

Called Meeting of the Livingston Mayor and Board of Alderman on June 8, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Alderman Present: Kelly Coleman  
Rex Dale (Conference Call)  
Ken Dodson  
Chris Speck  
David Langford(left early)

Alderman Absent: Ronald Dishman

Mayor Curtis Hayes called the meeting to order.

Mayor Hayes presented the 2020/2021 Proposed Budget. He stated that the proposed budget includes a property tax rate increase of 25 cents. He stated that according to the Overton County Tax Assessor we would not know what the certified tax rate is until June 12 or June 15<sup>th</sup>. This budget also includes a paving project. The list of streets that needs to be paved has not been made yet. Of the proposed tax increase approximately 21 cents would go for paving.

Also included in this budget is leasing approximately 20 vehicles. This does not include any police vehicles. The vehicles would be under warranty and after 3 years, the city would have the option to turn them back in or buy them.

Mayor Hayes also stated that some of the requests for equipment from the various department heads had been included in the budget.

Alderman Coleman stated that on a positive note the 21 cents going to paving makes the property tax rate increase more palatable.

It was stated that there had not been a tax increase since 2016. MTAS recommends a 5 cent tax increase each year. CMFO Joel Parks agreed that there should be a 5 cent tax increase each year.

Mayor Hayes stated that there is no rate increase in water, sewer and gas rates.

After discussion, Chris Speck made the motion to pass the first reading on the budget (Ordinance 2020-6-1). Kelly Coleman seconded the motion. The vote was 4 yes and 0 no. (David Langford had to leave early).

Ken Dodson made the motion to adjourn. Kelly Coleman seconded the motion. The vote was 4 yes and 0 no.

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Mayor

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Clerk