

Minutes of the CALLED Work Session of the
Board of Mayor and Aldermen, City of Kingsport, Tennessee
Thursday, December 6, 2018, 7:00 PM
Council Room – City Hall

PRESENT: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

Mayor John Clark

Vice-Mayor Mike McIntire

Alderman Jennifer Adler

Alderman Tommy Olterman

Alderman Betsy Cooper

Alderman Colette George

Alderman Joe Begley

City Administration

Jeff Fleming, City Manager

J. Michael Billingsley, City Attorney

James H. Demming, City Recorder


1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Clark.


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

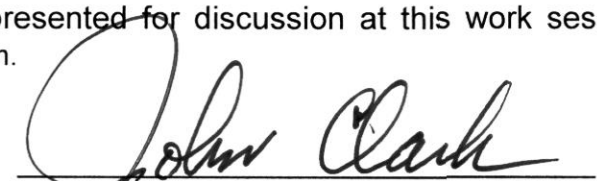
3. **BALLAD HEALTH PRESENTATION.** Mayor Clark stated this meeting was an opportunity for Ballard to present information so the community would have a better understanding of the merger. He stated there would be a question and answer session after the information was presented if time permitted, however, this was not a debate.

Mr. Alan Levine then gave a presentation on the history of Ballard and attempted to clear up any misinformation that has been circulating around. He provided details on the trauma center recommendations by the board and the reasoning behind moving the level one status to Johnson City. He stated the goal was to have one good trauma center rather than three mediocre ones, stating the impracticality for all hospitals to do everything and be good at it. He also showed the distribution of level one trauma centers statewide and discussed a regional call center and Ballard's commitment to continue to make investments in all of its facilities. Mr. Levine refereed to state laws and guidelines which also govern Ballard's decision making. He answered some questions from the board before moving the focus of his presentation to the NICU. The meeting ended with Mr. Levine answering direct questions from the board members as well as the public. Mayor Clark stated he understood this was a data driven process that led to a decision by a board of eleven people. Alderman Begley commented on the financial aspect of medical transportation in the region. Vice-Mayor McIntire asked for details on Ballard's commitment to Kingsport. Alderman Adler and Alderman Olterman asked Ballard to leave the services in Kingsport at this time.

4. **ADJOURN.** Seeing no other matters presented for discussion at this work session, Mayor Clark adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m.


ANGELA MARSHALL
Deputy City Recorder




JOHN CLARK
Mayor