

Regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderman on March 4, 2019 at Livingston City Hall at 6:00 p.m.

Alderman Present: Kelly Coleman
Ronald Dishman
Ken Dodson
Chris Speck
Bill Winningham

Alderman Absent: David Langford

Mayor Curtis Hayes called the meeting to order.

Kelly Coleman made the motion to accept the minutes as handed out. Chris Speck seconded the motion. The vote was 5 yes and 0 no.

Kelly Coleman made the motion to add City Employee recognition as Item 8 on the agenda. Ken Dodson seconded the motion. The vote was 5 yes and 0 no.

Ronald Dishman made the motion to pass the 2nd Reading on Ordinance 2019-2-1. Kelly Coleman seconded the motion. The vote was 5 yes and 0 no.

Kelly Coleman made the motion to pass the 2nd Reading on Ordinance 2019-2-2. Chris Speck seconded the motion. The vote was 5 yes and 0 no.

The Board discussed Ordinance 2019-2-3 (Ordinance amending Title 8 Alcoholic Beverages to allow the consumption of alcoholic beverages in Central Park during special events.

After discussion, Chris Speck made the motion to amend Ordinance 2019-2-3 to exclude any other city owned parks. Ronald Dishman seconded the motion. The vote was 5 yes and 0 no.

Kelly Coleman made the motion to pass the 2nd Reading on Ordinance 2019-2-4. Chris Speck seconded the motion. The vote was 4 yes with Ronald Dishman voting no.

Alan Lingerfelt of Centerpoint Energy gave an update on the natural gas market. He stated that storage nationwide is at a lower level than in the past. They are still dealing with the gas line explosion that occurred in December.

Mayor Hayes presented Resolution 2019-3-2 (Resolution creating the Livingston Downtown Revitalization Committee). Mayor Hayes stated that the City had recently been advised by MTAS that the committee acting in advisory role should be formally created as official board of the Town of Livingston and that they would follow all rules, regulations, etc. including "open meetings" statutes.

Alderman Dishman ask if it was possible that previous actions of the Downtown Revitalization Committee were illegal.

City Attorney John Meadows stated that the Committee was only an advisory board and that the Board of Alderman had voted on any recommendations that were presented to them by this committee.

Ray Evans of the Downtown Revitalization Committee gave an update of the TDOT Multi-Modal Access Grant. Mr. Evans also stated that there is a Project Diabetes Grant that the city can apply for. This could be used for additional sidewalks. There is no match for this grant.

Ken Dodson made the motion to approve the Rental Rate Schedule for events at Central Park. Chris Speck seconded the motion. The vote was 5 yes and 0 no.

Mayor Hayes stated that only 1 bid had been received on the Turf Maintenance yearly contract. The bid from Better Lawns was \$19,200.00.

Alderman Dishman stated that the bid specifications had called for a herbicide license and wondered how much herbicide is actually used.

After discussion, Chris Speck made the motion to accept the bid from Better Lawns. Bill Winningham seconded the motion. The vote was 4 yes with Ronald Dishman voting no.

Kelly Coleman made the motion to appoint Daniel Elder to the BZA to replace Wendy Speck who had resigned. Ken Dodson seconded the motion. The vote was 3 yes with Ronald Dishman voting no and Chris Speck abstaining.

Mayor Hayes presented Resolution 2019-3-1 (Resolution authorizing Water and Sewer Capital Outlay Note not to exceed \$1,800,000.00).

Ronald Dishman made the motion to adopt Resolution 2019-3-1. Chris Speck seconded the motion. The vote was 5 yes and 0 no.

Alderman Coleman stated that he would like to recognize Wayne Peek, Rocky Dial, Greg Etheredge and their employees for the outstanding work they did during the flooding a few weeks ago. They kept a lot more properties from being flooded.

Alderman Dishman stated that we were also fortunate to have Wascon who provided 3 pumps as a business in Livingston.

Alderman Coleman stated that he would like TDOT to do a study if the hydraulics of the new road were a contributing factor in the flooding.

Mayor Hayes stated that Charlie Smith of Barge would be at the April meeting to discuss the flooding problem.

Ronald Dishman made the motion to adjourn. Chris Speck seconded the motion. The vote was 5 yes and 0 no.

Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Vice-Mayor