

**MINUTES**  
**King City Council**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**March 7, 2016**

The King City Council met in regular session at King City Hall on Monday, March 7, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Councilman Charles Allen, Councilman Brian Carico, Councilman Rick McCraw, Mayor Jack Warren, City Manager Homer Dearmin, City Clerk Tammy Hatley, Director of Finance and Personnel Susan O'Brien, Director of Planning and Inspections Todd Cox, Senior Center Director Suzan Garner, Chief of Police Paula May, Superintendent of Public Utilities Robert Pettitt, Water Treatment Plant Superintendent Ben Marion, Fire Chief Steven Roberson, and Senior Center Part-time Administrative Assistant Virginia Byerly. Mayor Pro Tempore Wesley Carter was absent.

Mayor Warren called the meeting to order and led the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Councilman Allen offered the invocation.

**EXCUSE ABSENCE OF COUNCILMAN**

Councilman Carico moved to excuse the absence of Mayor Pro Tempore Carter. Councilman McCraw seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote of 3-0.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Warren noted that the following announcements were listed on the agenda and added that Daylight Savings Time would begin on Sunday, March 13, 2016.

- Early voting: Saturday, March 5, 2016 until Saturday March 12, 2016, 1:00 P.M. King Public Library
- Primary elections: Tuesday, March 15, 2016, polls open 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m., normal voting precincts
- Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, Regular Meeting: Thursday, March 10, 2016, 7:00 p.m., King Recreation Acres Community Building
- Feed Stokes 5k & ½ Marathon: Saturday, March 12, 2016, 7:00 a.m. King Recreation Acres
- American Legion Annual Birthday Dinner: Monday, March 14, 2016, 6:30 p.m., Carl Calloway American Legion Post #290 - King
- Community Appearance Commission, Regular Meeting: Thursday, March 17, 2016, 3:30 p.m., King City Hall
- King City Hall Closed: Friday, March 25, 2016, in observance of the Good Friday holiday.
- Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday, March 26, 2016, 1:30 p.m., King Central Park
- King Planning Board, Regular Meeting: Monday, March 28, 2016, 7:00 p.m., King City Hall

**ADJUSTMENT TO AGENDA**

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Warren opened the floor to receive public comment. Mr. E.A. "Buddy" Timms of P.O. Box 573 , Walnut Cove, NC; Mrs. Julienne Ratcliff of 121 Pilotview Drive, King, NC; Mrs. Paula Calloway of 108 Antique Drive, King, NC; Mr. Darryl Calloway of 108 Antique Drive, King, NC; and Mr. Wayne Ray of 1562 Mountainview Road, King, NC spoke during the public comment.

Being no one else present wishing to speak, Mayor Warren closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilman Carico moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Councilman Allen seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote of 3-0. Items approved were: February 1, 2016, Regular Meeting Minutes and February 5, 2016, Called Meeting Minutes.

#### **PRESENTATION OF EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER – Mrs. Susan O’Brien**

Mayor Warren recognized Director of Finance and Personnel, Susan O’Brien, as *Employee of the Quarter* for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2016. Mayor Warren presented Mrs. O’Brien with a plaque, windbreaker and check.

#### **PRESENTATION BY MR. OMNIE GRABS, PRESIDENT, KING SENIOR TRAVEL CLUB**

Mr. Omnie Grabs, President of the King Senior Travel Club presented Senior Center Director, Suzan Garner, with a \$500 donation to the King Senior Center on behalf of the King Senior Travel Club.

#### **APPOINTMENT TO KING PLANNING BOARD**

Councilman Allen moved to appoint Mr. R.J. Anderson to the King Planning Board as an alternate City member. Councilman McCraw seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote of 3-0.

#### **SET DATES FOR FY 2016-17 BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETINGS**

Council members agreed by consensus that there was no problem with the dates presented by Manager Dearmin for budget workshop meetings. Councilman McCraw moved to hold budget workshops for the FY 2017-18 budget at King City Hall on Tuesday, April 19, 2016, at 11:30 a.m.; Thursday, April 28, 2016, at 5:00 p.m.; and Tuesday, May 10, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. as needed. Councilman Allen seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote of 3-0.

#### **REQUEST TO NCDOT REGARDING EXIT SIGN FOR HANGING ROCK STATE PARK**

Manager Dearmin informed the Mayor and Council that this was a request by Stokes County Economic Development Coordinator, David Sudderth, to have the City of King co-sign a letter to NCDOT requesting that the exit sign for Hanging Rock State Park be moved from Exit 122 to Exit 123 on US Highway 52, thereby routing out-of-town traffic through the main business corridor on South Main Street, by our downtown area and onto King Street and Mountainview Roads, increasing business exposure.

Councilman Carico moved to authorize Manager Dearmin to sign a letter requesting the Hanging Rock State Park exit sign be moved to Exit 123. Councilman McCraw seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote of 3-0.

#### **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

There were no questions concerning departmental reports.

Chief May was granted approval to speak by Mayor Warren and commended Chief Roberson and his staff for their actions which resulted in saving three lives during the past 36 hours.

#### **ITEMS OF GENERAL CONCERN**

Councilman Carico:

- Commended and thanked Chief Roberson and his department for their quick life-saving responses.

- Stated that he thinks the City's ordinances are black and white with no gray area and that staff should be what they are supposed to be to the public both by constitutional rights and by upholding the city ordinances regardless of the individual's or group's cause.

Councilman McCraw:

- Thanked the Police and Fire Departments for how they handled the situations they were faced with during this past month.
- Thanked Water Treatment Plant Superintendent Marion and his staff for the job that they do and noted that King's Water Treatment Plant is a first rate facility
- Stated that he was very proud off all the City Departments.

Councilman Allen:

- Noted all the training that our emergency responders must take to keep up their certifications and commended them for a job well done

Mayor Warren:

- Stated that the Fire Department staff is to be commended for saving three lives in less than 36 hours and that training has paid off

**EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE DISCUSSION OF PERSONNEL PER N.C. GENERAL STATUTE 143-318.11 (A) (6)**

Councilmen Allen and McCraw moved to adjourn to executive session for the discussion of personnel per N.C. General Statute 143-318.11 (a) (6). Councilman Carico seconded the motion which carried by a vote of 3-0.

Mayor Warren reconvened the meeting and stated that no action had taken place during the executive session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilman Allen moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman McCraw seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote of 3-0. The meeting stood adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Approved by:

Attest:

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Jack Warren  
Mayor

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Tamara H. Hatley, MMC, NCCMC  
City Clerk