

**MINUTES**  
**King City Council**  
**Regular Session**  
**July 1, 2019**

The King City Council met in regular session at King City Hall on Monday, July 1, 2019, 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, Superintendent of Public Utilities Robert Pettitt, Superintendent of Public Works Ricky Lewis, Water Treatment Plant Superintendent Ben Marion, Chief of Police Jordan Boyette, Fire Chief Steven Roberson, City Engineer Scott Barrow, Senior Center Director Suzan Garner, Parks & Recreation Director Olivia Smith, Lt. Benny Haynes, Officer Patrick Welch, and Chaplain Scott Vernon.

Mayor Warren called the meeting to order.

Ms. Katie Farmery of Girl Scout Troop 02326 led the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

The invocation was offered.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

- Senior Services Advisory Board, Regular Meeting: Tuesday, July 2, 2019, 4:30 p.m., King Senior Center
- City Hall Closed: Thursday, July 4, 2019, in observance of the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday
- Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July City Employee Cookout: Thursday, July 4, 2019, 6:30 p.m., King Fire Department
- Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks Show: Thursday, July 4, 2019, at dusk (Approximately 9:00 p.m.)
- 2019 Municipal Candidates Filing Begins: Friday, July 5, 2019, 12:00 p.m. – Friday, July 19, 2019, 12:00 p.m., Stokes County Board of Elections
- American Legion Annual Installation of Officers Dinner: Monday, July 8, 2019, 6:30 p.m., Carl Calloway American Legion Post
- Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, Regular Meeting: Thursday, July 11, 2019, 7:00 p.m., King Recreation Acres Community Building
- King Community Appearance Commission, Regular Meeting: Thursday, July 18, 2019, 3:30 p.m., King City Hall
- Stokes County League of Local Governments, Regular Meeting: Thursday, July 18, 2019, 6:30 p.m., King Recreation Acres Community Building (Hosted by the City of King)
- King Planning Board, Regular Meeting: Monday, July 22, 2019, 7:00 p.m., King City Hall

**ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA**

It was the consensus of the Council to remove item 6 – *Update on Veteran's Memorial Fountain at Central Park* from the agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Warren opened the floor to receive public comment.

Mr. Eric Lineberry of 110 Sheraton Court, King, NC and Pastor Rob Sizemore of 709 Kingsway 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**

Councilman Allen moved to approve the consent agenda as read. Mayor Pro Tempore McCraw seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0. Items approved were: (1) June 3, 2019, regular meeting minutes and (2) Orders of Collection of 2019, and 2018 and Prior Year's Taxes by Forsyth County Tax Administration.

#### **INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEE – Officer Patrick Welch**

Chief Boyette introduced Officer Patrick Welch to the Mayor and Council.

#### **SANITARY SEWER ABANDONMENT FOR 223 INGRAM ROAD**

Mayor Pro Tempore McCraw moved to approve the abandonment of the sanitary sewer connection located at 223 Ingram Road as requested by the new property owner, King Outreach Ministries. Councilman Carter seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

#### **REPORT ON SILVER AWARD PROJECT BY GIRL SCOUT KATIE FARMERY, BUILDING AND INSTALLING BULLETIN BOARDS AT RECREATION ACRES.**

Miss Katie Farmer, a member of Girl Scout Troop 02326 gave a report to the Mayor and Council on her Silver Award project, which is to construct and install two bulletin boards at King Recreation Acres Park. This project was also recommended by the King Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

#### **UPDATE ON WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT AND DOWNTOWN STREET LIGHTING PROJECTS**

City Engineer Barrow updated the Mayor and Council on the status of the Waste Water Treatment Plant and Downtown Street Lighting projects.

#### **2019 S.C.O.P.E. UPDATE**

Senior Center Director, Suzan Garner gave the Mayor and Council an update on the status of the Senior Center Operations and Procedures Evaluation.

#### **DEPARTMENTAL AND QUARTERLY STRATEGIC PLANNING REPORTS**

Mayor Pro Tempore McCraw:

- Questioned the status of the solar farm project. Manager Dearmin will get an update for Council on this project.
- Requested an update on renovations to the new Police Department building. Chief Boyette stated that he met with the architect who designed the building last week.

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

Councilman Carter:

- Stated that the City's Economic Development Committee meets the first Monday of each month and had met earlier in the day. Letters will be mailed out to owners of vacant tracts of land in the Big Oaks Industrial Park to start marketing those properties. The committee is also working on some sites along Newsome Road with Stokes County Economic Development Director Will Carter.

Councilman Carico:

- Wished everyone a safe and happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July
- Commended the Chaplain's invocation

Councilman Allen:

- Stated that the street lights along South Main Street have been out since the recent repaving. Manager Dearmin stated that he would have them checked and turn them in to Duke Energy for repair

Mayor Pro Tempore McCraw:

- Welcomed Officer Patrick Welch, Pastor Rob Sizemore, Mr. Hauser, and Stokes County Economic Development Director Will Carter to the meeting
- Stated that he had received a lot of good comments on the addition to the *Welcome to King* signs
- He is glad that the paving on South Main Street has been completed
- Complimented Parks & Recreation Director Smith on going forward with the Dog Park
- Thanked Katie Farmerie for coming to the meeting and representing the Girl Scouts
- Stated he is looking forward to the upcoming fireworks and Hamburger Grilling Championship Fundraiser on July 4<sup>th</sup>
- Thanked city staff for their work
- Thanked police and fire department personnel for their help with a car seat installation for his new granddaughter
- Thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Mayor Warren:

- Congratulated Mayor Pro Tempore McCraw and his wife Marlene on the birth of a new granddaughter.
- Thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and the information they provided
- Thanked the Department Heads and their staff for the good work they provide
- Thanked Pastor Sizemore for attending the meeting
- Thanked Officer Welch for coming to the meeting

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Pro Tempore McCraw moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmen Allen seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0. The meeting stood adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Approved by:

Attest:

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Jack Warren  
Mayor

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Tamara H. Hatley, MMC, NCCMC  
City Clerk