

Minutes of the Regular Work Session of the
Board of Mayor and Aldermen, City of Kingsport, Tennessee
Monday, March 3, 2014, 4:30 PM
Council Room – City Hall

PRESENT: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

Mayor Dennis Phillips
Alderman Colette George Alderman Tom C. Parham
Vice-Mayor Mike McIntire Alderman Tom Segelhorst

City Administration

John G. Campbell, City Manager
J. Michael Billingsley, City Attorney
James H. Demming, City Recorder

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 4:30 p.m. by Mayor Phillips.
2. **ROLL CALL:** By Deputy City Recorder Marshall. Absent: Alderman John Clark and Alderman Jantry Shupe.
3. **INTRODUCTION OF BECKY BIRDWELL, DIRECTOR, SBK ANIMAL CONTROL CENTER.** Alderman Parham introduced Ms. Birdwell, the new director of the animal shelter. Ms. Birdwell then gave a brief update on current programs at the facility, including the volunteer pool, visiting local schools to educate children and fundraising efforts.
4. **FRIENDS IN NEED – HEALTH CARE CENTER.** Mr. Bruce Sites gave details on this program, highlighting the budgetary needs and the benefits that are provided.
5. **EMPLOYEE WELLNESS CENTER.** Mr. Mark Morgan of Sherrill Morgan provided information on the wellness center since it opened on June 26, 2013, noting a very successful utilization rate of 95.4%. He also discussed the savings to the city through prescriptions, primary care visits and labs.
6. **PAVING STATUS UPDATE.** Public Works Director Ryan McReynolds gave details on this item and answered questions from the board. Mayor Phillips pointed out the BMA wants no failed streets within the city.
7. **WORK SESSION TICKLER.** Mayor Phillips commented that ETSU football will need a place to play for two years and encouraged Kingsport City Schools to cooperate with this initiative. The mayor also requested for the BMA to be kept up to date on the housing incentive. Assistant City Manager Jeff Fleming gave an update on it at that time.
8. **REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS ON THE MARCH 4, 2014 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA.** City Manager Campbell, members of staff and community members provided a summary or presentation for each item on the proposed agenda. Those items the Board discussed at greater length or which received specific questions or concerns included:

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VI.B.1 Consideration of a Resolution Awarding Bid for Demolition Contract at 1113 Konnarock Road and a Budget Ordinance Appropriating Available Funds for the Project and Authorize the Mayor to Execute the Agreement and Sign All Applicable Documents (AF: 50-2014). Water and Wastewater Distribution and Collection Manager Chad Austin provided details on this item. Public Works Director Ryan McReynolds pointed out the dollar for dollar swap was with the work included. Discussion followed.

(NOTE: At this time, Alderman George left the meeting at 6:10 p.m.)

VI.D.3 Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of a Purchase Order for One (1) Mini School Bus for Dobyons-Bennett Activities to Mid South Bus Center (AF: 51-2014). City Manager Campbell stated this is the type of vehicle they are moving to since the state directives first disallowed 15 passenger van and then they disallowed 11 passenger vans for personal transport of students. The state is also requiring all drivers to have a commercial driver's license.

VI.D.4 Consideration of a Resolution Awarding the Bid for the Purchase of One (1) 23-Passenger Cutaway Mini-Bus to National Bus Sales and Leasing, Inc. (AF: 56-2014). City Manager Campbell stated this vehicle was for the Senior Center. Senior Citizens Center Manager Shirley Buchanan provided further details on this item, noting the same state standards that apply to the schools apply here also.

VI.D.5 Consideration of a Resolution to Authorize the Sale of Surplus Property to GMO Partnership and Authorize the Mayor to Execute the Agreement and Sign All Applicable Documents (AF: 53-2014). City Manager Campbell explained the doctors have desired this property for some time. He stated the agreement was similar to the one with Frontier Health for staff parking. Mayor Phillips commented this may come back against the city at some point, noting it was a small amount of money for something they use anyway. Mr. Campbell stated that staff has worked very hard to make sure the passageway will work for everyone.

VI.D.6 Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of a Purchase Order for Two (2) 72-Passenger School Buses to Central States Bus Sales, Inc. (AF: 52-2014). City Manager Campbell stated this item was a rebid of school buses, noting this bid was less than before. Alderman Segelhorst pointed out it was also \$800 cheaper than the buses purchased through the other bid.

BOARD COMMENT. None.

PUBLIC COMMENT. None.

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8. **ADJOURN.** Seeing no other matters presented for discussion at this work session, Mayor Phillips adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.


ANGELA MARSHALL
Deputy City Recorder



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DENNIS R. PHILLIPS
Mayor