

Minutes  
Kinston City Council  
Tuesday, September 5, 2017  
5:30 pm

Mayor BJ Murphy called the Kinston City Council meeting to order at 5:34 pm, and announced that due to the lack of a quorum, the meeting will only be informational and **no action will be taken and the items on the agenda will be on the next City Council agenda.**

Those present: Councilmembers Sammy Aiken and Mayor BJ Murphy

Also present: Tony Sears, City Manager and James Cauley, City Attorney

Those absent: Councilmembers Wynn Whittington, Felicia Solomon, Joseph Tyson and Mayor Pro Tem Robert Swinson

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

*There was no adoption of the agenda due to the lack of a quorum.*

**CITIZEN COMMENT**

Victor Kosinski, Commander of ADVET Post 1111, and David Ricke, Chairman of the 9-11 Memorial Service Committee, stated this year marks the 16<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the attacks of 9-11. We are inviting the community to attend the 9-11 Ceremony on Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> to pay honor to those who perished during the 9-11 attacks on September 11, 2001. The ceremony will be at Pearson Park at 10:00 am. If it rains, the event will be held at Station One at the same time.

**MINUTES**

**Consider approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting held on Monday, August 21, 2017.....Monique Hicks**

*No action was taken due to the lack of a quorum.*

**ACTION AGENDA**

- 1. Consider the adoption of five budget ordinance amendments for the FY 2017-18 Annual Operating Budget, the Vernon Avenue 3.4 mile Electric Distribution Circuit Capital Project, the Queen Street Water Line Replacement Project, FY 2016-21 Stormwater Projects and Grainger Stadium Improvements.....Catherine Gwynn**

*No action was taken due to the lack of a quorum.*

- 2. Consider the award of a bid to White’s International in the amount of \$117,421.02 for the purchase of a dump truck for the Water Operations Division  
.....Rhonda Barwick**

*No action was taken due to the lack of a quorum.*

- 3. Consider the award of a bid for the installation of underground conduit for the lighting of trees on South Queen Street.....Rhonda Barwick**

*No action was taken due to the lack of a quorum.*

- 4. Consider the options to clarify language in the Unified Development Ordinances related to the separation of certain type businesses.....Adam Short**

*No action was taken due to the lack of a quorum.*

<b>APPOINTMENTS</b>
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- 1. Consider the appointments of Christopher Bradshaw, Sr. and Edgar E. Futrell, Jr. to the Parks and Recreation Commission to each serve three year terms beginning September 2017 through August 2020.....Bill Ellis**

*No action was taken due to the lack of a quorum.*

<b>INFORMATION AND UPDATES</b>
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- 1. Essential Single Family Rehab Loan Pool – Disaster Recovery Grant.....Adam Short**

Adam Short, Planning Director, stated the City received funding through the Essential Single Family Rehab Loan Pool and the Single Family Rehab Loan Pool Disaster Recovery program. The initial allotment was \$150,000, but they have a pool of \$15 million that we can draw from. Some of the criteria of the Housing Financing Agency includes the applicant cannot have filed an insurance claim, there is a limit of \$40,000 per unit and the property must be owner occupied. The City has also added stipulations that we will focus on the city and the ETJ as the primary areas of service, low income households, large households serving the elderly, veterans and disabled. We will prioritize homes that were affected that are within the 100 year flood plain. Being in the flood plain is a priority, but not the only factor we will consider. We have received calls from citizens who had storm damage outside of the 100 year flood plain, and they will be able to participate in this program. We also have citizens outside of the flood plain who had flood damage and did not have flood insurance and this will be a good program for them as well. Part of the reason why it has taken so long to bring this to City Council is that we did not want to fund projects that were also slated for the buyout because we did not want to put \$40,000 into a unit that would ultimately be bought out. For those who may not be approved as part of the buyout, this is an opportunity to upgrade their homes.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Tony Sears, City Manager, announced that the Wood Ducks will play at home this week in the first round of the playoffs.

**CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORT**

Councilmember Aiken asked about the status of the Lincoln Street bridge. Rhonda Barwick, Public Services Director, stated the problem with the bridge is the erosion at foot of the bridge and it is a lengthy process for the contractor to repair. It will be reopened and FEMA will pay for the repair.

Councilmember Aiken shared that he has received feedback that the Adopt-A-Lot program process is complicated. Mr. Sears stated it is a Kinston Teens program and that the city only agreed to provide the lots, but the concern will be shared with Kinston Teens.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Murphy thanked Mr. Fitzgerald from the Kinston Free Press for attending the meeting.

Mayor Murphy adjourned the meeting at 6:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Monique Hicks, City Clerk