

MINUTES
King City Council
Regular Session
June 4, 2018

The King City Council met in regular session at King City Hall on Monday, June 4, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Councilman Charles Allen, Councilman Brian Carico, Councilman Wesley Carter, Mayor Pro Tempore Rick McCraw, Mayor Jack Warren, City Manager Homer Dearmin, City Clerk Tammy Hatley, Director of Finance and Personnel Susan O'Brien, Director of Planning & Inspections Todd Cox, City Engineer Scott Barrow, Public Utilities Superintendent Robert Pettitt, Public Works Superintendent Ricky Lewis, Chief Water Plant Operator Mark Danley, Fire Chief Steven Roberson, Chief of Police Paula May, and Senior Center Director Suzan Garner.

Mayor Warren called the meeting to order.

Councilman Allen offered the invocation.

Mayor Warren led the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, Regular Meeting: Thursday, June 14, 2018, 7:00 p.m., King Recreation Acres Community Building
- Flag Day, Thursday, June 14, 2018
- King Planning Board, Regular Meeting: Monday, June 25, 2018, 7:00 p.m., King City Hall

Manager Dearmin announced that the King Chamber of Commerce would hold their *monthly Business Before Hours* at the Espresso Mechanic on Wednesday, June 6, 2018, from 7:30-9:00 a.m.

ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

It was the consensus of Council to adjust the agenda by adding *Sanitary Sewer Abandonment for 645 West Dalton Road* as item #7 on the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Warren opened the floor to receive public comment.

Mrs. Cathy Loveday, Executive Director of the King Chamber of Commerce, 181 Leeds Lane, King, NC and Mrs. Julienne Ratcliff, 121 Pilotview 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.

Mayor Warren requested that the City Manager follow up with staff about signage at the intersection of Pilotview Drive and Westview Drive.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilman Allen moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Mayor Pro Tempore McCraw seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0. The Item approved was: May 7, 2018, Regular Meeting minutes

PRESENTATION TO EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER – City Engineer Scott Barrow

Mayor Warren recognized City Engineer, Scott Barrow, as *Employee of the Quarter* for the 2nd Quarter of 2018. Mayor Warren presented Mr. Barrow with a plaque, windbreaker and check.

PUBLIC HEARING FY 2018-19 BUDGET

Mayor Warren opened the public hearing on the FY 2018-19 budget.

Manager Dearmin gave highlights of the budget process and budget message.

Being no one else present wishing to speak, Mayor Warren closed the public hearing on the FY 2018-19 budget.

Action

Councilman Carter moved to approve Ordinance 2018-02, an ordinance appropriating funds for Fiscal Year 2018-19 as presented. Mayor Pro Tempore McCraw seconded the motion which carried by a split vote of 3-1. (Allen-yea, Carico-nay, Carter-yea, McCraw-yea)

MR. BUD CAYTON, NC DEAF BLIND ASSOCIATION

Mr. Cayton informed the Mayor and Council that the Helen Keller Association has moved their race to Raleigh, NC. Mr. Cayton then requested that the Council continue to co-sponsor this race as the NC Deaf & Blind Association Run instead of the Annual Helen's Run and to reschedule the date of this race from Saturday, November 3, 2018, to Saturday, November 10, 2018.

Action

Councilman Carico moved to approve Ordinance Amendment 2018-01.02, which includes co-sponsorship of the NC Deaf & Blind Association Run on Saturday, November 10, 2018. Mayor Pro Tempore McCraw seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET AMENDMENT 2017-02.09

Councilman Allen moved to approve Budget Amendment 2017-02.09 as presented. Mayor Pro Tempore McCraw seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

SANITARY SEWER ABANDONMENT FOR 645 WEST DALTON ROAD

Councilman Carico moved to approve the sanitary sewer abandonment request by Jean Stock (POA for Betty Stock) at 645 West Dalton Road. Mayor Pro Tempore McCraw seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Councilman Carico had a follow up question to the sewer abandonment issue regarding policy for future reconnections. Engineer Barrow stated that if a connection was requested in the future it would be subject to a new tap fee charge.

Mayor Warren had a question concerning the length of active time for two Code Violations in the Planning Department report. Mr. Cox stated that the owners were diligently working to correct the problems cited.

ITEMS OF GENERAL CONCERN

Councilman Allen: Nothing at this time

Mayor Pro Tempore McCraw:

- Commended all City Departments on how they handled the recent flood situation
- Thanked Mrs. Loveday and everyone who worked at Meet Me On Main
- Apologized to Chief May for missing the Police Department Awards Banquet
- Welcomed Stokes County Commissioners Candidate, Rick Morris
- Commended Councilman Carter on his speech at the recent Memorial Day Ceremony

Councilman Carico: Nothing at this time

Councilman Carter:

- He appreciated all the hard work that staff from all the City Department put into the recent flood situation
- He is proud of the way the Council and City Staff handled the budget process noting the addition of two new police officer positions including one designated School Resource Officer (SRO) at King Elementary School, which will be the only elementary school in Stokes County with a dedicated SRO, as well as a new Parks & Recreation Director position to begin in January 2019.
- He feels that the City of King needs to lead and set an example
- Noted that no tax increase was included in the upcoming budget and very little Fund Balance was used

Mayor Warren:

- Congratulated County Commission Candidate, Rick Morris, on getting through the primary
- Thanked the King American Legion Post and Stokes County Arts Council for holding the recent Memorial Day Ceremony and congratulated Councilman Carter on his speech at the event

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PER NC GENERAL STATUTE 143-318.11 (A) (4)

Mayor Pro Tempore McCraw moved to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussion of Economic Development per NC General Statute 143-318.11 (a) (4). Councilman Allen seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Carico moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Carter seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0. The meeting stood adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Approved by:

Attest:

Jack Warren
Mayor

Tamara H. Hatley, MMC, NCCMC
City Clerk