

Minutes of the Regular Work Session of the
Board of Mayor and Aldermen, City of Kingsport, Tennessee
Monday, May 19, 2014, 4:30 PM
Council Room – City Hall

PRESENT: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

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

City Administration

John G. Campbell, City Manager
J. Michael Billingsley, City Attorney
Lisa Winkle, Deputy City Recorder/Comptroller

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 4:30 p.m. by Mayor Phillips.
2. **ROLL CALL:** By Deputy City Recorder Winkle. Absent: Alderman Jantry Shupe.
3. **NORTHEAST STATE UPDATE.** Mr. Jeff McCord gave a presentation on the higher education programs and partnerships that have made the Higher Education Center a success. He highlighted the significant growth over the last few years. Mr. McCord also commented on the needs of local employers.
4. **OFFICE SPACE FOR JUDGE MONTGOMERY (CRIMINAL COURT OF APPEALS).** Mayor Phillips stated the city received a letter from the judge requesting to lease space on the second floor of Chamber building. The mayor state he looked at other locations, but the judge stated this one would best suit his needs, noting his primary concern was security. City Manager Campbell explained the process for moving forward.
5. **WORK SESSION TICKLER.** Alderman Segelhorst stated he was disappointed in the number of reported injuries, although he did think we were making positive progress.
6. **REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS ON THE MAY 20, 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:

VI.B.1 Consideration of an Ordinance to Amend the FY14 Schools Federal Projects Fund Budget (AF: 116-2014). City Manager Campbell confirmed for Alderman Segelhorst this is money that has come into the school system since the budget was approved this time last year. School Finance Director David Frye provided further details on how these funds affect projects for next year. School Superintended Dr. Lyle Ailshie noted these amendments have been taken under consideration and were included in the budget the schools presented to the BMA.

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Mayor Phillips stated there would be no additional funding for the school system. City Manager Campbell confirmed that any amount over \$153,000 would have the budget out of balance. Dr. Ailshie addressed the concerns over the technology funding, pointing out that although it is referred to as a one to one ratio for purchasing computers for students, they do not plan to buy every student a device at this time. He further stated the main goal is to be able to do online testing, noting at this time they do not meet the state requirement for that. Dr. Ailshie also informed the board he compared teacher salaries between Kingsport, Bristol and Johnson City and Kingsport was only the highest in one out twelve data points. He stated the requested additional funding and teacher positions were basically to keep up with growth and not for special programs. Some discussion followed on the options of the Board. Dr. Ailshie confirmed the request for \$650,000 for the additional teachers was needed more than the technology funding, if something had to be cut.

VI.B.2 Consideration of an Ordinance to Amend the FY14 Schools Special Projects Fund Budget (AF: 117-2014). See Item VI.B.1.

VI.B.3 Consideration of an Ordinance to Amend the FY14 General Purpose School Fund Budget (AF: 115-2014). See Item VI.B.1.

VI.D.1 Consideration of a Resolution to Authorize the Mayor to Sign All Documents Necessary to Apply for and Receive a DOJ – Office of Justice Programs/Bureau of Justice Assistance Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Reimbursement Grant (AF: 113-2014). City Manager Campbell provided information on this grant, noting a 50% match. Chief Quillin provided further details on the life of a vest and when they are worn by officers.

VI.D.3 Consideration of a Resolution Awarding the Bid for the Purchase of Three (3) AWD Utility Wagons to Auto World of Big Stone Gap, Inc. (AF: 109-2014). Fleet Manager Steve Hightower provided details for Alderman Segelhorst on why the winning bidder was able to acquire the vehicles and other bidders could not. He noted he contacted several local dealerships and they stated it was too much work to place a bid.

VI.D.5 Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Amend the Agreement with Barge Waggoner Sumner and Cannon for Design Services Related to the New Ball Field Complex (AF: 122-2014). City Manager Campbell confirmed for Vice-Mayor McIntire the money would come out of the capital fund. Assistant to the City Manager Chris McCartt noted it was included in the original project funding presented in April.

VI.D.7 Consideration of a Resolution to Amend the Professional Services Agreement with Hazen and Sawyer for Design Improvements to the Pendragon and West Kingsport Pump Stations and Authorize the Mayor to Sign All Applicable Documents (AF: 124-2014). Public Works Director McReynolds provided details on this item, noting the Pendragon pump station will be removed and extend the gravity to the West Kingsport station and upgrade. This resolution adjusts the contract to get to the final design.


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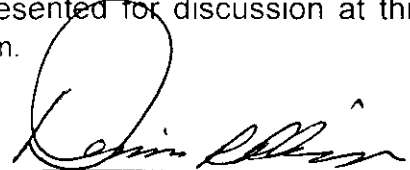
VI.D.8 Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement with Daniel V. Davis and 3 Tee's, LLC Regarding the Professional Housing Incentive Program (AF: 123-2014). Planning Manager Lynn Tully stated this is the first application to go through the entire process since the program began. She provided a brief summary on why the incentive program was initiated and the housing stock comparison with other local cities. She then gave details on the proposed development as well the potential return on investment and answered questions from the board. Mr. Daniel Davis provided further information regarding the development.

BOARD COMMENT. Mayor Phillips commented that he has heard from several citizens who would rather have an increased property tax rather than a garbage fee because it is tax deductible. City Manager Campbell provided further information regarding citizen concerns. He noted that although the fee is new to Kingsport, it is not new to the region. Other board members relayed what they have heard from the community as well. The mayor stated if the public has a strong opinion, they need to make it known to the board. Secondly, Mayor Phillips asked about the increased water and sewer rate. Public Works Director McReynolds explained the justification for the increase was cash flow. He also provided a history of rate increases. The mayor asked if the city would be in the red without the increase. Budget Director Judy Smith stated she was concerned, noting the reports that must be filed throughout the year to the state that shows the sustainability of operations. Some discussion followed.

PUBLIC COMMENT. None.

7. 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


DENNIS R. PHILLIPS
Mayor