

## REGULAR MEETING KINGSTON CITY COUNCIL

TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.

KINGSTON CITY HALL

IN AN EFFORT TO HELP REDUCE THE SPREAD OF COVID-19, THIS MEETING WAS CONDUCTED THROUGH ZOOM AND WAS LIVESTREAMED ON OUR WEBSITE, [WWW.KINGSTONTN.GOV](http://WWW.KINGSTONTN.GOV) AND WAS POSTED TO OUR FACEBOOK PAGE.

The Kingston City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Tim Neal called the meeting to order. City Attorney Jack McPherson gave the Invocation and Mayor Tim Neal led the pledge. Upon roll call the following members were present: Council Member Tony Brown, Council Member Randy Childs, Council Member Jeff Griffis, Vice-Mayor Becky Humphreys, Council Member Tara Stockton, Council Member Stephanie Wright and Mayor Tim Neal. Staff present: City Manager David Bolling, City Clerk Kelly Jackson, Finance Director Michelle Kelley and City Attorney Jack McPherson.

### PREVIOUS MINUTES

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Humphreys, second by Member Griffis to waive the reading and approve as written the minutes of the regular meeting on February 9, 2021.

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

### PERSONS TO APPEAR/CITIZEN COMMENTS:

- Renee Crowe-342 Sunrise Drive- expressed concerns of the Installed speed humps on Sunrise Drive. She requested that they be removed or modified to reduce the height.

### REPORTS – MAYOR AND COUNCIL –

- Mayor Neal-Congratulated the Kingston Yellow Jackets Basketball Team, Announced the formation of an Ad-Hoc Committee of Vice-Mayor Humphreys, Member Wright, Member Childs, Paul Rogers, Jamie Davis, Parks/Recreation Director Chase Clem and City Manager David Bolling to study the possibility of a new Community Center.
- Vice-Mayor Humphreys-Updated on the continuing success of the July 4<sup>th</sup> event fundraising campaign; Baseball and Volleyball seasons are underway; Trusses installed on the Indoor Batting Facility; Brad Taylor completed installation of new cameras at Southwest Point Visitors Center; Staff currently doing a lakeshore clean-up. Initiated discussion of purchasing new Christmas Lights
- Member Stockton-Agreed with Vice-Mayor Humphreys in the need for additional Christmas Light and suggested to expand to the Gallaher Rd. area. She explained that the Christmas Light project initiated by the Beautification was just a small step in that direction. Member Stockton expressed gratitude to Public Works Director Tim Clark for completing the drainage project on Court Street. Announced the upcoming Help-Day at Bethel Cemetery.
- Member Brown-The 911 Board Minutes are included the City Manager's report. Announced that the Roane Co. Highway Department plans to place message boards in Kingston showing support for the Kingston Yellow Jackets Basketball Team
- Member Childs-REU report is included the City Manager's Report.

### CITY MANAGER – Mr. Bolling provided updates on the following topics:

- Tentative opening date for City Hall and Community Center is April 1<sup>st</sup> depending on the COVID numbers.
- Property Tax Collection to date is \$1,947,193 which is about 99%

- The Budget process is underway. Dept. meetings scheduled for next week. Preparing to have to Council by April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Announced that the City unfortunately did not receive the TDOT Signal Modernization Grant that was applied for.
- Fundraising campaign for July 4<sup>th</sup> event is underway
- Sales Tax & Fuel Tax have increased

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS –**

- A. Discussion and consideration to authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to proceed with the re-zoning of three parcels on Circle Drive to correct an apparent mapping error.**

A motion was made by Member Brown, second by Member Stockton to refer the re-zoning of three parcels on Circle Drive to the Kingston Regional Planning Commission.

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

- B. Discussion and consideration of revisions to the speed hump policy.**

After a lengthy discussion. A motion was made by Member Wright, second by Member Stockton to place a moratorium on speed hump installation until further discussion/action by Council. This to be placed on the April work session agenda.

Roll call vote

Council Member Brown – Yes  
 Council Member Childs – Yes  
 Council Member Griffis – Yes  
 Vice-Mayor Humphreys – No

Council Member Stockton – Yes  
 Council Member Wright – Yes  
 Mayor Neal –Yes

Motion passed with 6 Ayes and 1 Nay Vote

C. Discussion and consideration of a request by Jason Taylor to close a portion of Cumberland Street for a car show on March 20<sup>th</sup>.

A motion was made by Member Wright, second by Vice-Mayor Humphreys to approve the request by Jason Taylor to close a portion of Cumberland Street for a car show on March 20<sup>th</sup>.

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

Mayor Neal adjourned the meeting at 6:52 pm

APPROVED 4-13-2021



Tim Neal, Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk