

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Business Meeting of the

City of Kingsport Beverage Board

Tuesday, April 7, 2026, 1:30 PM

Montgomery-Watterson Boardroom, City Hall, 415 Broad Street, Kingsport

PRESENT: Beverage Board:

John McKinley, Chair

Michael Forrester, Vice Chair

Shelton Clark

Kevin Mitchell

Jason Sanders

Natalie Wells

Travis Bishop, City Recorder

Sean Chambers, Deputy Police Chief

Ken Weems, Planning Manager

City Staff:

Bart Rowlett, City Attorney

Sarah Valk, Assistant City Attorney

Liz Chicco, Paralegal,

Angie Marshall, City Clerk/Deputy City Recorder

Kristie Tipton, Assistant City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER: 1:30 p.m. by Chair McKinley.

I. ROLL CALL: by Deputy City Recorder Angie Marshall.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT. None.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Motion/Second: Forrester/Clark to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2026 regular business meeting.

Approved: All present voting "aye."

IV. REVIEWING OF APPLICATIONS.

A. SPECIAL EVENTS PERMITS.

1. Greater Kingsport Boys & Girls Club Foundation, Mr. Robert Schrader, Director, was sworn in and provided information about the BBQ Dinner and the ***Last Man Standing*** event. He stated that tickets are not sold in advance and attendees must be 21 years old to enter and to purchase tickets. Foundation Board Members will serve the alcohol and a Kingsport City Police Officer will be on-site. Planning Manager Ken Weems reported no zoning issues and Deputy Chief Chambers confirmed no problems with the background check.

Motion/Second: Forrester/Sanders:

To issue a Special Event Beverage Permit to ***Greater Kingsport Boys & Girls Club Foundation*** for the ***Last Man Standing*** event taking place at St. Dominic's Catholic Church at 2517 North John B. Dennis Highway on May 1st, 2026.

Approved: All present voting "aye."

2. **Kingsport Chamber Foundation**, Ms. Emily Kilgore Thompson, Director of Fun Fest & Special Events, was sworn in and provided details for the **Red White & Boom** event. Volunteers will ID and wristband those wishing to purchase beer. Kingsport City Police will be on-site. Planning Manager Ken Weems reported no zoning issues and Deputy Chief Chambers confirmed no problems with the background check.

Motion/Second: Mitchell/Wells:

To issue a Special Event Beverage Permit to **Kingsport Chamber Foundation** for the **Red White and Boom** event taking place on July 4th, 2026 from 4:00 pm to 10:30 pm at 151 Main Street (from Shelby Street to Cumberland Street).

Approved: All present voting “aye.”

3. **K-Play Sports Council**, Ms. Emily Kilgore Thompson also provided information for the **Twilight Alive Concert Series**. Volunteers will ID and wristband those wishing to purchase beer. Kingsport City Police will be on-site. Planning Manager Ken Weems reported no zoning issues and Deputy Chief Chambers confirmed no problems with the background check.

Motion/Second: Mitchell/Forrester:

To issue a Special Event Beverage Permit to **K-Play Sports Council** for the **Twilight Alive Concert Series** at the 100 block of Broad Street, taking place on the following Fridays: May 29, June 5, 12, 19, 26, July 10 and July 17, 2026.

Approved: All present voting “aye.”

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

1. **Wal-Mart Stores East LP**

Representative: Brianna Wright, Co-manager, was sworn in and detailed that the business is still under construction due to weather conditions and may not be completed until sometime in May. City Attorney Rowlett suggested an extension of up to ninety (90) days for the business to be operational.

Motion/Second: Clark/Forrester to grant the ninety (90) day extension.

Approved: All present voting “aye.”

VI. NEW BUSINESS.

A. **REVIEW OF ARREST/INCIDENT REPORTS** – Deputy Chief Chambers stated there was nothing to report.

VII. **ADJOURN**. With no other business to discuss, Chair McKinley adjourned the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

Secretary