

**Livingston City Commission Minutes**  
**November 15, 2011**  
**6:30 p.m.**

- 1) Roll Call:
  - a. Steve Caldwell, James Bennett, Bill Spannring and Rick VanAken were present.
  - b. Juliann Jones was absent.
- 2) Consent Items: (00:02:11)
  - a. Spannring requested separate consideration of Consent Items B and C.
  - b. VanAken moved to approve Consent Items A and D. Bennett seconded.
    - i. All in favor, the motion passed 4-0.
  - c. Discussion of Consent Item B (00:03:20):
    - i. Spannring requested clarification of the Ratify term in the Consent Item.
      1. Bruce Becker, City Attorney, made comments on ratification. (00:04:04)
    - ii. Bennett moved to approve Consent Items B and C. VanAken seconded. (00:30:20)
      1. Caldwell, Bennett and VanAken voted in favor of the motion. Spannring abstained.
      2. The motion passed 3-0.
- 3) Public Hearings:
  - a. Resolution No. 4247 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LIVINGSTON, MONTANA, RENAMING “M” STREET PARK TO “KATIE BONNELL PARK.” (00:30:50)
    - i. Kelly Bonnell Bishop of Polson, Montana commented on behalf of Ms. Bonnell’s family.
    - ii. Spannring moved to approve the Resolution. VanAken seconded.
      1. All in favor, the motion passed 4-0.
  - b. Resolution No. 4248 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LIVINGSTON, MONTANA, REPLACING A YIELD RIGHT OF WAY SIGN WITH A STOP SIGN ON 8<sup>TH</sup> STREET FOR NORTH BOUND TRAFFIC AT THE INTERSECTION OF 8<sup>TH</sup> AND MONTANA STREET. (00:34:52)
    - i. VanAken moved to approve the Resolution. Bennett seconded.
      1. All in favor, the motion passed 4-0.
- 4) Action Items:
  - a. Action Item A: Discuss/ approve/ deny nomination of Captain Jeff Schoenen as City Fire Chief. (00:37:00)
    - i. Bennett moved to “have an executive session, scheduled and noticed, so we can have a personal one-on-one with the candidate for the Fire Chief.” Spannring seconded. (00:53:30)
      1. All in favor, the motion passed 4-0.
    - ii. No action was taken on Action Item A.
  - b. Action Item B: Discuss/ approve/ deny proposal from LISA (Livingston Ice Skating Association) for location of a hockey rink near the Civic Center. (01:07:25)
    - i. Matt Higgins with LISA made comments.
    - ii. Bennett moved to approve the Action Item. Spannring seconded.
      1. All in favor, the motion passed 4-0.
  - c. Action Item C: Discuss/ approve/ deny Alex Scaff’s proposal to install combination of labyrinth and sundial (children educational tool) at Sacajawea Park in the former wading

- pool location at no cost to the City. Also recycling bin installed at no cost to the City for aluminum can recycling. (01:15:50)
- i. Alex Scaff made comments.
  - ii. Bennett moved to approve the proposal. VanAken seconded.
    1. All in favor, the motion passed 4-0.
- d. Action Item D: Discuss policy and procedures related to travel and claims payment. (01:32:25)
- i. The Commission discussed policy and procedures related to travel and claims payment.
  - ii. Chairman Caldwell declared a five minute recess. (01:59:00)
- e. Action Item E (Addendum): Bid on Surplus – Fire Truck (Begin Part 2; 00:00:00)
- i. Spannring moved to approve Action Item E under the condition that the vehicle be driven with a load of water on it and the pump tested by our own fire department with a maximum bid up to \$40,000. Bennett seconded. (00:14:20)
    1. Spannring withdrew his motion. (00:22:50)
  - ii. Spannring moved to approve Bid on Surplus Fire Truck up to \$42,557. Bennett seconded. (00:30:02)
    1. All in favor, the motion passed 4-0.
- f. Commissioner and City Manager Comments: (00:30:48)
- i. VanAken made comments. (00:30:58)
  - ii. Spannring made comments. (00:44:02)
  - iii. Bennett made comments. (00:45:23)
  - iv. Caldwell made comments. (00:45:53)
  - v. Meece and Commissioners discussed the upcoming Commissioner Orientation sessions.
- g. Public Comment:
- i. Patricia Grabow made comments. (00:46:00)
  - ii. Jerry Weimer made comments. (00:57:45)
- h. Adjournment:
- i. VanAken moved to adjourn the meeting. Bennett seconded.
    1. All in favor, the motion passed.
      - a. The meeting adjourned at 9:32.

ATTEST:

APPROVE:

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David Fine  
Recording Secretary

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Steve Caldwell  
Commissioner Chairman