

**KINGSBURG CITY COUNCIL AND
THE CITY OF KINGSBURG FINANCE COMMITTEE
JOINT MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 20, 2016**

Invocation to be given by Minister Johnie Thomsen of Young Life, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Bruce Blayney.

6:00 P.M. JOINT MEETING

Call to Order: Mayor Blayney called the Joint Meeting of the Kingsburg City Council and Finance Committee to order at 6:01 pm.

Council Members present: Ben Creighton, Staci Smith, Sherman Dix, and Mayor Blayney.

Council Members absent: Michelle Roman

Finance Committee Members present: Mayor Blayney, Council Member Dix, City Manager Alex Henderson, and Finance Director Maggie Moreno

Finance Committee Members absent: None.

City Staff present: Police Chief Neil Dadian, Community Services and Senior Citizens Coordinator Ashlee Winslow-Schmal, Public Works Director Darren Hays, City Manager Alex Henderson, Finance Director Maggie Moreno, City Attorney Mike Noland, Fire Chief Tim Ray, and City Clerk Abigail Palsgaard.

Public Comments: None.

Approve Agenda: A motion was made by Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Creighton, to approve the agenda as published. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote of members present.

Consent Calendar (City Council Item) – A motion was made by Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Creighton, to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote of members present.

1. **Approval of City Council Minutes** – Approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on April 6, 2016 as prepared by City Clerk Abigail Palsgaard.
2. **Approval of Resolution 2016-021 Authorizing submittal of Application for Payment Programs and Related Authorizations-** Approve Resolution 2016-021 allowing the City of Kingsburg to submit an application to CalRecycle for any and all payment programs offered and approve the City Manager or his/her designee to execute all documents necessary to implement and secure payment.

b. **Pulled Consent Calendar Items: None.**

REGULAR CALENDAR

Crime Statistics report for the Month of March 2016

Chief Dadian spoke about how the report is a work in progress said he is open to suggestions. In February he listed domestic violence as its own statistic and later found out the FBI wants it part of the Part 1 offenses under assaults. Although FBI has it included in assaults, he plans on reporting it separately so he can tap into resources to help victims. He said he is going to add percentages at the end of the report will show how much different crimes have either gone up or down. He said auto thefts might show the effects of Prop 109, and increases are it is across the board in California. He said that they had caught car thefts suspects with cars stolen in different cities and then brought here.

Chief Dadian said he wanted to clarify that he did not help write the policy for the CCW on the High School as reported in the media. They will be meeting for training and guidance. Training days are going well. He is working on making the department more efficient and is requiring online training for officers. He said with all of the training combined it is 142 hours of training a year per officer. Training is a risk management tool and is important. Dispatch transition is going well. He has not gotten any complaints regarding customer service from the residents. And dispatchers have been complimenting officers. DEA is doing a drug take back and they have agreed to take the drugs out of evidence to purge and it will save money.

He said dispatch hours have been disrupting the department. It has been difficult to communicate with the business community, other justice departments, the District Attorney and others when they are not open during normal hours. He said they monitored and peak hours are between 10am-3pm. Six people had come in at 6pm and one at 7pm, five were appointments so only two were walk ins.

Council Member Dix asked about Saturdays, Chief Dadian said there has not been one person that came in on a Saturday. He said right now the police technician comes in at 8:30am and answers phone messages and faxes. The doors open to the public at 9am. City Manager Henderson said right now Council decided on lobby hours being 12pm-7pm. Mayor Blayney asked what hours would work best for running the police department. Chief Dadian said he would like 9am to 4pm, one late day a week and one Saturday a month. He said we can come back to it after 6 months to reevaluate. City Council agreed.

Commission Funds Expenditure Requests for painting the Memorial Park Light Poles, Movie Screen and Drinking Fountain for the Dog Park

Community Services and Senior Citizens Coordinator Ashlee Winslow-Schmal spoke about the pop up Skate Park for the Swedish Festival. She said the shade structure is going up this weekend in the dog park and band shell is painted. For aesthetics, the other poles in the park are an eyesore and the committee would like to paint them. She said she is really excited about the movie screen. Blayney said he trusts the commission on their decision on how to spend the money allotted to them.

A motion was made by Council Member Smith, seconded by Council Member Dix, to approve the agenda as published. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote of members present.

Discussion of Allowing Chickens within the City Limits (City Council Item)

City Manager Henderson said he has had a handful of requests to have chickens within the City Limits. He said we need to clean up the code since right now lions, wolves and snakes are allowed, but not chickens. He spoke about some reoccurring trends in neighboring Cities' Codes and about cons, including chickens at large and the potential of odor. He also spoke about the pros including the ability to produce organic free range eggs free of antibiotics and pesticides.

Mayor Blayney said no one can dispute the fact having fresh eggs is better than having store bought eggs. He said we need to consider updating the code and he had wrote down some points. He said he thought we need to define what type of animal and how many should be allowed. Council Member Creighton said he doesn't have a strong opinion on the issue. Council Member Smith mentioned the health benefits listed by Brandon Palsgaard that included the fact that backyard chickens eat a natural diet compared to chickens for commercially produced eggs. She said she was approached by a friend who would like to have backyard chickens because she has a hard time finding eggs that are not fed grain and she has family members that have a grain allergy.

