



## **BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN WORK SESSION MINUTES**

**Monday, March 31, 2025 at 4:30 PM**

**City Hall, 415 Broad Street, Montgomery - Watterson Boardroom**

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### **Board of Mayor and Aldermen**

Mayor Paul W. Montgomery, Presiding

Vice Mayor Darrell Duncan

Alderman Morris Baker

Alderman Betsy Cooper

Alderman Colette George

Alderman Gary Mayes

Alderman James Phillips

**I. CALL TO ORDER** 4:30 pm by Mayor Montgomery.

**II. ROLL CALL** by City Recorder/Treasurer Travis Bishop. Alderman Cooper arrived after roll call.

### **III. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **1. BMP Controlled Burn**

Brian Kerns, Fire Science instructor at Dobyys Bennett, provided the history and significance of a prescribed fire verses a wildfire both regionally and at Bays Mountain. Megan Kreager then explained how the park fits into this burn scenario, pointing out it is being conducted by TDEC staff from State Natural Areas. She also talked about how this will affect the park both during and after the burn, noting there will be intermittent closures until completed. There was some discussion as she answered questions from the board.

#### **2. Power Franchise Equalization - Ryan McReynolds**

Deputy City Manager McReynolds gave a presentation on this item, explaining the franchise agreement as well as the importance and purpose of this fee. He also highlighted the progress that has been made since its implementation. Mr. McReynolds then discussed how the rising costs are outpacing the annual goals and noted the ultimate goal is to find a better balance between maintenance and repair. He further stated the recommended path forward is equalize the fees and reallocated the funding plan, pointing out there will be no impact to residential customers and Kingsport will still maintain the lowest industrial rates in the region. Discussion ensued throughout the presentation.

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### **3. Roads and Bridges - Ryan McReynolds**

Mr. McReynolds presented this item highlighting roadway and intersection improvements. He then focused on the 38 Kingsport owned bridges and how they are maintained. There are two bridges that need to be addressed immediately. There was some discussion.

## **IV. REVIEW OF BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA**

City staff gave a summary for each item on the April 1, 2025 proposed agenda. No items were discussed at greater length or received specific questions or concerns.

## **V. ITEMS OF INTEREST**

### **1. Projects Status Report**

## **VI. ADJOURN**

Seeing no other business for consideration, Mayor Montgomery adjourned the meeting at 6:11 p.m.

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ANGELA MARSHALL  
Deputy City Recorder

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PAUL W. MONTGOMERY  
Mayor