

MINUTES
King City Council
Regular Session
March 5, 2018

The King City Council met in regular session at King City Hall on Monday, March 5, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Councilman Charles Allen, Councilman Brian Carico, Councilman Wesley Carter, Mayor Pro Tempore Rick McCraw, City Manager Homer Dearmin, City Clerk Tammy Hatley, Director of Finance and Personnel Susan O'Brien, Fire Chief Steven Roberson, Public Works Superintendent Ricky Lewis, Public Utilities Inspector Todd Hill, Public Utilities Superintendent Robert Pettitt, City Engineer Scott Barrow, Senior Center Director Suzan Garner, Water Treatment Plant Superintendent Ben Marion, and Chief of Police Paula May.

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

Councilman Carico offered the invocation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Warren noted the following announcements were listed on the agenda:

- Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, Regular Meeting: Thursday, March 8, 2018, 7:00 p.m., King Recreation Acres Community Building
- Feed Stokes 5k & ½ Marathon: Saturday, March 10, 2018, 7:00 a.m. King Recreation Acres
- American Legion Annual Birthday Dinner: Monday, March 12, 2018, 6:30 p.m., Carl Calloway American Legion Post #290 - King
- Community Appearance Commission, Regular Meeting: Thursday, March 15, 2018, 3:30 p.m., King City Hall

City Manager Dearmin stated that the City of King would be hosting the King Chamber of Commerce's Business before Hours at King City Hall on Wednesday, March 7, 2018, from 7:30 – 9:00 a.m.

ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Warren opened the floor to receive public comment.

Mr. Mike Poole of 105 Horseshoe Drive, King, NC; Mr. Amos Elvis of 1250 Carson Watts Road, King, NC, and Mr. Andy Stevens, Grassroots NC Director of Local Governments Affairs, 157 Old Garner Drive, King, NC addressed the Mayor and Council.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Pro Tempore McCraw moved to approve the consent agenda as read. Councilman Carico seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0. The item approved was the February 5, 2018, King City Council meeting minutes.

It was the consensus of Council to have the City Manager check with other municipalities to see what type of ordinances they have in place regarding domestic cats.

PRESENTATION TO EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER – UTILITIES INSPECTOR, TODD HILL

Mayor Warren recognized Utilities Inspector, Todd Hill, as *Employee of the Quarter* for the 1st Quarter of 2018. Mayor Warren presented Mr. Hill with a plaque, windbreaker and check.

PRESENTATION FROM NC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – DENNIS HANCOCK

Mr. Dennis Hancock, Area 9 NC Emergency Management Coordinator presented Fire Chief Roberson with the Higgins & Langley Outstanding Achievement Award for swift water rescue in recognition of service by the King Fire Department to eastern North Carolina following Hurricane Matthew in 2016.

SET BUDGET WORKSHOP DATES

Councilman Allen moved to hold budget workshops from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, April 4, 2018, 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 12, 2018, and if needed 9 a.m. until on Monday, April 16, 2018. Mayor Pro Tempore McCraw seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 2018-01.01

Councilman McCraw moved to approve Ordinance Amendment 2018-01.01 as presented, which is included within the body of the minutes below. Councilman Allen seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

**CITY OF KING
ORDINANCE 2018-01.01**

AN ORDINANCE DELCARING A ROAD CLOSURE FOR SPECIAL EVENTS CO-SPONSORED BY THE KING CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of King acknowledges a long tradition of co-sponsoring events that raise money to benefit charities and non-profit organizations throughout the City of King and Stokes County; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of King acknowledges its citizens realize a financial benefit from holding community events.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of King pursuant to the authority granted by G.S. 20-169 that they do hereby declare a temporary road closure during the day(s) and times set forth below on the following described portions of a State Highway System route:

