

Regular meeting of the Livingston Mayor and Board of Alderman on November 4, 2019

Alderman Present:

Kelly Coleman

Rex Dale

Ronald Dishman

Ken Dodson

David Langford

Chris Speck

Alderman Absent:

None

Mayor Curtis Hayes called the meeting to order.

Ronald Dishman made the motion to accept the minutes as handed out. David Langford seconded the motion. The vote was 6 yes and 0 no.

Ken Dodson made the motion to add the following items to the agenda:

9. Charlie Smith - Barge Designs

10. John Meadows - Ordinance 2019-11-1

11. Bilbrey Street intersection

David Langford seconded the motion. The vote was 6 yes and 0 no.

David Langford made the motion to approve the second reading on Ordinance 2019-10-1. Ronald Dishman seconded the motion. The vote was 6 yes and 0 no.

Sherry Jackson of the U. S. Census Bureau was present to discuss the 2020 Census and the importance of getting an accurate count of residents in the city/county. They want to partner with the cities and counties to get the word out to the residents.

Ray Evans reported on the various grants:

- a. TDOT Multi Modal Access Grant - A design field review with our consultants was held. Meetings with some of the affected property owners will be held over the next few weeks to review the preliminary design.
- b. TDOT Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant - Application for improvements to the Courthouse grounds was submitted. Not had a response on the grant yet.
- c. Façade Grant - City did not receive this grant
- d. Main Street Accreditation - Committee met with TDECD Main Street staff last week. City will start Main Street application process in the next few weeks.
- e. 2019-2020 Sales tax budget (loan payment, miscellaneous fees, Chamber of Commerce administration fee, safety rail replacement, repair of clock, landscape and irrigation of Main Street public parking lot, security fence behind Rotary Main Stage, Courthouse Square Christmas tree, events, grant match and contingencies).

Greg McDonald, Chamber of Commerce Director, discussed the Main Street application and other projects that the Chamber had been involved in.

Alderman Coleman ask about signage around the square.

It was stated that being part of Main Street Community there will have to be a downtown central business district and there will be some flexibility on signage, etc.

After discussion, Ken Dodson made the motion to approve the Sales Tax Rebate budget. Chris Speck seconded the motion. The vote was 6 yes and 0 no.

Kelly Coleman made the motion to appoint Julia Bishop and Jennifer Officer to the Downtown Revitalization Committee. Chris Speck seconded the motion. The vote was 6 yes and 0 no.

Ben Winningham of U C E M C gave an update on the lighting project. He stated Phase 1, 2, and 3 are complete. They are still working on Phase 4 and 5.

Ken Dodson made the motion to appoint Bill Fletcher to the Alcohol Beverage Control Board to replace Roger Ruble who had resigned. Kelly Coleman seconded the motion. The vote was 6 yes and 0 no.

Alderman Kelly Coleman presented some amendments to the Property Maintenance Advisory Board.

After discussion, Chris Speck made the motion to approve the amendments to the Property Maintenance Advisory Board. Ken Dodson seconded the motion. The vote was 4 yes with David Langford and Ronald Dishman voting no.

Police Chief Greg Etheredge presented an SRO grant for additional officers. He requested that 2 officers be hired for this grant. The grant money should cover the salaries for the new officer and additional equipment for the new officers.

After discussion, Rex Dale made the motion to approve the SRO contract. David Langford seconded the motion. The vote was 6 yes and 0 no.

Police Chief Etheredge addressed the Board about part-time dispatching. He reported that the part-time dispatching is not working out the way he had hoped. He stated that he would like to hire a full-time dispatcher. This would make a total of 5 dispatchers. He stated that the overall budget should not be affected.

David Langford made the motion to approve hiring a full time dispatcher. Ronald Dishman seconded the motion. The vote was 6 yes and 0 no.

Chief Etheredge recommended that Chelsea Malcolm be hired as full-time dispatcher.

Ronald Dishman made the motion to hire Chelsea Malcolm as full time dispatcher. David Langford seconded the motion. The vote was 6 yes and 0 no.

Charlie Smith of Barge Designs gave an update on the flood mitigation. He stated that it would cost approximately 8.5 million dollars to run a 30" pipe from the pond to Town Creek upstream storage.

He stated that the best option might be for the city to look into purchasing property from the business owners that are prone to flooding if they are interested in selling their property. If the city purchased the property, it could be turned into "green space".

After discussion, Kelly Coleman made the motion to take Barge's recommendation. Ken Dodson seconded the motion. The vote was 6 yes and 0 no.

The Board discussed a storm water ordinance for development.

Ronald Dishman made the motion to hire Barge Designs to prepare a storm water ordinance for developments. Rex Dale seconded the motion. The vote was 6 yes and 0 no.

City Attorney John Meadows presented Ordinance 2019-11-1 amending Title 8, Chapter 2 of the Municipal Code pertaining to sale of beer. This ordinance will comply with state law.

Ken Dodson made the motion to approve the first reading on Ordinance 2019-11-1. Kelly Coleman seconded the motion. The vote was 5 yes with Ronald Dishman voting no.

Alderman Langford ask about having Bilbrey Street striped at the intersection of Bilbrey Street and Main. He stated that the striping is worn off. Mayor Hayes stated that this could be done.

The Board also discussed speeding on the square and the heavy truck traffic.

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

Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Vice-Mayor