

Minutes of the Regular Work Session of the
Board of Mayor and Aldermen, City of Kingsport, Tennessee
Monday, December 03, 2018, 4:30 PM
Large Court Room – City Hall

PRESENT: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

Mayor John Clark

Vice-Mayor Mike McIntire

Alderman Jennifer Adler

Alderman Joe Begley

Alderman Betsy Cooper

Alderman Colette George

(arrived at 4:40)

Alderman Tommy Olterman

City Administration

Jeff Fleming, City Manager

J. Michael Billingsley, City Attorney

James H. Demming, City Recorder

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 4:30 p.m. by Mayor Clark.

2. **ROLL CALL:** By City Recorder Demming.

3. **BALLAD HEALTH DISCUSSION.** Mayor Clark began the discussion by summarizing the concerns that have been presented to him. He stated he sits on the Holston Valley board and Mr. Alan Levine had addressed these concerns previously to their board. Vice-Mayor McIntire stated there should be a public forum to answer questions, pointing out he would like to hear the history of Ballad. Alderman Olterman agreed he did not have enough information, but was opposed at this point in time. Alderman Cooper stated she would like to have a commitment from Ballad for the services that would remain or be moved to Kingsport. Alderman George asked that Ballad present information on why they came to the decision they made. She pointed out the BMA has no vote in this process and should focus on what they can change. Alderman Adler commented on how to move forward, noting the community has just as much say so as the board does. Alderman Begley stated the board was working diligently to gather facts, pointing out Ballad would likely listen to their input since they remained local, instead of being controlled by outsiders. The board decided to call a special work session Thursday at 7:00 pm to allow Alan Levine from Ballad to present information and answer questions. The board asked staff to see if the Kingsport Center for Higher Education was available in order to accommodate a potentially large crowd.

The public was then given the opportunity to speak at this time. Mr. Alan Lark asked the board to form a panel of experts with the city's best interest in mind. Dr. Mickey Spivey provided the board with information on Tennessee Destination Guidelines and what that means for people who are being transported for illness or injury to hospitals and trauma centers. There was some discussion as he answered questions from the board. Ms. Tommy Lowdy challenged the board to do their own investigation and giving her experiences as a local ER nurse and educator.

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4. REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS ON THE DECEMBER 4, 2018 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA. City Manager Fleming and members of staff gave a summary or presentation for each item on the proposed agenda. The following items were discussed at greater length or received specific questions or concerns.


VI.D.1 Approve Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliance and Self-Certification Update Letter to the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) (AF: 261-2018). City Manager Fleming presented this item, noting an annual update has been required since November of 2016, however implementation will not go into effect until after December of 2019.

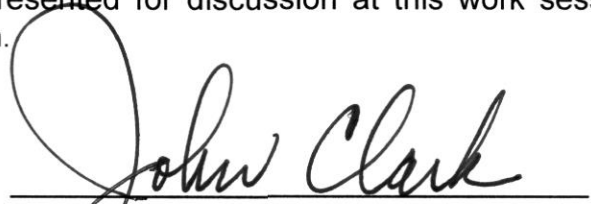
VI.D.7 Consideration of a Resolution Approving, if Needed, an Economic Development Contribution to the Industrial Development Board of Kingsport and Authorizing One or More Agreements Pertaining to the Same (AF: 266-2018). City Manager Fleming provided details on this item. Alderman George asked questions about the money, noting she preferred these businesses having some skin in the game. Assistant City Manager for Administration Chris McCartt provided further details, noting \$150,000 was going to the loan and gave more information on the expansion. Some discussion followed.

Alderman Adler requested to see the full committee when individuals are rolling off or being replaced. Alderman George went on to ask to see this information for a year a time.

Miss Jeannie Bourne made comments.

5. ADJOURN. Seeing no other matters presented for discussion at this work session, Mayor Clark adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.


ANGELA MARSHALL
Deputy City Recorder


JOHN CLARK
Mayor