

MINUTES
King City Council
Regular Meeting
November 4, 2019

The King City Council met in regular session at King City Hall on Monday, November 4, 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 & Personnel Susan O'Brien, Director of Planning and Inspections Todd Cox, City Engineer Scott Barrow, Public Utilities Superintendent Robert Pettitt, Public Works Superintendent Ricky Lewis, Water Treatment Plant Superintendent Ben Marion, Chief of Police Jordan Boyette, Assistant Fire Chief/Fire Marshal Brad Cheek, Senior Center Director Suzan Garner, Parks & Recreation Director Olivia Smith, Lt. Benny Haynes, Lt. Kenneth Gallimore, Sgt. Michael Christian, Cpl. Todd Batterton, Officers Chase Sawyers, Wesley Overby and Clay Livengood, Chaplain Rick Hughes and Scott Vernon.

Mayor Warren called the meeting to order.

Life Scout Simon Oves of BSA Troop #779 led the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

The invocation was offered.

ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

It was the consensus of the Council to remove item B *Set public hearing for street financing at King City Hall on December 2, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.* from the consent agenda and table it until the December 2, 2019, regular meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Warren opened the floor to receive public comment.

Mr. Kevin Cole of 123, Glenn Avenue, King, NC and Mr. Steven Hewett of 141 Willowbend 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 presented. Mayor Pro Tempore McCraw seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0. The item approved was: October 7, 2019, regular meeting minutes.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES – POLICE OFFICERS CLAY LIVENGOOD AND WESLEY OVERBY

Chief Boyette introduced Officers Clay Livengood and Wesley Overby to the Mayor and Council.

PUBLIC HEARING – VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION REQUEST BY WESTMORELAND CONSTRUCTION

Mayor Warren opened the public hearing for the annexation request by Westmoreland Construction. Director of Planning and Inspection Cox stated that this is a request by Phillip Westmoreland for voluntary annexation of the lot at 508 Goff Road per the City's utility extension policy. This is lot #2 of 4 lots on Goff Road and contains 3.954 acres. Lots #1 and #3 have been annexed previously per the City's

utility extension ordinance. Being no one else present wishing to speak, Mayor Warren closed the public hearing on the voluntary annexation request by Westmoreland Construction.

Action

Mayor Pro Tempore McCraw moved to approved Ordinance 2019-04, an ordinance to extend the corporate limits of the City of King, NC. Councilman Carter seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

PUBLIC HEARING – AMENDMENT TO OPEN AIR PERMIT ORDINANCE

Mayor Warren opened the public hearing on amendment to the Open-Air Public Meeting Ordinance. City Manager Dearmin stated that due to ongoing concerns with open air public meetings being scheduled on consecutive days or weeks which causes several areas of concern including consistent interference with local businesses, staff time, public safety, and others, City staff is proposing a revision to the current ordinance. The proposed text amendment has been reviewed and contains language recommended by the City Attorney.

Action

Councilman Carter moved to approve Ordinance Amendment 2016-01.01 as amended. Councilman Allen seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

PRESENTATION BY SIMON OVES OF BOY SCOUT TROOP 779 IN KERNERSVILLE OF EAGLE SCOUT/WILLIAM T. HORNADAY PROJECT PROPOSAL FOR INVASIVE PLANT SPECIES REMOVAL IN CENTRAL PARK

Mayor Pro Tempore McCraw moved to approve the Eagle Scout project as proposed by Life Scout Oves. Councilman Allen seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

PRESENTATION BY PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON POTENTIAL PARKING LOT ADDITION AT THE WHITE ROAD ENTRANCE OF RECREATION ACRES

Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Chairman, Garry Merritt informed the Mayor and Council that at their October 2019 meeting, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee reviewed drawings done by City Planner, Todd Cox, of a potential parking lot addition at the White Road entrance of King Recreation Acres Park to better accommodate the demand for parking, which has increased dramatically since the construction of Everyone's Playground. The drawing also moves the entrance of the park up White Road closer to Universal Healthcare, which, in their opinion, addresses the problem of traffic coming into the park at sometimes high speeds directly beside the picnic shelter, which is often host to children's birthday parties.

Action

Mayor Pro Tempore McCraw moved to table this request until budget workshops are held for the upcoming fiscal year and in the meantime to have staff get some cost estimates for the project. Councilman Allen seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

AWARD BID FOR DEMOLITION OF CONDEMNED HOUSES

Director of Planning and Inspections Cox informed the Mayor and Council that this is a request to select a contractor to demolish the condemned houses at 105 Wall Street and 349 E. King Street. The amount incurred by the City in connection with removal or demolition shall be a lien against the real property upon which the cost was incurred and would be handled by the City Attorney.

Bids received for demolition cost for both lots are: Tuttle Construction \$24,900 Neal Grading \$18,500

Action

Councilman Carter moved to award the bid for demolition of the condemned houses at 105 Wall Street and 349 E. King Street to Neal Grading at a cost of \$18,500. Councilman Allen and Mayor Pro Tempore McCraw seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET AMENDMENT 2019-02.02

Councilman Carter moved to approve Budget Amendment 2019-02.02 as presented. Councilman Allen seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

There were no questions concerning the departmental reports.

ITEMS OF GENERAL CONCERN

Councilman Carter:

- Stated that he would not be able to attend the December City Council meeting
- He appreciates Councilman Carico's willingness to serve as a City Councilman and his service to the City for the past eight years

Councilman Carico:

- Stated that he may not be at the December meeting due to seasonal work duties
- He respects people a whole lot more after learning what it takes to run the city
- He appreciated his time on the City Council and is not moving out of town
- Addressed Mr. Hewett's public comment remarks

Mayor Pro Tempore McCraw:

- Thanked Councilman Carico for bearing with him as a new Councilman on the board, noting that he had helped to enlighten him on several different things
- Thanked everyone for attending the meeting
- Stated that he was proud to represent King

Councilman Allen:

- Stated that he had appreciated working with Councilman Carico
- Thanked the Fire Department and Police Department staff and citizens for attending the meeting

Mayor Warren:

- Stated that Councilman Carico had done a good job on the City Council

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 session and stated that no action had taken place during the executive session.

Action

Councilman Carter moved to approve the addition of the Iron Mule Property located on Newsome Road to the Option to Market Agreement prepared by the City Attorney for the Big Oaks Industrial Park vacant properties. Mayor Pro Tempore McCraw and Councilman Allen seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

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 8:20 p.m.

Approved by:

Attest:

Jack Warren
Mayor

Tamara H. Hatley, MMC, NCCMC
City Clerk