

MINUTES
King City Council
Regular Session
December 2, 2019

The King City Council met in regular session at King City Hall on Monday, December 2, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. Present were: Councilman Charles Allen, Councilman Brian Carico, Councilman Terri Fowler, Mayor Pro Tempore Rick McCraw, Mayor Jack Warren, City Manager Homer Dearmin, City Clerk Tammy Hatley, Director of Finance and Personnel Susan O'Brien, Chief of Police Jordan Boyette, City Engineer Scott Barrow, Public Utilities Superintendent Robert Pettitt, Public Works Superintendent Ricky Lewis, Water Treatment Plant Superintendent Ben Marion, Fire Chief Steven Roberson, Senior Center Director Suzan Garner, Parks & Recreation Director Olivia Smith, Fire Captain Matt Rhode, Captain Ian Tedder, Lt. Benny Hayes, Lt. Kenneth Gallimore, Detective Sgt. Jason Harrison, Det. Amanda Creed, Sgt. Michael Christian, Officer Clay Livengood, and Chaplain Rick Hughes.

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

The invocation was offered.

MOTION TO EXCUSE COUNCILMAN

Mayor Pro Tempore McCraw moved to excuse the absence of Councilman Carter. Councilman Allen seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote of 3-0.

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

- Senior Services Advisory Board, Called Meeting: Tuesday, December 3, 2019, 4:30 p.m., King Senior Center
- Community Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony: Friday, December 6, 2019, Band begins playing at 6:30 p.m., Tree lighting at 7:00 p.m., Spainhour Cabin at King Central Park
- King Christmas Parade: Saturday, December 7, 2019, 2:00 p.m. lineup begins at W. School Street
- Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, Regular Meeting: Thursday, December 12, 2019, 7:00 p.m., King Recreation Acres Community Building
- Annual Employee Appreciation Meal: Friday, December 13, 2019, 12:00-2:00 p.m., Maintenance Department
- D.A.R.E. Graduation: Tuesday, December 17, 2019, 9:00 a.m., King Elementary School
- City Hall closed: Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday, December 24, 25 & 26, 2019, in observance of the Christmas holiday
- City Hall closed: Wednesday, January 1, 2019: in observance of the New Year's holiday

ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

It was the consensus of the Council to remove item #7 *Update of Veteran's Memorial Maintenance/Repairs* and table it until the January 2020 regular meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Warren opened the floor to receive public comment.

Mrs. Cathy Loveday, Executive Director of the King Chamber of Commerce 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 3-0. The item approved was November 4, 2019, minutes.

EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

Mayor Warren recognized Detective Amanda Creed as the City of King *Employee of the Quarter* for the fourth quarter of 2019 and presented her with a recognition plaque, windbreaker and check.

RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING COUNCILMAN BRIAN CARICO

Mayor Warren presented a plaque to outgoing City Councilman Brian Carico and thanked him for his service to the citizens of King over the past eight years.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

OATHS OF OFFICES ADMINISTERED

Chief District 17-B Court Judge Bill Southern administered the oath of office to Mayor Jack Warren.

NC Representative Kyle Hall administered the oaths of office to Councilman Terri Fowler and Councilman Rick McCraw.

Election of Mayor Pro Tempore

Mayor Warren opened the floor for nominations for the position of Mayor Pro Tempore. Councilman Fowler nominated Rick McCraw as Mayor Pro Tempore. Councilman Allen moved to close the nominations. Being no other nominations, Mayor Warren closed the floor for nominations.

Action

Councilman Fowler moved to appoint Councilman Rick McCraw as Mayor Pro Tempore. Councilman Allen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with a vote of 3-0.

Appointment of City Attorney

Mayor Warren opened the floor for nominations for the position of City Attorney. Mayor Pro Tempore McCraw nominated Ed Woltz of the Woltz Law Firm as City Attorney. Being no other nominations, Mayor Warren closed the floor for nominations.

Action

Mayor Pro Tempore McCraw moved to re-appoint Ed Woltz, of the Woltz Law Firm as City Attorney. Councilman Fowler seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with a vote of 3-0.

