

**STATE OF TEXAS                    §**  
**COUNTY OF POLK                   §**  
**CITY OF LIVINGSTON           §**

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**CITY COUNCIL**  
**JANUARY 11, 2022**  
**5:00 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Livingston, Texas convened in regular session in Council Chambers at City Hall at 5:00 P.M., January 11, 2022, with the following members present:

Judy B. Cochran	)	Mayor
Alan Cook	)	Councilmembers
Raymond Luna	)	
Elgin Davis	)	
Clarke Evans	)	
Marion 'Bid' Smith	)	
Billy S. Wiggins	)	City Manager
Ellie Monteaux	)	City Secretary/Assistant City Manager
James Wright	)	City Attorney

and the following others present:

John Wells	)	Self
Jeff Hunter	)	Community Development Coordinator
Josh Mohler	)	Fire Marshal/Code Enforcement Officer

Mayor Cochran called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. and called on Alderman Davis to open the meeting with prayer and the pledges.

It was moved by Alderman Evans and seconded by Alderman Davis that the minutes of the regular meeting of December 14, 2021 be approved. All present voted aye.

The City Manager presented a letter from Polk County Judge Sydney Murphy, Chairman of the Alliance for I-69 Texas, regarding the City's continued participation and an invoice for 2022 membership dues in the amount of \$1,150.00. Discussion ensued relative to the calculation of the amounts contributed by member entities and the identity of the current members. It was moved by Alderman Smith and seconded by Alderman Cook that the payment of annual membership dues in the amount of \$1,150.00 be approved. All present voted aye.

The City Manager presented a plat for approval of Wells Development, a 3.0 acre tract of land located on S. Houston. Discussion ensued regarding the location and development of the property. It was moved by Alderman Evans and seconded by Alderman Cook that the plat of Wells Development be approved as presented. All present voted aye.

The City Manager presented the Accounts Over \$500 for approval. It was moved by Alderman Smith and seconded by Alderman Davis that the accounts over \$500.00, as submitted, be approved for payment. All present voted aye.

The City Manager advised Council that the previous Public Hearing Notice reflected the incorrect address of the subject property as 322 W. Church Street and the correction has been made for the current notice. Mayor Cochran called a Public Hearing for February 8, 2022 at 5:00 P.M. regarding the possible determination as an unsafe and/or dilapidated building, the abandoned building located at 522 W. Church St., Livingston, Texas, and being situated on a called 100 x 75 foot tract of land situated in the M. L. Choate Survey, A-15, Polk County, Texas, as described in a deed dated May 20, 1996 from Kathleen Squyres Garner and Townie M. Squyres to Fred Jarrell, recorded in Volume 1017, Pages 055 et seq. of the Official Public Records of Polk County, Texas.

The City Manager reported on the following items:

- A) Upcoming Events:  
Livingston-Polk County Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet - Thursday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at the Polk County Commerce Center

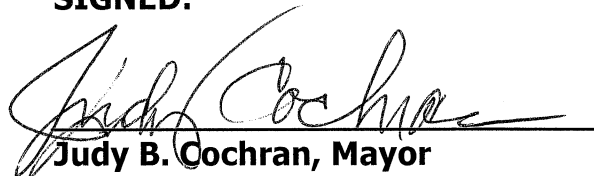
Retirement Reception for Utility Billing Clerk Carla Dunning - Friday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at the Public Works Building from 2:00 to 3:30 P.M.

Retirement Reception for Electric Superintendent Dewayne Oates - Monday, January 31<sup>th</sup> at the Public Works Building from 2:00 to 3:30 P.M.

- B) Sales Tax - The January sales tax report will be available Friday, January 14, 2022 and will be emailed to Council.
- C) Update of Projects and Development - The City Manager provided an update of current projects, development and completed projects.
- D) Election May 7, 2022 - Candidate Packets have been prepared and are ready for pick up. The first day to file an application for a place on the ballot is Wednesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. The deadline to file an application for a place on the ballot is Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 P.M.
- E) Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) - The City Manager provided an update of Polk county statistics including 309 active cases with 8 currently hospitalized in Livingston, 221 deaths and 5,827 recoveries. A listing of the testing locations within Livingston was provided to Council.
- F) Highway 59/190 Pond - Closing took place on the donation by Cannon Pritchard of property located adjacent to the Highway 59/190 Pond. Underbrushing and clearing are underway as well as dredging of the pond near the rocks. A public announcement and naming of the area is expected to take place in the spring.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, it was moved by Alderman Cook and seconded by Alderman Smith that the meeting be adjourned at 5:28 P.M. All present voted aye.

**SIGNED:**

  
**Judy B. Cochran, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

  
**Ellie Monteaux, TRMC, MMC, CPM**  
**City Secretary/Assistant City Manager**

