

MINUTES
King City Council
Regular Session
August 5, 2019

The King City Council met in regular session at King City Hall on Monday, August 5, 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, Director of Finance and Personnel Susan O'Brien, Director of Planning & Inspections Todd Cox, City Engineer Scott Barrow, Superintendent of Public Utilities Robert Pettitt, Superintendent of Public Works Ricky Lewis, Water Plant Superintendent Ben Marion, Chief of Police Jordan Boyette, Fire Chief Steven Roberson, Senior Center Director Suzan Garner, Parks & Recreation Director Olivia Smith, Asst. Fire Chief/Fire Marshall Brad Cheek, Chaplain Rick Hughes, Police Captain Ian Tedder, Lieutenant Benny Haynes, Detective II Amanda Creed, Sergeants Kenneth Gallimore, Michael Christian and Matthew Perdue, Corporals Justin Craver, Todd Batterton and Jordan Roddy, Officers Felicia Craver, Michael Deaton, Grayson Vass, Aubrey Sawyers, and John Jackson, Police Administrative Assistant Pam Ellison, Battalion Chief Bill Tedder, Fire Captains Jonathan Lane and Tanner Hairford, Engineer Josh Francis, Firefighters Mark Thorpe, Chase Gammons, Matthew Hutchens, and Andrew George.

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

The invocation was offered.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, Regular Meeting: Thursday, August 8, 2019, 7:00 p.m., King Recreation Acres Community Building
- 1st Annual Paw Park 5k: Saturday, August 10, 2019, 8:00 a.m., King Recreation Acres
- City Hall Closed: Monday, September 2, 2019, in observance of the Labor Day holiday
- King Economic Development Committee, Regular Meeting: Tuesday, September 3, 2019, 8:30 a.m., King City Hall
- King City Council, Regular Meeting: Tuesday, September 3, 2019, 7:00 p.m., King City Hall

Manager Dearmin announced that the Stokes County Board of Elections will hold educational seminars about voter photo identification requirements on Thursday, August 29, 2019, 2:00 p.m. at the Walnut Cove Public Library and on Thursday, August 29, 2019, 6:00 p.m. at the King Public Library.

ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Warren opened the floor to receive public comment. Being no one 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 presented. Mayor Pro Tempore McCraw seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0. Items approved were:

(1) July 1, 2019, Regular Meeting Minutes; (2) Set public hearing for financing of police vehicles on September 3, 2019, 7:00 p.m. at King City Hall; (3) Adoption of Resolution 2019-14, adopting the 2018 Local Water Supply Plan; and (4) Set date for annual employee appreciation meal for Friday, December 6, 2019, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. at the Maintenance building.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW POLICE CAPTAIN – IAN TEDDER

Chief Boyette introduced Mr. Ian Tedder as the new Captain of the King Police Department and held a pinning ceremony.

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION TO MR. DAVID TAYLOR, COMMANDER PURPLE HEART CHAPTER #638 FOR PURPLE HEART DAY

Mayor Warren presented a proclamation in observance of *Purple Heart Day* to Commander David Taylor and members of Purple Heart Chapter #638.

CONDEMNATION OF PROPERTIES

Director of Planning and Inspections Cox informed the Mayor and Council that this is a request to begin condemnation procedures on two vacant residences that have been issued zoning violation notices in the past with minor results and now pose a threat to adjoining properties due to fire and vandalism risks.

A discussion was held regarding the process of recouping the cost of demolition of the two houses.

Action

Councilman Allen moved to proceed with issuance of condemnation orders for the residences located at 105 Wall Street and 349 East King Street and to use the City Attorney to help in the process. Mayor Pro Tempore McCraw seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

SELECTION OF ARCHITECT FOR BASEMENT UPFIT AT NEW POLICE DEPARTMENT BUILDING

Mayor Pro Tempore McCraw moved to table this item until staff has time to explore more options. Councilman Carter seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET AMENDMENT 2019-02.01

Councilman Carter moved to approve Budget Amendment 2019-02.01 as presented. Mayor Pro Tempore McCraw seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Councilman Carico asked if the City had an ordinance in place concerning panhandling. City Clerk Hatley confirmed that there was an ordinance in place.

Councilman Carico commented on the Sheraton Court road maintenance issue. Mayor Warren asked Manager Dearmin and Planning Director Cox to check with our State Representative and the NCDOT to try to get this resolved.

ITEMS OF GENERAL CONCERN

Councilman Allen: Nothing at this time

Mayor Pro Tempore McCraw:

- Welcomed Stokes County Manager Jake Oakley, Stokes County Economic Development Director Will Carter, and *The Stokes News* reporter, Neil Caldwell
- Congratulated Captain Tedder on his promotion
- Commended Public Works Superintendent, Ricky Lewis for his quick response to a concern about roadside brush over the weekend

Councilman Carico: Nothing at this time

Councilman Carter: Nothing at this time

Mayor Warren:

- Thanked everyone for attending the meeting
- Recognized Stokes County Manager Jake Oakley, Stokes County Economic Development Director Will Carter, King Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Cathy Loveday, and David Taylor, Commander of Purple Heart Chapter 638 and thanked them for coming to the meeting

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 8:04 p.m.

Approved by:

Attest:

Jack Warren
Mayor

Tamara H. Hatley, MMC, NCCMC
City Clerk