

Minutes of the Called Work Session of the
Board of Mayor and Aldermen, City of Kingsport, Tennessee
Tuesday, May 8, 2018, 2:00 PM
Council Room – City Hall

PRESENT: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

Mayor John Clark

Vice Mayor Mike McIntire

Alderman Joe Begley

Alderman Betsy Cooper

Alderman Colette George

Alderman Tommy Olterman

City Administration

Jeff Fleming, City Manager

J. Michael Billingsley, City Attorney

Lisa Winkle, Deputy City Recorder/Comptroller

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 2:00 p.m. by Mayor Clark.
2. **ROLL CALL:** By Deputy City Recorder Marshall. Absent Alderman Jennifer Adler.

3. FY 2018-19 BUDGET.

Dr. Jeff Moorhouse, Superintendent of Kingsport City Schools and Mr. David Frye, Chief Finance Officer presented the school budget and the adjustments made since last year in light of the funding shortage, noting only a \$300,900 increase from fiscal year 2018. Some proposed changes included increased food service and tuition rates. Mayor Clark pointed out that last year we did have a balanced budget and the city is only reacting now to a situation that is out of our control. He stated you can't expect the best but want the lowest cost. You have to invest to be the best.

Assistant City Manager for Operations Ryan McReynolds then presented the utilities budget proposal which included a three percent rate increase for water and sewer, although Kingsport would still maintain the lowest cost for consumers in the region. He also presented capital improvement projects regarding water, wastewater and stormwater utilities. Discussion ensued until 3:30 p.m. when the board took a brief recess.

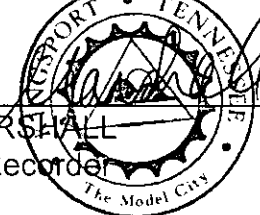
At 3:40 p.m., City Manager Fleming presented the general fund budget, giving details on three possible options to address the \$644,000 deficit needed to fund the schools maintenance of effort agreement and balance the budget. Option A was a cut to special programs funding, ONEKingsport funding and planned borrowing with no tax increase. Option B a smaller cut to programs and borrowing but kept ONEKingsport on track with a two cent tax raise. Option C kept all funding for programs and projects in place by implementing a four cent tax increase.

Some discussion followed. The mayor then asked for input from the public. Mark Vicars, Jane Henry, Melissa Sanders and Miles Burdine made comments. Mayor Clark asked all board members to think about which option they would like to see staff move forward with. A second budget work session is scheduled for tomorrow at 3:00 pm to allow the aldermen to make comments and for the option they have decided upon.

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4. ADJOURN. Seeing no other matters presented for discussion at this work session, Mayor Clark adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m.


ANGELA MARSHALL
Deputy City Recorder

The seal of Kingsport, Tennessee, is circular. It features a central gear with a sunburst in the background. The words "KINGSPORT" and "TENNESSEE" are written along the top inner edge of the seal, and "The Model City" is written along the bottom inner edge.


JOHN CLARK
Mayor