

Minutes of the Regular Work Session of the
Board of Mayor and Aldermen, City of Kingsport, Tennessee
Monday, December 17, 2018, 4:30 PM
Large Court Room – City Hall

PRESENT: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

Mayor John Clark

Vice-Mayor Mike McIntire

Alderman Jennifer Adler

Alderman Joe Begley

Alderman Colette George

(left at 6:25 p.m.)

Alderman Tommy Olterman

City Administration

Jeff Fleming, City Manager

J. Michael Billingsley, City Attorney

James H. Demming, City Recorder

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 4:30 p.m. by Mayor Clark.
2. **ROLL CALL:** By City Recorder Demming. Absent: Alderman Betsy Cooper
3. **KEEP KINGSFORT BEAUTIFUL UPDATE.** Robin Cleary gave a presentation on KKB what all they accomplished this past year. She pointed out that for every dollar that is taken in, \$80 of benefits is put back out into the community. Ms. Cleary also gavn details on what is coming up in 2019, including some new events.
4. **NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION QUARTERLY REPORT.** Ms. Margot Seay discussed this item and answered questions from the board. She highlighted the goals of 2019, noting they would be visiting neighborhoods this year instead of holding monthly meetings.
5. **KINGSFORT THEATRE GUILD UPDATE.** Ms. Tina Radtke, Executive Director for KTG, presented this item highlighting the fiscal impact that KTG has on the community bringing patrons to Kingsport. She stated that based on the Americans for the Arts data that KTG is bringing in a quarter of a million dollars into Kingsport each year. She also confirmed for Alderman Adler that KTG gives more back to the city in theatre rental than what is provided in the city grant. Some discussion followed.
6. **REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS ON THE DECEMBER 18, 2018 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA.** City Manager Fleming and members of staff gave a summary or presentation for each item on the proposed agenda. The following items were discussed at greater length or received specific questions or concerns.
 - VI.B.1 **Amend General Projects Fund Budget and Reappropriate Existing Funds from the Bays Mountain Park & Planetarium Septic System Project to the Bays Mountain Park & Planetarium Parking Lot Improvement Project (AF: 275-2018).** City Manager Fleming gave an update on this project and noted the bid would go out in January for the parking lot.

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VI.D.1 Bid Award for the Purchase of Four (4) 19-Passenger Cut Away Style Mini-Buses (AF: 235-2018). City Manager Fleming pointed out this item was presented at the last meeting but a correction needed to be made. This is not an additional purchase.


VI.D.2 Establish The Kingsport Land Bank, Inc. and Approve Proposed Charter for Submission to Tennessee Secretary of State (AF: 278-2018). Development Services Director Lynn Tully presented this item, noting this authority is granted by the state with only twelve allowed. She stated there were three that have already been established – Memphis Chattanooga and Oak Ridge. The purpose of this authority is for the conveyance of vacant, abandoned, troubled, and tax delinquent properties. It would be used as a tool to compliment code enforcement and remove/transform potential public nuisance properties. Discussion followed on how properties would be identified and the process of clearing titles to these properties. Ms. Tully then discussed funding sources, associated costs and next steps.

VI.D.5 Acquisition of Portion of Property for Road Salt Quonset Hut (AF: 281-2018). City Manager Fleming provided details on this item, stating it was half an acre behind Food City and would greatly improve the response time to the Rock Springs, Colonial Heights, Moreland Drive and Fall Creek areas. Assistant City Manager for Operations Ryan McReynolds provided further information and answered questions. Some discussion ensued.

VI.D.6 Consideration of 2019 Joint Tri-Cities Legislative Policy (AF: 280-2018). City Manager Fleming provided details on this item, pointing out that Johnson City and Bristol have already approved this. Vice-Mayor McIntire stated some key elements were missing, but they could be addressed individually at a future date.

7. ADJOURN. Seeing no other matters presented for discussion at this work session, Mayor Clark adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.


ANGEL MARSHALL
Deputy City Recorder


JOHN CLARK
Mayor