

Minutes of the Regular Work Session of the
Board of Mayor and Aldermen, City of Kingsport, Tennessee
Monday, February 28, 2011, 4:30 PM
Council Room – City Hall

PRESENT: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

Mayor Dennis R. Phillips

Vice-Mayor Benjamin K. Mallicote

Alderman Charles K. Marsh, Jr.

(arrived late at 5:20 p.m.)

Alderman Larry A. Munsey

Alderman Tom C. Parham

City Administration

John G. Campbell, City Manager

J. Michael Billingsley, City Attorney

James H. Demming, City Recorder

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 4:30 p.m. by Mayor Phillips.
2. **ROLL CALL:** By Deputy City Recorder Angie Marshall. Absent: Alderman Valerie Joh and Alderman Jantry Shupe.
3. **WORK SESSION TICKLER.** Mayor Phillips noted that Alderman Joh was in Soddy-Daisy learning how to carve horses for the carousel project. Alderman Parham requested the Gibson Mill Road Realignment project be removed from the tickler since it has been completed.

NOTE: Discussion on the following item was delayed to allow extra time for Board members to arrive. Items VI.D.5 and VI.D.4 were discussed, in that order, prior to proceeding with the rest of the agenda.

4. **DISCUSS FIRE EQUIPMENT POSITIONING.** City Manager Campbell gave a presentation on this item, commending the Board for their commitment to the fire department during the last five budgets. He pointed out that the goal of the budget process was to provide the best service at the lowest cost while maintaining integrity. Mr. Campbell proceeded to provide the Board with statistics regarding the history of service calls (both fire and medical related), as well as staffing for the Kingsport Fire Department. He explained the Insurance Service Office (ISO) rating, noting the City has the opportunity to increase the current rating from 3 to 2, by purchasing equipment, adding personnel and improving water distribution. Discussion ensued on how to move forward and a possible time frame. Mayor Phillips recommended the City Manager, the Fire Chief, the Vice-Mayor and a fire department representative sit down with a member of the Municipal Technical Advisory Service and try to reach a reasonable conclusion and bring that recommendation back to the Board. The Board will have the final say in the matter.

5. **REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS ON THE MARCH 1, 2011 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:

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VI.AA.1 Public Hearing for Annexation Annual Plan of Services Report (AF: 46-2011). City Planner Forrest Koder gave presented this item.

VI.D.1 Consideration of a Resolution Awarding the Bid for the South Eastman Road Area Waterline Replacement Project to Thomas Construction Company, Inc. and Authorize the Mayor to Sign All Applicable Documents (AF: 47-2011). Public Works Director Ryan McReynolds gave details on the location and scope of this project. He also confirmed for Alderman Marsh the source of the funding.

VI.D.4 Consideration of a Resolution Approving the Purchase of Real Property and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute All Documents Necessary to Effectuate the Purchase from Scott and Lee Fish for Stormwater Control in the Reedy Creek Drainage Basin (AF: 51-2011). City Manager Campbell presented this item noting the location of this property and its desirability for storm water management purposes. The owners have agreed to sell for the appraisal price and the purchase would be made out of storm water funds. Owner Lee Fish was in the audience to answer questions.

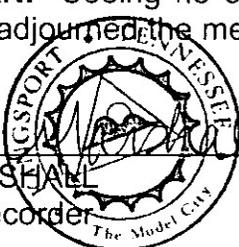
VI.D.5 Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Reimbursement of Materials Agreement Funds to Gary Alexander for Riverbend Phase I Development (AF: 55-2011). Public Works Director Ryan McReynolds explained this was an agreement with the developers to reimburse the cost of materials minus the taxes and further noted that every element of the agreement has been satisfied. Mayor Phillips asked for Mr. McReynolds and City Manager Campbell to meet with Alderman Munsey to address his concerns regarding property taxes and future materials agreements before the next budget is approved. Alderman Marsh suggested these agreements should stop altogether until the market catches up to what's already on the ground.

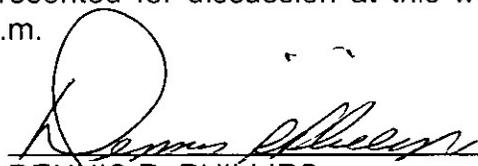
BOARD COMMENT. Mayor Phillips pointed out the March 14th and 15th work session and regular business meeting has been rescheduled for the following week on March 21st and 22nd. Alderman Marsh mentioned that as a result of the annexations, the city is incurring increased expenses regarding public works, police and fire without any additional revenue yet. He stated everyone should be aware of this as we are going into the budget process. Mayor Phillips asked Public Works Director Ryan McReynolds to provide the dollar amount for the reduction in water bills for annexed properties.

PUBLIC COMMENT. None.

6. ADJOURN. Seeing no other matters presented for discussion at this work session, Mayor Phillips adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.


ANGELA MARSHALL
Deputy City Recorder




DENNIS R. PHILLIPS
Mayor