

Minutes of the Regular Work Session of the  
Board of Mayor and Aldermen, City of Kingsport, Tennessee  
Monday, November 3, 2014, 4:30 PM  
Council Room – City Hall

PRESENT: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

Mayor Dennis Phillips

Vice-Mayor Mike McIntire

Alderman John Clark

Alderman Colette George

Alderman Andy Hall

Alderman Tom C. Parham

Alderman Tom Segelhorst

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 Phillips.
2. **ROLL CALL:** By Deputy City Recorder Marshall.

*NOTE: Item VI.D.5 from the regular business meeting agenda was discussed at this time, out of order, to accommodate representatives in the audience. The regular work session agenda resumed thereafter.*

3. **AEP FRANCHISE.** Assistant City Manager Ryan McReynolds presented this item, noting the city is facing an unprecedented opportunity as the 99 year contract established with AEP in 1917 is approaching expiration. He discussed the options Kingsport faces, including municipalization of the utility and renegotiation of the franchise agreement with AEP. Discussion followed.

4. **CODE ENFORCEMENT UPDATE.** Development Services Director Lynn Tully gave a presentation on this item, noting it was an update from information presented in August. She listed the goals, noting a major focus is to be more proactive than reactive. She also gave examples of progress at certain properties and provided statistics regarding complaints. Discussion ensued. City Manager Fleming provided details on the budget needs. Mayor Phillips pointed out to staff that code enforcement is a priority with the BMA and to proceed as best they can while keeping the board informed.

5. **WORK SESSION TICKLER.** No items were discussed on the tickler.

6. **REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS ON THE NOVEMBER 4, 2014 REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA.** City Manager Fleming, members of staff and community members gave a summary or presentation for each item on the proposed agenda. Those items the Board discussed at greater length or which received specific questions or concerns included:

**VI.D.4 Consideration of a Resolution to Renew the Self-Funded Health Insurance Program Excess Insurance Coverage through HCC Life Insurance Company and**

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**Authorize the Mayor to Sign All Needed Documents** (AF: 286-2014). Lesley Christian answered questions regarding this item for the board. Alderman Segelhorst questioned the difference in the stop loss limit for the city versus the school system, noting the school's limit was significantly higher. Mayor Phillips asked staff to look into this.

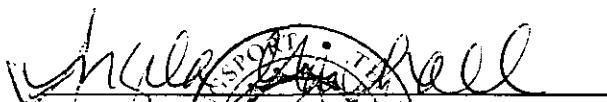
**VI.D.5 Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Meritain Health for Health Benefits for Kingsport City Schools and Authorizing the Mayor to Sign All Applicable Documents** (AF: 288-2014). School Superintendent Dr. Lyle Ailshie presented information on this item, noting the process itself was approved about a year ago. He pointed out this resolution approves the contracts, after being reviewed by City Attorney Billingsley, and pending Board of Education approval at their upcoming meeting this Thursday. He noted the time constraint, as this will go into effect January 1, 2015. Mr. Mark Morgan from Sherrill Morgan provided further details and answered questions. Discussion followed.


**VI.D.9 Consideration of a Resolution Establishing the Minimum Design Standards Document to Standardize, Guide and Regulate Development within the City of Kingsport** (AF: 292-2014). Assistant City Manager Ryan McReynolds explained staff has been working on this for over a year. He stated it is taking a bunch of various standards that apply to development within the City of Kingsport and bringing them all into one document. City Engineer Hank Clabaugh presented it to the Planning Commission. Vice-Mayor McIntire commented it was well needed.

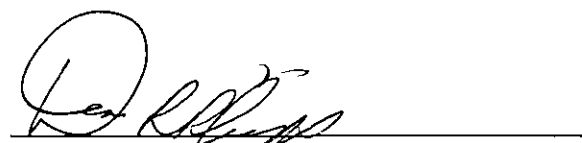
**BOARD COMMENT.** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT.** None.

**8. ADJOURN.** Seeing no other matters presented for discussion at this work session, Mayor Phillips adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

  
ANGELA MARSHALL  
Deputy City Recorder



  
DENNIS R. PHILLIPS  
Mayor