

**REGULAR MEETING KINGSTON CITY COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12 ,2017 – 6:00 P.M.  
KINGSTON CITY HALL**

The Kingston City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Neal called the meeting to order. Council Member Brown gave the invocation and Council Member Wright led the pledge. Upon roll call the following members were present: Council Member Brown, Vice Mayor Childs, Council Member Humphreys, Council Member Stockton, Council Member White, Council Member Wright, and Mayor Neal. Staff present: City Manager David Bolling, Finance Director Carolyn Brewer, City Clerk Marsha Marshall, and City Attorney Jack McPherson.

**PREVIOUS MINUTES**

A motion was made by Council Member Wright, second by Vice Mayor Childs to waive the reading and approve as written the minutes of the regular meeting on November 14, 2017.

The motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote. 7 Ayes

**CITIZEN COMMENTS – John Dennis of Rockwood spoke to Council**

**REPORTS – MAYOR AND COUNCIL –** Council Member White thanked all including the Roane County Highway Department for the effort with the drainage issue on West Race Street. Vice Mayor Childs commented on the Candlelight Tour and thanked Rick Ross and his department. Council Member Stockton reported all Events planned were successful. Mayor Neal thanked all Volunteers; Questioned City Manager about other areas with drainage problems and that we need to get ahead of those problems. Council Member Brown stated there were other areas with drainage issues.

**CITY MANAGER –** Mr. Bolling reported that the Porter Park Dedication is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>; Praised the Parks and Rec. Department for all Events held from July 4<sup>th</sup> thru November; Job Well done – Something to be Proud of; Boat Races possible in the Fall as a stand alone event; City Court moves here in January on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month; Thanked the Police Department for the Hands of Mercy food drive which was a huge success; Thanked the Roane County Highway Department, Ronnie Beard, Tyler Overstreet, and others that were involved with the drainage issue on West Race Street; Noah's is finished and has a January 1<sup>st</sup> opening date; Old Capitol Public House to open next week; Turned the floor over to Rick Ross. Rick Ross bragged on the citizens working for the Dog Park; thanked all the citizens that are involved with the Parks; Mayor Tim Neal, Council Member Tara Stockton, and Parks and Recreation Director Rick Ross presented Volunteer of the Year Plaques to Jack Sims and David and Theresa Mason.

**ADDITION OF ITEMS TO THE MEETING AGENDA RECEIVED AFTER CLOSE OF AGENDA DEADLINE (BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT OF ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. – None**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS –**

1. **Second Reading of an Ordinance to Amend the Beautification Committee Ordinance to Increase the Citizen Membership from Four Members to Six Members**

A motion was made by Council Member White, second by Council Member Stockton to approve the Ordinance to Amend the Beautification Committee Ordinance to Increase the Citizen Membership from Four Members to Six Members

The motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote. 7 Ayes

**NEW BUSINESS –**

1. **Adopt a Resolution to Authorize the Submittal of an Application to the Department of Transportation for the Development of Roadway Improvements on Dogwood Drive**

A motion to Adopt a Resolution to Authorize the Submittal of an Application to the Department of Transportation for the Development of Roadway Improvements on Dogwood Drive by Council Member Brown, second by Council Member White.

The motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote. 7 Ayes

2. **Approval to Participate in the Tennessee Downtowns Program**

A motion was made by Council Member Stockton, second by Council Member Wright to approve the Participation in the Tennessee Downtown Program

The motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote. 7 Ayes

**3. Adopt a Resolution to Authorize the Emergency Work Needed to Address the Drainage Issue on West Race Street**

A motion was made by Council Member White, second by Council Member Stockton to Adopt a Resolution to Authorize the Emergency Work Needed to Address the Drainage Issue on West Race Street.

The motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote. 7 Ayes

**4. Appointment of Mary Pippin to the Historic Zoning Commission Beginning January 1, 2018 and Ending December 31, 2023**

A motion was made by Council Member Wright, second by Vice Mayor Childs to approve the appointment of Mary Pippin to the Historic Zoning Commission Beginning January 1, 2018 and Ending December 31, 2023.

The motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote. 7 Ayes

**5. Reappointment of Mary Ann Wesolowski to the Historic Zoning Commission Beginning January 1, 2018 and Ending December 31, 2023**

A motion was made by Council Member Wright, second by Council Member Humphreys to approve the reappointment of Mary Ann Wesolowski to the Historic Zoning Commission Beginning January 1, 2018 and Ending December 31, 2023.

The motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote. 7 Ayes

**6. Appointment of Mary Ann Wesolowski to the Library Board Beginning January 1, 2018 and Ending December 31, 2021**

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Childs, second by Council Member Humphreys to approve the appointment of Mary Ann Wesolowski to the Library Board Beginning January 1, 2018 and Ending December 31, 2021.

The motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote. 7 Ayes

**7. Appointment of Carolyn Brewer to the Library Board Beginning January 1, 2018 and Ending December 31, 2021**

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Childs, second by Council Member Stockton to approve the appointment of Carolyn Brewer to the Library Board Beginning January 1, 2018 and Ending December 31, 2021.

The motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote. 7 Ayes

Mayor Neal adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED January 9, 2018

  
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Tim Neal, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE ORDINANCE TO INCREASE THE CITIZEN MEMBERSHIP FROM FOUR MEMBERS TO SIX MEMBERS**

WHEREAS, it appears that there is great interest in the activities of the beautification committee; and,

WHEREAS, City Council of the city of Kingston finds it to be in the best interest of the city and its citizens to increase the number of citizen members on the beautification committee from four members to six members.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON THAT:

Section 1. The section of the beautification committee ordinance dealing with membership, tenure, compensation and vacancies is hereby deleted and the following is adopted in the place.

Membership, tenure, compensation and vacancies. There is hereby created a beautification committee which shall consist of nine persons as follows: six (6) citizens without special qualifications; one (1) person who is a member of the Kingston City Council; one (1) person as a representative from the Parks and Recreation Department; and the codes enforcement office of the city of Kingston. The City Manager shall serve as a nonvoting ex officio member. The six (6) citizen members are to each serve for terms of four (4) years or until their successors are appointed, provided that the first committee shall be appointed with three members to serve for two (2) years (with the term of office for the additional member added by the amendment to the ordinance to run concurrent with the term of the two members originally appointed to serve for 2 years) and three (3) members to serve for four (4) years (with the term of office for the additional member added by this amendment to the ordinance to run concurrent with the term of the two members originally appointed for 4 years). The City Council member shall serve for the term of his or her office as Councilman. The Parks and Recreation Department representative and the codes enforcement office of the city of Kingston shall serve at the pleasure of City Council. All member shall be appointed by the City Council. The members of the beautification committee shall serve without compensation. Citizen vacancies occurring other than by expiration of the term shall be filled only for the unexpired term. All citizen members shall live within the city limits.

Section 2. Responsibilities. It shall be the responsibility of the beautification committee to:

1. Study, investigate, develop and suggest implementation of plans for improving the cleanliness and appearance of the city of Kingston by beautifying the streets, highways, alleys, drainage ditches, lots, yards and other similar places in the city;
2. Make recommendations to aid in the prevention of the accumulation of debris in the streets, highways, alleys, drainage ditches, lots, yards and other similar places
3. Encourage the placing, planting and/or preservation of trees, flowers, plants, shrubbery and other objects of ornamentation in the city;
4. Advise and recommend plans for the beautification of the public properties and other promote the public interest in general improvements of the appearance of public and private properties in the city, and to carry out any task directed by the city Council.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage. Any ordinance in conflict with this ordinance is hereby repealed.

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk

Passed first reading 11/14/17

Passed second reading 12/12/17

**RESOLUTION NO. 17-12-12-1**

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS ON DOGWOOD DRIVE**

**WHEREAS**, The City of Kingston is exploring the development of roadway improvements on Dogwood Drive; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Kingston, pursuant to the provisions of the Local Interstate Connector Route Act of 1965, as amended, is authorized to jointly partner with the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) for the development of a connector route to provide adequate access from Dogwood Drive to Interstate 40; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has heretofore authorized Collier Engineering, Inc. to provide engineering services for the roadway improvements on Dogwood Drive.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Kingston that the submittal of application be and is hereby authorized for the City of Kingston to partner with the Tennessee Department of Transportation for the planning, surveying, design, and construction document preparation work for the roadway improvements on Dogwood Drive.

Passed and Adopted by the City Council of the City of Kingston, Tennessee this 12th day of December, 2017.

  
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Tim Neal, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Marsha Marshall, City Clerk

  
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Jack H. McPherson, City Attorney

RESOLUTION NO. 17-12-12-2

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EMERGENCY WORK NEEDED TO  
ADDRESS THE DRAINAGE ISSUE ON WEST RACE STREET**

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2017, the City of Kingston experienced the 11th heaviest rainfall in East Tennessee's recorded history. Between 5 and 6 inches of rain fell in a relatively short amount of time, and completely overwhelmed the city drainage systems; and,

WHEREAS, the public works department had neither the personnel nor equipment to address the emergency created by the failure of the drainage system on West Race Street; and,

WHEREAS, the City Manager, pursuant to his powers set out in the City Charter, determined that the emergency necessitated the engagement of a private contractor to rectify the situation; and,

WHEREAS, the City Manager has presented a written recommendation to Council for the engagement of R. P. Beard & Son Inc. to rectify the drainage problem on West Race Street without obtaining a competitive bid and City Council finds to be in the best interest of the City of Kingston, its citizens and its employees to ratify and authorize the engagement,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON THAT:

Section One. Pursuant to Section 5.07 of the Kingston City Charter, the engagement of R. P. Beard & Son Inc. to rectify the drainage problem on West Race Street without obtaining a competitive bid is hereby approved and authorized.

Section Two. This resolution shall take effect from and after final passage, the public welfare requiring it.

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk