

**KINGSBURG CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

MARCH 2, 2016

Invocation to be given by Tim Boynton of Kingsburg Covenant Church, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Bruce Blayney.

6:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING

Call to Order: Mayor Blayney called the Regular Meeting to Order 6:02pm.

City Council Members Present: Council Member Ben Creighton, Council Member Staci Smith, Council Member Sherman Dix, Council Member Michelle Roman and Mayor Bruce Blayney

Council Members Absent: None

City Staff Present: City Manager Alex Henderson, City Attorney Michael Noland, Police Chief Neil Dadian, Community Service/Senior Coordinator Ashlee Winslow-Schmal and City Clerk Abigail Palsgaard

Public Comments –

Ginger Selsor, 6271 Boston, said she is not completely opposed to the outsourcing of dispatch, but was upset it was not given to the public in a timely matter. She believes there should have been public notification in the water bill. Felt article in the paper was misleading about the pros and cons. She said she is worried about radio traffic and officers not getting the call.

Approve Agenda –A motion was made by City Council Member Creighton, seconded by City Council Member Dix, to approve the Agenda, as published. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Consent Calendar – A motion was made by City Council Member Roman, seconded by City Council Member Smith, to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

1. **Pulled**
2. **Check Register–** Ratify/approve payment of bills listed on the check register for the period February 11, 2016 through February 24, 2016 as prepared by Accounts Payable Clerk Grace Reyna.
3. **Approve the City Manager Contract Amendment –** Approve the City Manager Contract Amendment.
4. **Police Services Technician –** Approve the job description for the Police Services Technician.
5. **Wage Schedule -** Approve the updated Wage Schedule as prepared by Management Assistant Christina Windover.

6. **Approve the Temporary Water Agreement** – Approve the Temporary Water Agreement as prepared by City Attorney Michael Noland.

Pulled Consent Calendar Items:

Item 1. Approval of City Council Minutes – Approve the minutes from the special meeting on February 11, 2016 and the regular meeting held on February 17, 2016 as prepared by City Clerk Abigail Palsgaard.

City Clerk Abigail Palsgaard asked that the minutes to be pulled to be approved with corrections to the misspelled word.

A motion was made by City Council Member Creighton, seconded by City Council Member Smith, to approve the minutes from the special meeting on February 11, 2016 and the regular meeting held on February 17, 2016 as prepared by City Clerk Abigail Palsgaard with the corrections. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

REGULAR CALENDAR

Commission Funds- Expenditure Request for Swedish Festival Pop Up Skate Park, Dog Park Shade Structure and Painting of the Memorial Park Stage and Restrooms –

Community Services and Senior Citizens Coordinator Ashlee Winslow-Schmal said the Community Service Commission has been working hard to spend the \$45,000 that they were given at the beginning of the fiscal year. She said they found a pop-up skate park for the Swedish Festival at the price of \$6,758. In that proposal the company will help with advertising, trophies, 2 days of skate park, all the equipment and basically all the footwork. Ms. Winslow-Schmal said they also found a dog park shade structure that includes design, fabrication and installation. She also said that the Commission decided to go with Brian's Classic Colors to paint the band shell. Council Member Creighton asked if the amount was the total or if included money from the Beautification Committee. Ms. Winslow-Schmal said it is the total as of now and once the amount from the Beautification Committee is confirmed that amount will go down.

Mayor Pro Tem Roman said the committee has been working without money for some time and unable to really do anything. She said they started the fiscal year with \$25,000 and then it was upped to \$45,000. While researching a skate park, the dog park became an important part of the community and so that became a priority. She said she thinks it is a great idea to get the word out to try to get land for a skate park. Mayor Pro Tem Roman said she is worried about the commission losing the money if they do not spend it all. Mayor Blayney said they don't have to spend all the money this fiscal year, they will not lose it. He said if any commission has good projects and it is justified, the finance committee can make recommendations accordingly. Mayor Pro Tem Roman said the commission has done a great job listing all the projects. Council Member Dix ask if this pop-up skate park was meant to get interest for private donations. Ms. Winslow-Schmal said yes, they are looking for accessible land that you can skate to. Council Member Dix asked what the plan is after this. Ms. Winslow-Schmal said hopefully this will involve more people and interest and that the commission plans on spending money for more

pop-ups over the summer. Council Member Dix said it is a perfect event and wants to make sure names of interested donors are kept and momentum continues. Mayor Pro Tem Roman said she has found some grants for matching city funds. Ms. Winslow-Schmal said it is important bring families down and have kids be involved at the Swedish Festival. Mayor Blayney said we need to involve other parts of the community, we don't all have Swedish heritage.

Margie Smith said she is worried about if the Kingsburg skate park becomes like the one in Selma. She said she suggests having police officers there to keep it safe and make a presences. Mayor Pro Tem Roman said she agrees and she has been researching about having it lit, gated and specific hours. She said it would be ideal to have a skate park some place close to the police department.

Ginger Selsor, 6271 Boston, said she would like to know if a lease is a possibility. Mayor Pro Tem Roman said she would agree and that they have looked at above ground mobile equipment for contests so kids don't get bored. Maybe sometimes at a church and then move to another church down the road. Ms. Winslow-Schmal said no one under 14 is allowed in the skate park according to state law. Mayor Pro Tem Roman said she thinks it is important to get the shell and bathroom painted and that the community will appreciate it.

