

Minutes of the Regular Work Session of the  
Board of Mayor and Aldermen, City of Kingsport, Tennessee  
Monday, May 16, 2016, 4:30 PM  
Council Room – City Hall

PRESENT: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

Mayor John Clark

Vice-Mayor Mike McIntire

Alderman Darrell Duncan

Alderman Colette George

Alderman Michele Mitchell

Alderman Tommy Olterman

Alderman Tom C. Parham

City Administration

Jeff Fleming, City Manager

Joseph E. May, Interim City Attorney

James H. Demming, City Recorder

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 4:30 p.m. by Mayor Clark.
2. **ROLL CALL:** By Deputy City Recorder Marshall.
3. **PROJECT STATUS.** City Manager Fleming provided an update on this item, noting there will be a tour soon of the raw water intake project.
4. **BUDGET FOLLOW UP.** Vice-Mayor McIntire started the conversation with his concerns over the solid waste fee, noting an eight cent roll back on the taxes would balance out more. Alderman George stated she thought there was enough money there and was not comfortable charging citizens for anything. Alderman Duncan pointed it was an opportunity to grow and what the board does will send a message. Alderman Olterman stated after seeking out the opinions of citizens, he would be in favor of finding a way, other than the garbage, to make the community better. Alderman Mitchell commented that after speaking with many of the millennials, they want to be a part of a movement and support moving forward. There was considerable discussion. Mayor Clark commented we are trying to solve a problem where the city has not really grown without annexation and this is a vote to fund the future. He also pointed out that rolling back property taxes would be an economic development incentive for businesses.  
Several citizens spoke to this issue. They were: Roger Mowen, Sharon Duncan, John Purdue, Seth Jarvis, Keltly Kerny, Beverly Purdue, Jeremy Watz, Chris Leonard, Zachary Starnes, John Vachon, Skip Morrell, Josh Holley, and Andrew Baker. The Mayor noted the board needs to give staff some direction. City Manager Fleming suggested running the ad that was set for tomorrow to stay in the scheduled time frame. It would advertise the current tax rate and the sanitation fee. The board would always have the option to reduce it, just not to raise it. The majority of the alderman were comfortable enough to proceed with the ad.
5. **REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS ON THE MAY 17, 2016 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 are items the Board discussed at greater length or which received specific questions or concerns.

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**VI.A.2 Amend Zoning Code to Add Indoor Climate-Controlled Storage as a Principal Use for Existing Buildings Only in the B-1 Zone** (AF: 110-2016). City Planner Ken Weems gave details on this item. Vice-Mayor McIntire explained further why the need for this arose was to keep control and protect residential areas. There was some discussion.

**VI.D.4 Amend City Personnel Policies and Procedures** (AF: 100-2016). City Manager Fleming stated Human Resources Director George DeCroes is in the process of updating these policies. Alderman Olterman noted he would like to see more power for the code enforcement officer with backing from the board.

**6. ADJOURN.** Seeing no other matters presented for discussion at this work session, Mayor Clark adjourned the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

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ANGELA MARSHALL  
Deputy City Recorder

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JOHN CLARK  
Mayor