

**MINUTES**  
**King City Council**  
**Regular Session**  
**December 3, 2018**

The King City Council met in regular session at King City Hall on Monday, December 3, 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 and Inspections Todd Cox, City Engineer Scott Barrow, Superintendent of Public Works Ricky Lewis, Superintendent of Public Utilities Robert Pettitt, Water Plant Superintendent Ben Marion, Water Plant Operator Brandon Stahly, Captain Jordan Boyette, Lt. Benny Hayes, Sgt. Chad Williams, Chaplain Donald Davis, Accounting Technician Shannon Cain, Lt. Dallas Hale, Senior Center Director Suzan Garner, Captain Tanner Hairford, Reserve Officer Ian Tedder, Meter Reader Josh Wilmoth, and Chief Paula May.

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

The invocation was offered.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

- Annual Employee Appreciation Meal: Friday, December 7, 2018, 12:00-2:00 p.m., Maintenance Department
- Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, Regular Meeting: Thursday, December 13 2018, 7:00 p.m., King Recreation Acres Community Building
- City Hall closed: Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday, December 24, 25 & 26, 2018, in observance of the Christmas holiday
- City Hall closed: Tuesday, January 1, 2019: in observance of the New Year's holiday

**ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Warren opened the floor to receive public comment.

Mr. Sam Hooker, representing King's Cross Properties, 1229 Hall Road, Westfield, NC stated that he wished to defer his comments until item 5 of the agenda *Plan Amendment for Shelton Trace*.

Action

It was the consensus of the Council to grant Mr. Hooker's request to defer his comments until item 5 of the agenda *Plan Amendment for Shelton Trace*.

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) October 29, 2019, called meeting minutes; (2) November 5, 2018, regular meeting minutes; (3) November 14, 2018, called meeting minutes; and (4) Set public hearing date for January 7, 2018, 7:00 p.m., King City Hall for capital asset financing.

## **RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER – SHANNON CAIN, ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN**

Mayor Warren recognized Accounting Technician Shannon Cain, as *Employee of the Quarter* for the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of 2018. Mayor Warren presented Mrs. Cain with a plaque, windbreaker and check.

## **INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES – METER READER, JOSH WILMOTH, PART-TIME WATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR BRANDON STAHLY & RECYCLING CENTER ATTENDANT WALT GOSS**

Public Utilities Superintendent Pettitt introduced Meter Reader Josh Wilmoth to the Mayor and Council. Water Plant Superintendent Ben Marion introduced part-time Water Treatment Plant Operator Brandon Stahly to the Mayor and Council. Manager Dearmin informed the Mayor and Council that Walt Goss was not able to attend the meeting and would be introduced at a later date.

## **PRESENTATION OF AUDIT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Ms. Valerie Kiger, Partner of Cannon and Company informed the Mayor and Council that the City of King had received a “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.

## **PLAN AMENDMENT FOR SHELTON TRACT**

Director of Planning and Inspections Cox informed the Mayor and Council that this is a request by King’s Cross Properties, LLC to amend the site plan for CU-PUD-007 which is located on the 100 block on Moore Road and contains approximately 124 acres. The proposed amendment has been reviewed and recommended by staff with a list of conditions along with any additional conditions as determined by the City Council.

### Action

Mayor Pro Tempore McCraw moved to approve the proposed plan amendment for CU-PUD-007A with the additional condition that if the developer builds more than 99 single-family homes, he will be required to install a second full-sized means of ingress/egress built to NC Department of Transportation standards. Councilman Carter seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

## **SURPLUS OF K-9 GIMI**

Chief May informed the Mayor and Council that the veterinarian has recommended that K-9 Officer Gimi be retired due to age and health issues and recommended the sale of Gimi to his handler, Sgt. Chad Williams for \$1. Sgt Williams has requested to purchase Gimi and this is in keeping with prior action by the City Council regarding the K-9 program.

### Action

Councilman Allen moved to approve Resolution 2018-22, which is incorporated within the body of the minutes below. Mayor Pro Tempore McCraw seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

**CITY OF KING  
Resolution 2018-22  
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF  
RETIRED K-9 GIMI**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of King finds that Police K-9 Gimi can no longer perform as required for his job, and has received a recommendation from his veterinarian that he be retired; and

**WHEREAS**, G.S. 160A-266(d) permits the City Council to authorize the disposition of personal property that is without value; and

**WHEREAS**, Handler Sgt. Chad Williams has agreed to purchase retired K-9 Gimi from the City of King in the amount of \$1.00 and upon accepting custody of the dog will assume all liability and responsibility for the care of the animal for the remainder of its life.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of King authorizes the purchase of K-9 Gimi by Handler Sgt. Chad Williams for the amount of \$1.00 effective December 3, 2018.

**SURPLUS PROPERTY RESOLUTION**

Councilman Carico moved to approve Resolution 2018-21, which is incorporated within the body of the minutes below. Mayor Pro Tempore McCraw seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

**CITY OF KING  
RESOLUTION NO. 2018-21  
RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ELECTRONIC AUCTION  
AND DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS PERSONAL PROPERTY**

**WHEREAS** The City of King has accumulated personal property that is no longer necessary to meet the operational needs of the City. Traditionally, the City has declared such property to be surplus and disposed of such property by public auction in accordance with the requirements of N.C.G.S. 160A-270 and to dispose of surplus property with no value in accordance with N.C.G.S. 160A-266 (d).

