

Minutes of the Regular Work Session of the  
Board of Mayor and Aldermen, City of Kingsport, Tennessee  
Monday, April 19, 2021, 4:30 PM  
City Hall, Boardroom, 415 Broad Street

PRESENT: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

Mayor Patrick W. Shull, Presiding  
Vice-Mayor Colette George (*arrived after roll call*)  
Alderman Jennifer Adler  
Alderman Betsy Cooper  
Alderman Darrell Duncan  
Alderman Tommy Olterman  
Alderman James Phillips

City Administration

Chris McCartt, City Manager  
Ryan McReynolds, Deputy City Manager  
Michael Borders, Assistant City Manager  
J. Michael Billingsley, City Attorney  
Lisa Winkle, Treasurer/Interim City Recorder  
Angie Marshall, City Clerk/Deputy City Recorder  
Scott Boyd, Fire Chief  
Dale Phipps, Police Chief  
George DeCroes, Human Resources Manager  
John Morris, Budget Officer  
Ken Weems, Planning Manager  
Jessica Harmon, Assistant to City Manager

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 4:30 p.m. by Mayor Patrick W. Shull.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Interim City Recorder Winkle.
3. A determination by the board that meeting electronically and limiting the physical presence of the public at the meeting is necessary to protect public health, safety and welfare of all concerned in light of the COVID-19 virus.  
**Mayor Shull made this declaration and each alderman verbally affirmed.**
4. **OPIOID LAWSUIT UPDATE.** Sullivan County District Attorney General Barry Staubus presented this item and answered questions. He asked the board to allow the city to join the lawsuit and thanking staff for their cooperation. He noted the suit has already been filed, pointing out there was not a downside. This is Item VI.D.4 on the agenda.
5. **BAYS MOUNTAIN PARK UPDATE.** Former Mayor Jeanette Blazier and Park Manager Rob Cole gave a presentation on this item, noting this is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary for the park and events are planned monthly to celebrate throughout the year. There is merchandise also available to promote this major milestone and board members were encouraged to spread the word.

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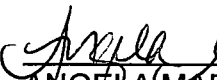
**6. ROADS UPDATE.** Deputy City Manager McReynolds presented information on this item noting it has been a while since the last update. There was considerable discussion as he answered questions from the board on the status of various projects.


**7. REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS ON THE APRIL 20, 2021 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA.** City Manager McCartt gave a summary for each item on the proposed agenda. The following items were discussed at greater length or received specific questions or concerns.

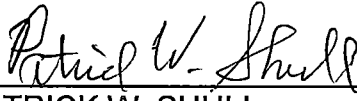
**VI.D.4 Approve Inclusion of the City in Opioid Litigation Pursuant to Tennessee's Drug Dealer Liability Act Filed by District Attorney General Barry Staubus (AF: 119-2021).** This item was discussed previously when Attorney General Staubus was present.

The city manager stated they would take a group picture before or after the meeting tomorrow night. He also noted the annual report from the fire department was available at their seats.

**8. ADJOURN.** Seeing no other matters presented for discussion at this work session, Mayor Shull adjourned the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

  
ANGELA MARSHALL  
Deputy City Recorder



  
PATRICK W. SHULL  
Mayor