



BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN WORK SESSION MINUTES

Monday, June 05, 2023 at 4:30 PM

City Hall, 415 Broad Street, Montgomery - Watterson 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 Clerk/Deputy City Recorder Angie Marshall

III. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Small Business Update - Heath Guinn

Aundrea Wilcox with KOSBE gave a presentation on the impact they have had on Kingsport. She pointed out the numbers are under-represented as some grant recipients don't always respond with end results. Liz Bennett then provided details on the Holston Development Business Center and the businesses that have utilized their services. Lenore Huss discussed the Inventor Center, noting the focus client is entrepreneurs, makers and artists. Katie Hoffman presented information on Create Appalachia, stating their purpose is to support creative entrepreneurs and provide incubator space for them. Heath Guinn provided information on Sync Space and how all of these organizations collaborate to provide the best services possible to the community. He pointed out their strategy is to not only retain current businesses but recruit new ones as well.

IV. REVIEW OF BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

City staff gave a summary for each item on the June 6, 2023 proposed agenda. The following items were discussed at greater length or received specific questions of concerns.

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VIII.1 Conduct a Public Hearing and Consideration of an Ordinance to Adopt the FY 2023-2024 Budget (AF-166-2023) Vice-Mayor George voiced concerns with raising the amount of money the city gives to Healthy Kingsport without giving other organizations an increase. Alderman Montgomery stated he would provide further information on the services they now provide to the community. There was some discussion. Mayor Shull pointed out this was the largest school budget to date.

VIII.2 Conduct a Public Hearing and Consideration of an Ordinance to Adopt the FY 24 Water Fund Budget (AF-167-2023) Regarding the utilities budget, Deputy City Manager McReynolds stated the newspaper published preliminary approximate rates. He explained the reason they ended up being higher was due to electric and other increased costs.

IX.6 Consideration of an Ordinance to Amend Kingsport Code of Ordinances Section 30-29 Pertaining to Court Costs for Kingsport City Court (AF-128-2023) The city manager expressed appreciation to staff for working to keep the city comparable. City Attorney Rowlett also pointed out this would officially remove the electronic citation fee as it is not being enforced.

XI.7 Consideration of a Resolution to Approve Water User Rate for North Greene Utility District for FY23 and Include Wholesale Rate in Fee Resolution (AF-162-2023) Deputy City Manager McReynolds stated the agreement expired and they couldn't pass along the increased rate to their customers. He noted it's a good relationship as they can service their customers and it also provides a revenue source for the city as well.

V. ITEMS OF INTEREST

1. Sales Tax Report

The city manager pointed out March was a very healthy month and with April, May and June to go the hope is to finish the year strong.

2. Projects Status Report

Mr. McCartt encouraged the board to look at this item often and refer back to it periodically to see the progress on projects as this item is updated regularly.

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VI. ADJOURN

Seeing no other matters presented for discussion, Mayor Shull adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

ANGELA MARSHALL

Deputy City Recorder

PATRICK W. SHULL

Mayor