



AGENDA ACTION FORM

Consideration of a Resolution to Approve a Lease Agreement with VisitKingsport for Hunter Wright Stadium

To: Board of Mayor and Aldermen
From: Chris McCartt, City Manager *CM*

Action Form No.: AF-161-2026
Work Session: May 18, 2026
First Reading: N/A
Final Adoption: May 19, 2026
Staff Work By: Committee
Presentation By: Michael T. Borders

Strategic Focus Area: 3. Exceptional Cultural & Recreational Opportunities

Recommendation:
Approve the Resolution

Executive Summary:
If approved the City will enter into a lease for Hunter Wright Stadium with the Kingsport Convention and Visitor’s Bureau (VisitKingsport) for a period of five years.

VisitKingsport has leased Hunter Wright Stadium from the City of Kingsport since 2010. VisitKingsport desires to enter into an agreement for the next 5 years, expiring 2031. This lease allows VisitKingsport to sublease, with the City’s consent, the stadium to BOYD Sports for the operation of the VisitKingsport owned Axmen wood bat league team. The lease also allows the use of the premises for other activities at the written consent of the City.

VisitKingsport’s lease is one dollar annually. VisitKingsport is responsible for day-to-day cleaning and sanitary tasks with the City being responsible for utilities and general maintenance of the facility.

In 2025 the Axmen hosted 25 home games with total attendance of 45,243 and average attendance of 1,885.

Attachments:
1. Resolution

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Cooper	—	—	—
Duncan	—	—	—
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Mayes	—	—	—
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Montgomery	—	—	—