- (1) FEED STOKES 5-K & HALF MARATHON: Saturday, March 10, 2018, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. (Rain date Saturday, March 25, 2018, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.) Route description: Felts Drive, Pulliam Street, Dalton Road, East King, Mountainview Road, Dalton Road, Maple Street.
- (2) MEET ME ON MAIN: Saturday, June 2, 2018, 3:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.; Route Description: Dalton Road from Pulliam Street to Maple Street, South Main Street from Felts Drive to King Street
- (3) KING OF THE HILL 5-k and 10-k: Saturday, September 15, 2018, 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.; Route description: Moore RJR Drive (SR1122), Spainhour Rd (SR 1117) to Kirby Rd. into Central Park, out the back of Central Park to Felts Dr. onto Maple St then back into park. Kirby Rd to Spainhour Rd, Spainhour to Bessemer Rd, Bessemer Rd. to Hampton to Logan Ct, Logan Ct to Moore RJR Dr. and back to YMCA.
- (4) WEST STOKES HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING PARADE: Friday, September 21, 2018, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.; Route Description: Dalton Road from West School Street to White Road
- (5) JOGGIN’ FOR JUGS: Saturday, October 13, 2018, 6 a.m. – 11 a.m., Route Description: Out back of Central Park onto Felts Dr. across S. Main St onto Pulliam St. Pulliam St to Westview Dr. Westview Dr. across

Pilotview Dr. Pilotview Dr. to W. Dalton Rd. Dalton Rd to Maple St. Maple St to Felts Dr. then Back into Park.

- (6) DOWNTOWN SAFE TRICK OR TREATING: Wednesday, October 31, 2018, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., Route Description: Dalton Road from Pulliam Street to Maple Street, South Main Street from Felts Drive to King Street
- (7) HELEN KELLER walk/run Saturday, November 3, 2018, 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Route description: Felts Drive, Pulliam Road, Dalton Road, East King, Mountainview Road, Dalton Road, Maple Street.
- (8) KING CHRISTMAS PARADE: Saturday, December 1, 2018, 1:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Route Description: East School Street, East Dalton Road from East School Street to Main Street, and Main Street from Dalton Road to Jefferson Church Road.

This ordinance to become effective when signs are erected giving notice of the limits and times of the event, and implementation of adequate traffic control to guide through vehicles around the event route.

Adopted this the 5th day of March 2018.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION 2018-02 FOR SLATE ALLEY

Councilman Allen moved to approve Resolution 2018-02 as presented, which is incorporated within the body of the minutes below. Councilman Carico seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

RESOLUTION 2018-02

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT REQUEST TO DEDICATE A 20-FT. WIDE ALLEYWAY EXTENDING FROM EAST DALTON ROAD ALONG THE WESTERN BOUNDARY OF THE SLATE FUNERAL HOME PROPERTY IDENTIFIED BY STOKES COUNTY TAX ID 599216936560.

WHEREAS, a 20-ft. wide “street” was dedicated for public use in 1925 by plat of Blue Ridge Mfg. Co. recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 45, Stokes County Registry, which plat is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, said “street” was never formally accepted by Stokes County or the City of King; and

WHEREAS, said “street” was depicted as a “20’ Alley” on plat entitled “Survey for Mrs. C. T. (Inez B.) McGee” recorded in Plat Book 5, Page 183, Stokes County Registry, on October 21, 1986, which plat is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, said “street” was again depicted as an “existing 20’ Alley” with “Proposed Relocation” on plat entitled “Survey for Slate Funeral Home, Inc.” recorded in Plat Book 6, Page 310, Stokes County Registry, on December 3, 1997, which plat is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, the “Proposed Relocation” shown on plat recorded in Plat Book 6, Page 310, Stokes County Registry, accurately depicts the actual, present-day location of the 20-ft. alley so as to avoid the existing structure occupied by Slate Funeral Home and still provide an adequate means of ingress and egress as originally intended; and

WHEREAS, respective interests of adjoining property owners in the 675 sq. ft. cross-hatched area shown on plat recorded in Plat Book 6, Page 310, Stokes County Registry, were quitclaimed in favor of Slate Funeral Home, Inc. by deed dated December 4, 1997, and recorded in Deed Book 406, Page 2205, Stokes County Registry; and

WHEREAS, the City of King has no interest in said 675 sq. ft. cross-hatched area shown on plat recorded in Plat Book 6, Page 310, and desires instead to accept the 20 ft. wide alley designated as “Proposed Relocation” on said plat and as presently mapped by Stokes County GIS (a copy of the Stokes County Tax Map being attached hereto and incorporated herein); and

