

Minutes for the Livingston Urban Renewal Agency
June 20, 2018; Wednesday 8:30 a.m. East Room

AGENDA

1. Call to Order – 8:35am – called to order by Karla Pettit

Attendance: Karla Pettit, Bob Ebinger, Kyra Ames (on speaker phone), Jack Luther, Lisa Harreld

2. Consent Items

- **Approve Minutes from Regular Meetings – January 17, 2018, February 21, 2018 and March 21, 2018 and special meeting March 14, 2018.**
 - There was some discussion about whether minutes can be approved when a quorum is no longer available due to resignations of Spannring and Hanser. Ebinger made a motion to approve the minutes from March 14, 2018 and March 21, 2018 as they had a quorum and to post but not approve the minutes from January 17 and February 21. Ames seconded.
 - All in favor, motion passed 3-0.

3. New Business –

4. Scheduled Public Comment –

5. Action Item –

- **DISCUSS/APPROVE/DENY - Continuance of contribution of CIP for future downtown main street project for 2019** – Karla and Bob met with City Manager Mike Kardoes on June 7th to discuss bonding and URA budget. The URA bonding should go into effect in mid January, 2019. The majority of the bonding money will go toward the main street sidewalk project. The city is waiting for the appropriate time to bond. The city would like to use the URA bonding money all in the first year. The bond must be spent in the first 3 years. The plan is do a large portion of the project in 2019 and then take 2020 off to refill the coffers. Bob stated that theoretically the city can use the URA money as they see fit. Bob and Karla expressed concerns over the 6th and 7th street sidewalk projects. Kyra stated that the longer the project is delayed the more expensive it becomes. Also, if the project continues into 2019 the city will be able to contract with COP again and by all reports, COP is doing a good job. They all agreed the URA was created for the sidewalk project. Kyra said she would rather see the downtown get completed though it may delay the residential sidewalks and Mike Kardoes agreed it may delay the 6th and 7th street projects. Karla understands there may be delays with the residential project but she wants her concerns addressed in writing. The city currently doesn't have the resources to bond. The city will complete the URA bond later in the fall or winter. Karla will check on the status in October.
 - **Bob made a motion to agree with the continuation of URA contribution for the main street downtown project and to allow the city to use the bond money in 2019, the first year of the bond, with the understanding of URA concerns that the money be used for the sidewalk program, that the city continue the CIP, the understanding that the URA was created for the sidewalks, that the project continue with COP, and that any future funding**

will be used for residential sidewalks within the URA district. Ames seconded.

- **All in favor, motion passed 3-0.**

6. Old/Continuing Discussion Items

- **Open URA seat** – Mike at Opportunity Bank may be interested in being on the URA. Historic Preservation also has open committee seats. The city will advertise committee openings in the Briefs in the Enterprise.

7. Progress Reports

- URA will continue to pursue recruiting two new members, at least one with financial background and will continue to request the finance department provide timely periodic financial reports.

8. URA Commission Comments

- Bob reported that American Bank is working on a project to remove the drive through lanes and possibly put up a new building. Bob also mentioned Mike Kardoes is pursuing a local tourist tax with the state legislature.
- Karla said she's pleased with the downtown project and once completed the downtown is going to look very healthy which is good for commerce. She also said she was told there are issues with the main street poles that the URA had previously wanted for the downtown. They will be installing temporary pole holes for future pole installation. Karla instructed Shannon that the URA doesn't want to be billed twice for any kind of installation.
- Kyra said she appreciates the positive comments she's hearing from citizens, downtown owners and URA members.

9. Public Comments (Public comments proceeding the regular meeting adjournment. No votes taken and no decisions made.)

- Jack Luther – The tiles from the Sax and Fryer building have been recovered. They are going to be working on trying to restore them and hopefully they will be able to be placed in the sidewalk project.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m. The URA will not meet in July unless necessary. Next regularly scheduled URA meeting is August 15, 2018.