Appointment to Piedmont Triad Council of Governments

Mayor Warren opened the floor for nominations for the position of City Representative to the Piedmont Triad Council of Governments. Councilman Allen nominated Mayor Pro Tempore McCraw as City

Representative to the Piedmont Triad Council of Governments. Being no other nominations, Mayor Warren closed the floor for nominations.

Action

Councilman Allen moved to re-appoint Mayor Pro Tempore McCraw as City Representative to the Piedmont Triad Council of Governments. Councilman Fowler seconded the motion which carried unanimously with a vote of 3-0.

Appointment to Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Advisory Committee

Mayor Warren opened the floor for nominations for the position of City Representative to the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Advisory Committee. No nomination was forthcoming for appointment to the Winston-Salem Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Advisory Committee. Being no nominations, it was the consensus of the Council to table this item until a volunteer comes forth.

Mayor Warren called for a 5-minute break at 7:45 p.m.

Mayor Warren reconvened the meeting.

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMUNITY APPEARANCE ADVISORY COMMISSION

Action

Councilman Allen moved to re-appoint Mrs. Cathy Loveday and Mrs. Pam Warren and appoint Mrs. Adrian Ramsey to the Community Appearance Commission for a term of four years ending December 2023. Councilman Fowler seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with a vote of 3-0.

APPOINTMENTS TO PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Action

Councilman Fowler moved to re-appoint Mr. Charles Helsabeck and Mr. Garry Merritt and appoint Mr. Cooper Smith to the King Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for a term of four years ending December 2023. Mayor Pro Tempore McCraw seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with a vote of 3-0.

APPOINTMENTS TO SENIOR SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD

Action

Mayor Pro Tempore McCraw moved to re-appoint Mrs. Carolyn Byerly, Mrs. Susie Grabs, and Ms. Christie Mercier to the King Senior Services Advisory Board for a term of three years ending December 2022. Councilman Allen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously with a vote of 3-0.

PRESENTATION OF AUDIT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT BY VALERIE KIGER OF CANNON AND COMPANY

Ms. Valerie Kiger, Partner of Cannon and Company informed the Mayor and Council that the City of King had received an "unmodified clean opinion" on the annual audit which has already been accepted by the Local Government Commission. Ms. Kiger expressed her appreciation to Finance Director O'Brien and her staff for their assistance with the audit, reviewed high points and went on record to be aware of dipping into General Fund - fund balance.

CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET AMENDMENT 2019-02.03

Councilman Fowler moved to approve Budget Amendment 2019-02.03 as presented. Councilman Allen seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote of 3-0.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS/QUARTERLY STRATEGIC PLANNING REPORTS

City Engineer Barrow was questioned about the status of the waste water treatment plant project. Mr. Barrow stated that he is still waiting on a response from the State.

ITEMS OF GENERAL CONCERN

Councilman Fowler: Nothing at this time

Mayor Pro Tempore McCraw:

- Thanked everyone for attending the meeting
- Thanked citizens for standing up for our City to be a Christian city
- Thanked Councilman Fowler for stepping up to come on the Council and he is looking forward to working with her over the next four years
- Thanked everyone for their support of the last four years
- Appreciates each and everyone at the City for all they do
- Stated that the decorations looked great and he is looking forward to the Community Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony
- So proud to be in King and he loves it so much
- Thanked his wife for her support over the past four years and upcoming four years
- Thanked Stokes County Economic Development Director Will Carter for attending the meeting

Councilman Allen:

- Congratulated Mayor Warren, Councilman Fowler, & Mayor Pro Tempore McCraw on their elections
- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas

Mayor Warren:

- Congratulated Mrs. Fowler and Mr. McCraw on their election and re-election and stated that he is looking forward to working with them over the next four years
- Encouraged the City Manager and Utilities Department staff to make it a priority to find out something on the Veteran’s Memorial maintenance/repair so we can be prepared to proceed at the January meeting
- Thanked everyone for attending the meeting

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Fowler moved to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Pro Tempore McCraw seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote of 3-0. The meeting stood adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Approved by:

Attest:

Jack Warren
Mayor

Tamara H. Hatley, MMC, NCCMC
City Clerk