**WHEREAS**, each of the items described on the next page is declared to be surplus to the needs of the City.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KING** that the sale of all surplus property by electronic auction in accordance with the requirements of N.C.G.S. 160A-270 is hereby authorized and the City Manager, or other staff designated by him, is authorized to give appropriate notice and conduct the sale in accordance with the requirements of all applicable laws.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, all surplus property shall be made available for inspection at reasonable times so that the sale can be conducted beginning on or after January 2, 2019 by electronic means at [www.ci.king.nc.us](http://www.ci.king.nc.us) and/or [www.GovDeals.com](http://www.GovDeals.com). With appropriate notice given at [www.ci.king.nc.us](http://www.ci.king.nc.us), the date, place and time of the sale may be changed by the City Manager. All items shall be sold for cash or other payment means approved by the City Manager.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the person designated to conduct the sale for the City Manager shall have the authority to remove items of surplus property from the list to be sold at any time prior to the acceptance of any bid and the conclusion of the transaction.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the City Manager is authorized to negotiate, execute and issue on behalf of the City all contracts necessary in order to conduct the sale of surplus property by electronic auction first, then private sale, including any contracts with public or private auction agents as allowed by statute, specifically including but not limited to a contract with GovDeals, Inc., if the City Manager deems such contract to be in the best interest of the City.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the property listed below is declared surplus with no value and will be properly disposed in accordance with N.C.G.S. 160A-266 (d).

Adopted this the 3rd day of December 2018.

<b>City of King Electronic Surplus Property Sale</b>			
<b>2018 Auction Equipment</b>			
<b>Dept</b>	<b>Item Description</b>	<b>VIN# (if applicable)</b>	<b>Fixed Asset#</b>
Police	2006 Ford Crown Victoria	2FAFP71W76X163441	
	2008 Ford Crown Victoria	2FAFP71V08X134454	
	Flashlights and lighting modules		
	Mounting systems		
	Buffer		
	Radars		
	Radar		
	Misc. vehicle equipment and wiring		
	2005 Dodge Caravan	2D4GP44L45R244918	
	2002 Chrysler Concorde LXI	2C3HD36M32H284620	
Yamaha TTR 125L	JYACG07491A012150		
Yamaha R-6	JYARJ124X6A000180		
5 assorted bicycles			

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

There were no questions concerning the departmental reports.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT – CHIEF MAY**

Chief of Police, Paula May read a prepared statement to the Mayor and Council announcing her retirement effective January 1, 2019.

## ITEMS OF GENERAL CONCERN

Councilman Carter:

- Thanked Chief May for her 10 years of service
- Stated that he was strongly opposed to the recent action by the Stokes County Commissioners regarding spending \$2 million from fund balance and financing another \$2 million to construct the Stokes County Wellness Center and only hire two employees to run it without first completing a feasibility study when they can't pay for EMS workers, noting that he felt it was a terrible misuse of funds and was rushed through

Councilman Carico:

- Echoed Councilman Carter's words to Chief May and applauded her service to the City
- Emphasized the need for the second tract to Kirby Road on the easement for the site amendment by King's Cross Properties, LLC
- Noted that the City had done well on the annual audit and encouraged his fellow council members as a whole to continue to stay wise and if they don't have the money for something then don't spend it
- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas

Mayor Pro Tempore McCraw:

- Echoed Councilman Carter's comments on the Stokes County Wellness Center by the Stokes County Commissioners
- Echoed Councilman Carico's comments on the budget on outgo versus income
- Commended the Collections Department staff on their vigilance on the recent apprehension of a criminal at King City Hall
- Stated that he was excited about Mr. Hooker and the King's Cross Properties, LLC project
- Is excited about the growth in King
- Stated that he is thankful and honored to serve on the King City Council
- Wished Chief May the best of luck in her retirement

Councilman Allen:

- Noted that everything had already been said and wished Chief May well in her retirement

Mayor Warren:

- Stated that everyone had a great time at the Community Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and thanked everyone who had a part in making the event so successful
- Thanked Mr. Hooker for having faith in our city and stated that he is looking forward to working with him
- Thanked the Finance Department staff for another good audit report
- Commented that he was not necessarily against the Stokes County Commissioner's action regarding the Stokes County Wellness Center, but the way it was rushed through
- Stated that Councilman Carico's remarks about the City's Fund Balance were well taken

**EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSES OF DISCUSSION OF PERSONNEL PER NC GENERAL STATUTE 143-318.11 (A) (6) THE NEGOTIATION OF THE PRICE AND TERMS OF A CONTRACT CONCERNING THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY PER N.C. GENERAL STATUTE 143-318.11 (A) (5)**

Mayor Pro Tempore McCraw moved to adjourn to executive session for the purposes of discussion of personnel per NC General Statute 143-318.11 (a) (6) and the negotiation of the price and terms of a contract concerning the acquisition of real property per NC General Statute 143-318.11 (a) (5). Councilman Allen seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote of 4-0.

Mayor Warren reconvened the meeting and stated that no action was taken during the executive session.

Action

Councilman Carter moved to approve a pay increase recommendation by the City Manager in regards to 49 employees who received less than a 2% pay increase from the pay study implementation, which waived next year's annual raise and cost of living increase that these employees normally would have received. Mayor Pro Tempore McCraw 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 9:19 p.m.

Approved by:

Attest:

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Jack Warren  
Mayor

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Tamara H. Hatley, MMC, NCCMC  
City Clerk