

## **SPECIAL CALLED MEETING KINGSTON CITY COUNCIL**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.

KINGSTON CITY HALL

The Kingston City Council met in a special called session on Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Vice Mayor Humphreys called the meeting to order. Council Member Tony Brown gave the Invocation and Council Member Stephanie Wright 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 and Council Member Stephanie Wright. Staff present: City Manager David Bolling, City Clerk Kelly Jackson and Finance Director Michelle Kelley. Mayor Tim Neal and City Attorney Jack McPherson were absent.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

- Joe Kintz (743 Bowman Bend Road) expressed his opinion regarding the use of stimulus funds and his opposition to using any of the funds to extend water/sewer services to the Kingston Point Development.

### **PROCLAMATIONS/RESOLUTIONS-NONE**

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS-NONE**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Preliminary discussion of potential uses of the American Rescue Plan Funding.

#### City Manager-

- Summarized the allowable uses of the ARP funds set by the guidelines outlined in the Interim Final Rule including deadlines.
- Informed council of the possibility of additional funds from the State and Roane County.
- High priority expressed for water/sewer infrastructure by the Tennessee Comptroller.
- Tennessee Association of Utility Districts (TAUD) plan to complete needs assessments beginning in November.
- Suggested engaging an Engineering Company with a utility background for projects.
- Existence of weekly webinars offered through the Tennessee Department of Finance & Administration. Link to register for webinars and/or view past webinars:  
<https://www.tn.gov/finance/coronavirus-local-fiscal-recovery-fund---state-guidance-for-local-governments/tennessee-department-of-finance-and-administration-local-government-support-program/webinar-videos-and-materials.html>

#### Councilmember Brown-

- Expressed that the ARP funds will require continuous training/guidance to ensure that the funds are spent appropriately and the extensive reporting requirements related to any expenditures.
- Suggested the City to advertise for requests for disbursement of funds based on current guidelines outlined in the Interim Final Rule and set a deadline for requests such as the request already received from the Roane Heritage Commission.
- Suggested we hold public meetings ensuring transparency regarding ARP funds.

- Outlined some projects that could qualify such as Lakefront development at Ladd Landing; extension of infrastructure to Long Island Marina, Kingston Point, Riverbend Estates, Hwy 70 East. Repairs of current water/sewer infrastructure along Third Street and East Race Street.
- Expressed the need to explore further whether Paving would be included in projects associated with existing and/or new water/sewer infrastructure.
- Would like to review maps showing current water/sewer lines in order to prioritize any extensions.

Councilmember Wright-

- Suggested the city partner with Roane County on a project and send a request for funds.
- Suggested the city dedicate \$500,000 of the funds to projects related to the 58 corridor
- Suggested extending the footprint of Ladd Landing Park for additional parking/facilities
- Explore possibility of using some of the funding to extend sewer services to the Southwest Point Amphitheater for restroom facilities.

Vice-Mayor Humphreys-

- Expressed the need to wait on more information/guidance to make any decisions.

Councilmember Childs-

- Agreed with Councilmember Brown on the points made
- Expressed that he believes some of the funds could be used for Tourism to help attract people to Kingston.
- Prioritize current failing infrastructure such as valves, etc.

Councilmember Stockton-

- Expressed the need to review the TAUD assessment and compare to existing water/sewer system capital plans
- Suggested to explore what funds would be eligible for a match by the state to double the funds.

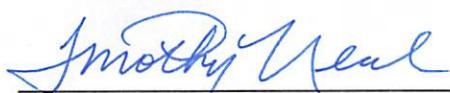
Councilmember Griffis-

- Inquired about a timeline for State matching funds.

GENERAL CONSENSUS IS THAT WE NEED TO WAIT FOR MORE GUIDANCE!!!


Vice-Mayor Humphreys adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

APPROVED 10-12-2021



Tim Neal, Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk