**MINUTES**

**Livingston Parish**

**October 8, 2024**

Pursuant to notice duly posted in the public lobby of the Livingston Parish Governmental Building, the Livingston Parish Ordinance Committee met on October 8, 2024, at the hour of six (6:00) p.m. in the Parish Council Chambers, located in the Livingston Parish Governmental Building, 20355 Governmental Boulevard, Livingston, Louisiana with the following members present:

Dean Coates – Chairman

Ryan Chavers

Erin Sandefur

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The Chairman, Dean Coates, called the meeting to order.

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The Deputy Clerk called roll. With three members present and having a quorum, the Chair began by addressing item:

1. **New Business:**
2. **Introduction of ordinance**: An Ordinance to levy adjusted millage rates after reassessment and roll back the millage rates not to exceed the prior year’s maximum rate for the Health Unit for the Tax Year 2024

Councilman Ricky Goff, District 7, came up to speak about this item. He stated that at the prior regular Council meeting the Ordinances that were setting and levying the Millages were not adopted correctly. He further explains when they had the Public Hearing about the two items (Ordinance 24-15 and 24-16) at the Council Meeting it was recommended by the Finance Committee to change the millage rate to 1.5 rather than the 1.88 mils that was stated in the Ordinance. When the item came up for adoption at the September 26, 2024 regular Council meeting the Ordinance was never amended, therefore it was not adopted as amended, meaning the millage rate did not roll back to the 1.5 that the Council discussed and agreed to. The intent of the Council was to roll the millage rate back to 1.5 mils, but it was not adopted correctly. The Ordinance was then signed by the Parish President making it a law. Mr. Goff reached out to all the entities that are involved and they do have a small window to correct this Ordinance which is why he is here tonight to correct the Ordinance.

There was then a discussion about the Health Unit/Animal Control.

A **MOTION** was made by Ryan Chavers and **SECONDED** by Erin Sandefur to send this ordinance to the full Council with a favorable recommendation. Passing

With no other business to discuss, the Livingston Parish Ordinance Committee adjourned their meeting.

/s/ Raven Watts /s/ Dean Coates

Raven Watts, Deputy Clerk Dean Coates, Chairman