A motion was made by City Council Member Roman, seconded by City Council Member Smith, to approve the expenditure requests and direct staff to move forward with these projects. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Water Conservation Update

City Manager Alex Henderson said June 2015 through February 2016, Kingsburg did very good with the average just under 40% which is below the mandated 36%. He said the State continued the conservation mandate with a few adjustments including credits based upon the local climate, which will give Kingsburg an additional 2% credit making 34% the new mandated percentage. He said he recommends keeping the same program that has no fines if we keep it within the state mandated amount. He said we not did meet the standard in February, the conservation was at 32%. The City Manager said he suggests that because the Community did a good job all other months, maybe waive the fines this time. He said people are watering more with the rain letting up and it getting hotter. Council Member Creighton said he is in favor of waiving penalties. He said he does believe we need to push education and that it is easy to become compliant. There was a discussion about the lag time in residential water reads and how it puts landlords in a difficult spot. The City Manager said he will work on finding a solution.

Kingsburg Police Department Lobby Hours Discussion –

Police Chief Neil Dadian said the lobby will be closing from 24/7 and he has presented 4 options for lobby hours. He said the police department will be flexible with hours and that he recommends 8:30-4:00pm, Wednesday 830-7pm and the first Saturday. Council Member Smith asked if people come in the evening. Chief Dadian said a handful. Council Member Creighton asked if there were more in the morning or the evening. Chief Dadian said about the same. Mayor Pro Tem Roman asked how much of this can be online? Chief Dadian said we are trying to get as many forms as possible on the website. Council Member Creighton said we can change the hours down the road.

Council Member Smith asked about RVs out on the weekend and not getting a citation. Chief Dadian said if you get a citation it is because you have been on our radar for a while. Council Member Smith said she spoke with the Chamber and they drop off found items from the Swedish Festival at the Police Department and she wants to make sure that people from out of town can get it back. Chief Dadian said they will keep their customer service.

Lori Mendez asked how many employees work at the police department. Chief Dadian said 13 full time police officers, 10 reserve police officers and 7 civilians.

Ginger Selsor said she would like to know if people can get to the phone out front of the police department without getting out of the vehicle. Chief Dadian said no, it would be the same as getting out of your car to go into the lobby. Mayor Blayney said if you don't feel safe, you can drive somewhere where there are people, like a gas station, and call 911.

Margie Smith said she suggests lobby hours that keep in mind churches on Wednesday and Saturday. She said she suggests later hours for people who work elsewhere, but want to live here.

Conni Delinger suggests Thursdays as the late night because a lots of businesses downtown and the library is open till 8pm on Thursdays.

Sandy Barkowski said her husband gets in after 6:15pm. She said she suggest it is open till 7pm.

City Council decided on police department lobby hours being Monday through Friday 12pm-7pm and the first Saturday of the month from 9am-4pm.

Council Reports and Staff Communications

Community Services Commission – Mayor Pro Tem Roman said that there isn't a meeting scheduled yet and that earlier we just had a report.

Public Safety Committee – Council Member Creighton said there will be a meeting on Tuesday.

Chamber of Commerce – Council Member Smith said they will meet next week.

Economic Development – Mayor Blayney said they will meet next week.

Finance Committee – Mayor Blayney said they will meet on 3/17/2016

Planning Commission – Mayor Blayney said they will meet 3/10/2016 at 6pm

City Manager's Report – City Manager Alex Henderson said that Ashlee Winslow-Schmal has received a Community Garden Grant. He also said Mayor Pro Tem Roman is now a member of the Fresno County Zoo Authority Board. Mayor Pro Tem Roman said the Zoo has doubled in size and has 18 acres of new ground. She said the attendance was 1 million people last year. She stated that

Jack Hanna came and visited and said it is a world class zoo. She said there is lots of new stuff including the tiger expansion. She also said the Zoo will be broken up by continents.

Other Business as May Properly Come Before the City Council

Council Member Dix said citizens have reached out about the rains and weeds. He said he wasn't sure how we are taking care of it. The City Manager said the fire department goes out and gives the property owner a door hanger, if it is not taken care of we send a letter that gives them so many days to take care of the problem. If it is not taken care of they will be fined and if it is still not cleaned up the City will clean it up and bill the property owner. The City Manager said we have handed out over 60 door hangers for residents. Council Member Dix asked who is handing them out. The City Manager said Mike, he has some, the Intern. Council Member Dix asked if there any openings on the Beautification Committee. City Manager Henderson said if someone is interested, the committee meets once a month, they are welcome to attend, and it is a Public meeting.

Council Member Dix said he saw that Farmersville is breaking ground on a sports complex and he would like to see that here. Mayor Blayney said he is hoping we will be eligible for funds from grants because of the completed Housing Element and Marion Villas.

Adjourn Kingsburg City Council Regular Meeting Kingsburg City Council Regular Meeting was adjourn at 7:30pm.

Submitted by:

Abigail Palsgaard, City Clerk