WHEREAS, the City Council has received a request from Slate Funeral Home, Inc. to formally accept the 20-ft. alley in its present location depicted as the "Proposed Relocation" on plat recorded in Plat Book, 6, Page 310, which leads from Dalton Street to the southern boundary of the Slate Funeral Home property; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to formally accept the 20-ft. alley in its present location depicted as the "Proposed Relocation" on plat recorded in Plat Book, 6, Page 310, to provide another entrance/exit to City Hall.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of King that:

1. The City Council does hereby formally recognize and accept the dedication of the 20 ft. wide alleyway presently shown as "Proposed Relocation" on plat entitled Slate Funeral Home, Inc. recorded in Plat Book 6, Page 310, Stokes County Registry, and as is presently mapped by Stokes County GIS on the Stokes County Tax Maps.
2. To the extent permitted by law, the City Council does hereby quitclaim and release any interest the City may have in the 675 sq. ft. cross-hatched area shown on plat recorded in Plat Book 6, Page 310, in favor of Slate Funeral Home, Inc.
3. The City Clerk is hereby directed to record this Resolution in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Stokes County.
4. This Resolution shall become effective upon approval.

This resolution was approved and adopted this 5th day of March, 2018.

CONSIDERATION OF PROPERTY DAMAGE RELEASE

City Engineer Barrow informed the Mayor and Council that this release must be approved in order to receive reimbursement in the amount of \$3,819.35 to cover the cost of water line repairs necessitated by an optic boring contractor.

Councilman Carico moved to approve the property damage release as presented by the City Engineer. Councilman Carter seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

BUDGET AMENDMENT 2017-02.06

Councilman Allen moved to approve budget amendment 2017-02.06 as presented. Mayor Pro Tempore McCraw seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

CONSIDERATION OF AGREEMENT WITH ONLINE UTILITIES FOR BAD DEBT COLLECTION

Mayor Pro Tempore McCraw moved to approve the Collection Services Agreement with On Line Collections as presented. Councilman Carico seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

CONSIDERATION OF REVISION TO CUSTOMER APPLICATION AND CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORMS

Councilman Carico moved to approve the proposed revisions to the customer application and change of address forms as presented. Councilman Carter seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Councilman Carico:

1. Requested that Finance Director O'Brien get some numbers together for Council showing On Line Collections Company's bad debt collection rate for other municipalities.
2. Asked how long it would take to receive reimbursement for the Ridge Road water main after submission. Engineer Barrow answered that he did not know, but it should be right away.

ITEMS OF GENERAL CONCERN

Councilman Allen: Nothing at this time

Mayor Pro Tempore McCraw:

- Requested an update on the two canine replacements. Chief May stated that the grant has been applied for and we should know something around May 2018.
- Asked for the status of the uptown project – Engineer Barrow stated that he plans to have Council consider bids at their April meeting.
- Asked for an update on the salary study. Manager Dearmin said that the Council of Governments (COG) can’t start this study until May 2018. Councilman Allen noted that this study would not be complete before the budget workshops are held.

Councilman Carico:

- Apologized for missing the February 5, 2018, City Council meeting due to illness, noting that this was the first Council meeting he had ever missed.
- Stated that he had been approached by the principal and many teachers at King Elementary School about safety concerns and have asked if the City Council would look at options to create extra security at King Elementary School.

Action

It was the consensus of Council to have staff start a committee on this topic and bring back a recommendation to Council.

Councilman Carter: Nothing at this time

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE DISCUSSION OF PERSONNEL PER NC GENERAL STATUTE 143-318.11 (A) (6)

Councilman Allen moved to adjourn to executive session for the discussion of personnel per NC General Statute 143-318.11 (a) (6). Councilman Carico seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

Mayor Warren reconvened the meeting and announced that no action had been taken during the executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tempore McCraw moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Allen seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0. The meeting stood adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Approved by:

Attest:

Jack Warren
Mayor

Tamara H. Hatley, MMC, NCCMC
City Clerk