

Minutes of the Regular Work Session of the  
Board of Mayor and Aldermen, City of Kingsport, Tennessee  
Monday, December 1, 2014, 4:30 PM  
Council Room – City Hall

PRESENT: Board of Mayor and Aldermen

Mayor Dennis Phillips

Vice-Mayor Mike McIntire

Alderman Colette George

Alderman Andy Hall

Alderman Tom C. Parham

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. Absent: Alderman John Clark and Alderman Tom Segelhorst.

*NOTE: Mayor Phillips noted there was extra brick from General Shale that can be used at the new ball fields. The board asked staff to move forward. The mayor also commented on the misunderstanding that stemmed from the school teacher bonus and city employee gift card discussion at the last meeting. Item VI.D.2 was discussed at this time, out of order, to accommodate representatives in the audience. The regular agenda resumed thereafter.*

**VI.D.2 Consideration of a Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of a Purchase Order to Insight Public Sector for the Purchase of Laptops for Sixth Grade Students in the Kingsport City School System (AF: 302-2014).** School Superintendent Dr. Lyle Ailshie gave a presentation on this item. He explained the technology vision implementation plan and how these devices will be incorporated over the next three years into the school system. He also provided details on how the laptops will be paid for, noting there was not a request for city funding until 2016 during the last phase. Dr. Ailshie pointed out if the city funding was not possible at that time, this last phase could be delayed until funding was available. There was considerable discussion.

**3. JOINT LEGISLATIVE POLICY.** Community and Government Relations Director Tim Whaley presented this item, noting it is a joint process that involves Johnson City and Bristol as well. The final policy will be presented at a luncheon on January 9, 2015 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at Meadowview Convention Center. There was considerable discussion.

**4. WORK SESSION TICKLER.** Alderman George pointed out Cooks Valley Road would be opening up soon. Mayor Phillips commented on the backflow preventer requirement and the burden it places on small businesses. Assistant City Manager Ryan McReynolds gave details on the origin of this requirement implemented by TDEC [Tennessee Department of Energy and Conservation] in the mid-1990's.

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**5. REVIEW OF AGENDA ITEMS ON THE DECEMBER 2, 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.B.1 Consideration of an Ordinance to Amend the Code of Ordinances, Sections 114-106 and 114-305 Pertaining to Preliminary Plan Submission Procedure and Adding a New Section Pertaining to Vested Rights (AF: 303-2014).** City Planner Ken Weems gave a presentation on this item, stating this mirrors 2014 legislation of the Tennessee General Assembly regarding preliminary zoning development plan approval. He further explained it replaces the current 24 month standard with the new law that will be effective January 1, 2015 and incorporates these changes into the city code. Mr. Weems also noted local builders are in support of the change and think it's a positive move.

**VI.C.4 Consideration of an Ordinance Implementing a Community Notification System for Sexual Offenders and Establishing a Fee to be Paid by the Offender (AF: 285-2014).** *See the public comment section.*


**VI.D.1 Consideration of Approval for Additional Leave Time at Christmas for City Employees (AF: 270-2014).** City Manager Fleming commented the BMA has traditionally given city employees an extra day at Christmas time. He stated the employees are very appreciative.

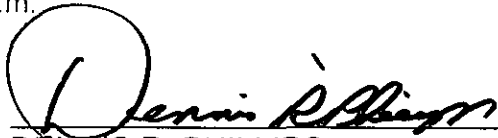
**VI.D.3 Consideration of a Resolution Delegating to KEDB the Authority to Undertake All or Any Portion of Any Economic Development Project Pertaining to the Border Region Retail Tourism Development District Act (AF: 316-2014).** City Manager Fleming gave details on this item, explaining the availability of state sales tax percentages for providing incentives in the Border Region. He pointed out this applies to the entire district and not just to Stuart Taylor, and it does not affect the local sales tax and property tax. City Attorney Billingsley further noted the city has no financial obligation at all. Mayor Phillips commented that Stuart Taylor is aware of this and understands.

**BOARD COMMENT.** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT.** Ms. Barbara Brown voiced concerns on item VI.C.4. City Attorney Billingsley provided details on the additional fees paid by the offender. Police Chief Quillin presented the options of notification by the police department.

**8. ADJOURN.** Seeing no other matters presented for discussion at this work session, Mayor Phillips adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

  
ANGELA MARSHALL  
Deputy City Recorder

  
DENNIS R. PHILLIPS  
Mayor