

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

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL
MAY 9, 2023
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., May 9, 2023, with the following members present:

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

and the following others present:

Julie Miller	)	Utility Billing Supervisor
Jeff Hunter	)	Community Development Coordinator
Otto Lyons	)	Greenfield Community
Ricky Taylor)	Texas EMS
Mike Wilson)	Piney Woods Sanitation
Sonny Hubbard)	

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Joseph Walker)	Pro Star Waste/Waste Connections
Steve Berry)	
Casey Valdez)	
Alex Griffin	)	Republic Services
Joey Howell)	
Lupe Rosales)	
Jeff Gulbas	)	McCall Parkhurst & Horton
Bill Holder	)	Trinity River Authority
Thresa Aguayo)	
Kristie Muñoz)	
Carl Feren	)	Self

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

It was moved by Alderman Evans and seconded by Alderman Cook that the minutes of the regular meeting of April 11, 2023 be approved. All present voted aye.

The City Manager introduced representatives from Piney Woods Sanitation, Pro Star Waste/Waste Connections and Republic Services who each provided information regarding their proposal to provide waste collection and sanitation services to the City of Livingston. Representatives responded to questions regarding the process for replacement of broken carts, the option for recycling in the local area, the number of trucks in the service area, pickup of bags and waste left outside of the cart, number of collections each week, landfill locations, and use of automated trucks used to empty carts. The City Manager thanked the representatives for attending today's meeting and stated that it is anticipated that the contract will be awarded at the May 16, 2023 special called City Council meeting.

(Julie Miller, Jeff Hunter, Mike Wilson, Sonny Hubbard, Joseph Walker, Steve Berry, Casey Valdez, Alex Griffin, Joey Howell and Lupe Rosales retired from the meeting.)

The City Manager presented a proposed resolution approving a resolution adopted by the board of directors of Trinity River Authority of Texas authorizing the Trinity River Authority of Texas Contract Revenue Refunding Bonds (Livingston Regional Water Supply System Project), and approving and authorizing instruments and

procedures relating thereto. The City Manager recognized Jeff Gulbas, TRA bond counsel and Bill Holder, TRA Assistant Southern Region Manager. Mr. Holder introduced Thresa Aguayo and Kristie Muñoz, also with TRA. Mr. Gulbas provided information regarding the refinancing options available and the potential savings to the City of Livingston. Discussion ensued relative to the current rates versus the rates available at the time of the previous refinancing. As recommended by the City Manager, it was moved by Alderman Cook and seconded by Alderman Evans that the resolution, as presented, be approved and adopted. All present voted aye. The resolution, as approved, is captioned as follows:

"RESOLUTION NO. 606

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LIVINGSTON, TEXAS, APPROVING A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF TRINITY RIVER AUTHORITY OF TEXAS AUTHORIZING THE TRINITY RIVER AUTHORITY OF TEXAS CONTRACT REVENUE BONDS (LIVINGSTON REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM PROJECT), AND APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING INSTRUMENTS AND PROCEDURES RELATING THERETO."

(Jeff Gulbas, Bill Holder, Thresa Aguayo and Kristie Muñoz retired from the meeting.)

The City Manager advised Council that at this time there is no action to be taken on the proposed cost-of-livingston adjustment for the employee salary schedule that is routinely presented to Council in May each year. The monthly report from the Bureau of Labor Statistics for the March 2023 Consumer Price Index (CPI) and the 10-year history of City of Livingston approved cost-of-living adjustments were provided to Council for reference. The City Manager will continue to closely monitor the consumer price index as work begins on the preliminary draft budget for fiscal year 2023-2024. No action was taken on this item.

The City Manager advised Council that Dana Williams is willing to continue to serve as Municipal Court Judge for the two-year term of May, 2023 to May, 2025. Upon the recommendation of the City Manager, it was moved by Alderman Luna and seconded by Alderman Davis that Dana T. Williams be appointed as Municipal Court Judge for the two-year term of May, 2023 to May 31, 2025. All present voted aye.

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

The City Manager reported on the following items:

A) Events

Livingston Farmers & Artisan Market - Held at Anniversary Park on 1st and 3rd Saturday each month

Livingston Trade Days - Saturday, May 13 and Sunday, May 14

B) Sales Tax - The May sales tax report from the State Comptroller for the month March will be available Friday, May 12, 2023.

C) Update of Projects and Development - The City Manager provided an update of current projects and development.

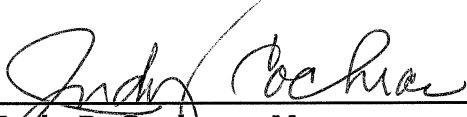
D) Livingston Municipal Court Amnesty Program - Livingston Municipal Court is offering an amnesty program for Class C warrants and unpaid tickets that continues through May 31, 2023.

E) Swim Lesson Sign Ups - Sign ups began on Monday May 1st and over 400 have signed up so far.

F) General Election May 6, 2023 - A special called City Council Meeting is set for Tuesday, May 16th at 5:00 P.M. to canvass the election, administer the Oaths of Office, issue Certificates of Election and elect the Mayor Pro-tem for the coming year.

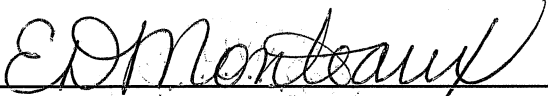
There being no further business to come before the City Council, it was moved by Alderman Cook and seconded by Alderman Davis that the meeting be adjourned at 5:47 P.M. All present voted aye.

SIGNED:



Judy B. Cochran, Mayor

ATTEST:



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

