

MINUTES

Livingston Parish Finance Committee March 14, 2024

Pursuant to notice duly posted in the public lobby of the Livingston Parish Governmental Building, the Livingston Parish Finance Committee met on Thursday, March 14, 2024, at the hour of five (5:00) p.m. with the following members present:

John Mangus – Chair
Lonnie Watts
Joseph Erdey

Also Present: Mickey McMorris, Finance Director

The chair called the meeting to order and called roll.

The Chair started with a prayer and the Pledge.

The Chair addressed the agenda item, “Old Business.” With no old business to discuss, the Chair moved on to the next item, “New Business.”

a. Emergency Expenditure for Communication Tower Backup – Mickey McMorris

The Finance Director, Mickey McMorris came to the podium and explained what this item was about. Recently, the 911 communications district lost power, and the back up generators did not power on. Due to this event, the Parish needs to purchase additional backup batteries.

Lonnie Watts made a motion that was seconded by Joe Erdey to send a positive recommendation to the Council to approve the emergency expenditure. The Chair then moved on to the next item.

b. Appropriations for Health Unit Inspectors Vehicles – Mickey McMorris

Mr. McMorris explained that most of the inspector’s vehicles are inoperable and need to purchase new vehicles. These are the people that go out to restaurants and inspect the food through the Health Unit. He also stated that the Health Unit does have the money in their budget to purchase new vehicles.

A motion was made by Joe Erdey and seconded by Lonnie Watts to send this item with a positive recommendation to the Council to approve this expenditure of the Health Unit. The Chair moved on to the next item.

c. Review the Budget and Revenue of Livingston Parish Gas District No.1

Mr. Erdey explained that the Fire District is doing extremely well financially. Mr. McMorris explained that the board’s money no longer flows through the Parish’s budget since the Parish does not make any money off of these boards. Mr. Mangus questioned that someone is making money due to them having around \$3 million in their account. Mr. McMorris explained that around \$2 million is assets. The Council Clerk, Sandy Teal, explained that the Council created the board and appoint board members, but after it is created, they are their own governing authority. The only time the Council has control over the board is when they need to have an election. After a discussion, Mr. Erdey decided he is wanting someone from the board to come to the Council meeting and explain how they have so much money in their bank account. A motion was made by Lonnie Watts and seconded by Joe Erdey to send a recommendation to the Council to request a representative from the Gas

District No. 1 speak to the Council about their finances. Mr. Erdey will be the contact person between the Council and the Board. The Chair moved to the next item.

d. Review the Budget and Revenue for Livingston Parish Fire District No. 11

Mr. Erdey explained that he thought that this board was struggling financially, but they recently received a FEMA reimbursement. A motion was made by Joe Erdey and seconded by Lonnie Watts to send a recommendation to send to the Council to request someone from Fire District No. 11 come speak to the Council on their finances.

The Chair asked if there was any other business to discuss.

Having no other business to come before the committee, it was moved and agreed that the Livingston Parish Finance Committee adjourn.

MOTION was made by Lonnie Watts and seconded by Joseph Erdey; the meeting was adjourned.

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Caroline Lockhart, Deputy Clerk

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John Mangus, Chair