



BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN WORK SESSION MINUTES

Monday, April 17, 2023 at 4:30 PM
City Hall, 415 Broad Street, Boardroom

Board of Mayor and Aldermen

Mayor Patrick W. Shull, Presiding
Vice Mayor Colette George
Alderman Betsy Cooper
Alderman Darrell Duncan

Alderman Paul W. Montgomery
Alderman Tommy Olterman
Alderman James Phillips

- I. CALL TO ORDER** 4:30 p.m. by Mayor Shull.
- II. ROLL CALL** by City Recorder/Treasurer Lisa Winkle.
- III. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- 1. Hotel/Motel Tax - Frank Lett**

Frank Lett gave a presentation on this item, noting the city currently has a 7% tax on hotels and motels, but the county is proposing adding 4%. He discussed the rates of other cities and how this will affect Kingsport. He recommended seeking an opinion from the Attorney General and other options to move forward. There was considerable discussion.

- 2. Utilities Update - Ryan McReynolds**

Deputy City Manager Ryan McReynolds presented this item, highlighting the pressures on utilities and noting local, regional and national issues. He also gave details on permit compliance as well as new and proposed regulations. Niki Ensor then provided information on the value of a master plan, pointing out how the previous actions of the board made a positive difference last Christmas during the freezing temperatures. She stated a stormwater master plan is forthcoming so all three utilities will have one. Mr. McReynolds concluded the presentation with financial planning objectives. There was some discussion.

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IV. REVIEW OF BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

City staff gave a summary for each item on the April 18, 2023 proposed agenda. No items were discussed at greater length or received specific questions of concerns.

V. ITEMS OF INTEREST

- 1. Projects Status in Pictures**
- 2. Projects Status Report**

VI. ADJOURN

Seeing no other matters presented for discussion, Mayor Shull adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

ANGELA MARSHALL
Deputy City Recorder

PATRICK W. SHULL
Mayor