPECIAL CALLED MEETING AND THAT THERE WOULD BE NO VOTING.

MAYOR HAYES REPORTED THAT EAST TENNESSEE HAD AN INTERRUPTION IN THEIR NATURAL GAS PIPELINE ON DECEMBER 15 IN SMITH COUNTY. THEY ARE NOT SURE WHEN THIS PIPELINE WILL BE REPAIRED.

MAYOR HAYES STATED THAT THE CITY HAS PLENTY OF GAS TO SELL. OUR CUSTOMERS CAN USE GAS.

HE STATED THAT UNFORTUNATELY WE COULD BE PAYING MARKET PRICE FOR THE GAS THAT WE ARE GETTING. WE ARE AT THEIR MERCY.

MAYOR HAYES HAD ALAN LINGERFELT OF CENTERPOINT ENERGY ON A CONFERENCE CALL SO IT COULD ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS AND GIVE THEM AN UPDATE ON THE SITUATION.

MR. LINGERFELT STATED THAT THE SUPPLY FROM THE WEST HAS BEEN CUT OFF. CENTERPOINT ENERGY IS TRYING TO KEEP PRICES AS LOW AS POSSIBLE. THEY ARE TRYING TO KEEP LIVINGSTON FROM PAYING PENALTIES. HE STATED THAT THE FEDERAL AND STATE ARE BOTH INVOLVED IN THE INVESTIGATION. AS SOON AS THE INVESTIGATION IS COMPLETE, THEY CAN BEGIN TO REPAIR THE LINE.

ALDERMAN COLEMAN ASK WHY LIVINGSTON CUSTOMERS HAVE TO PAY AN INCREASE WHEN THEY ARE NOT AT FAULT. THERE SHOULD BE SOME SORT OF QUARANTEE IN CASE SOMETHING LIKE THIS HAPPENS.

AFTER MORE DISCUSSION, ALDERMAN COLEMAN ASK THAT THE CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW THE CONTRACT WITH EAST TENNESSEE NATURAL GAS AND CENTERPOINT ENERGY.

MAYOR HAYES ASK THAT ALAN SEND HIM AN EMAIL EVERYDAY BY NOON ON THIS SITUATION SO THE CITY COULD PUT IT ON THE WEBSITE TO KEEP THE CUSTOMERS INFORMED.

MAYOR

ATTEST: _____

VICE-MAYOR