Public comment:

June Hess, 2181 14th, spoke about the pros of having backyard chickens. She listed numerous cities in the state of California that allow hens including Davis, San Francisco, Los Angeles, etc. She read a letter from a citizen who couldn't make it in support of backyard chickens. Ms. Hess also read a flyer from the US government from 1918 about how Uncle Sam wants you to have backyard chickens. She said kids in our area know where peaches, plums and grapes come from and maybe won't know where eggs come from. She said it is a trend up and down the state and she thinks the Kingsburg residents have the right to choose to have backyard chickens.

Karen Dawson, 2320 21st Ave., said she spoke to the City Manager about being able to have chickens. She said she would like to provide the food for her family, who also has food allergies. She said as for noise and smells, chickens are far less loud than dogs and not all dog owners clean up after their dogs. She said if chickens are compared to dogs, they should fair pretty well.

Conni Delinger, 1360 19th Avenue, said she has two neighbors who have chickens. One neighbor's chickens run free and recently entered her property and pooped all over her garage. She said she seldom hears any noise and doesn't smell poop, but neighbors have commented on flies. She said it is unknown if the flies are from chickens or dogs. She said she is not keen on having chickens. Council Member Dix asked if she can see the coop, she said no.

Council discussion:

Mayor Blayney directed staff to revise Section 6, bring it back in a month. Council Member Creighton said he liked Farmersville's code and thinks regulations should have some teeth within reason. Mayor Blayney said containment is an issue for any animal, and if it gets into the neighbor's property it infringes upon the rights of others. Council Member Dix said he is worried about the visibility of the coop from the street. City Attorney Noland asked if the council directing the staff to draft an ordinance to backyard chickens. Mayor Blayney said yes, and reminded staff to address the appropriate concerns.

Financial Policy Update

City Manager Alex Henderson spoke about the budget process and wanted to include the public that attends the council meetings to see what is discussed in Finance Committee meetings. He said the budget will be examined by the Finance Committee in May, then in front of City Council in June. He said he included the Financial Policy that hasn't been updated since 2000, a red lined version and the potential clean version. He said the section to pay attention to is the purchasing policy and that the biggest change is to the limitation. He said he recommended updating some of the amounts if they are approved within the budget. He spoke about the emergency with the wells, and that he had to evoke the emergency procedure. Would prefer not to have to do that if it is approved in the budget. Mayor Blayney said there is not a lot of change and it will come back to us at the next Finance Committee meeting. City Manager Henderson said he wanted to be as inclusive as possible with the public, not very many people attend the finance committee meetings, so he wanted to present it in a meeting where there will be public.

Capital Improvement Discussion

City Manager Alex Henderson as we started last year, with our joint meeting, this is a draft and we included all capital improvement requests from different departments. Last year we have some large equipment requests, so the amount is about the same but there are 32 projects. He said in the 2015/2016 budget \$530,000 was approved from the general fund for Capital Improvements. Due to revenue and fiscal responsibility the total expended will only be \$150,000. He spoke about the different projects listed on the spreadsheet. He noted that none of this includes any borrowing.

Mayor Blayney asked about the F150 truck from public works. He inquired if there is a fuel efficient truck that may be paid for by a grant. Public Works Director Darren Hays said he will look into it. Council Member Dix asked about the \$50,000 for parks and recreation. He asked if it is for purchases in general. City Manager Henderson said last year it was \$45,000, this year they are requesting \$50,000. Mayor Blayney said now that we have an approved housing element, maybe we can get grants for parks. He said maybe a gas efficient vehicle for public works can be in addition to the F150 and that they have suffered for a long time during the recession. He said we are a growing city with new housing projects and we have to plan for that.

Council Reports and Staff Communications

Community Services Commission

The City Manager said that Community Services and Senior Citizens Coordinator Ashlee Winslow-Schmal gave them the most recent update.

Public Safety Committee

Council Member Creighton said the Klass Kids Print-a-thon is next Saturday. Univision asked that someone be on their morning show, needs someone to present the event in Spanish.

Chamber of Commerce

Council Member Smith said there were over 300 cars at the car show. She said the Chamber, spearheaded by Stan, applied and received a grant to get the speakers working on Draper Street.

Economic Development

Council Member Dix said they met last Thursday night and spoke about grant opportunity with USDA and incentives for the second story units to be residential in the business district.

Finance Committee

Mayor Blayne said they met and discussed a public safety tax or a Community Facility District (“CFD”) (partial tax). He said the Public safety tax wouldn’t generate enough money. A partial property tax, still a 2/3rds vote would generate \$1,200,000. He said it is still in the beginning stages of research.

Planning Commission

Mayor Blayne said they met last week. They discussed and approved a partial spilt that would give a pedestrian corridor from Winter to 18th Ave. They also discussed the Grace Church and a change in their proposal. He said coming up in the future meetings will be housing development allocations.

City Manager’s Report

City Manager Henderson said the second coffee with the City Manager will be next Thursday (April 28th) at 5:30pm at Common Grounds. Chief Dadian will be there also to answer questions.

Other Business as May Properly Come Before the City Council

Mayor Blayne spoke about the annual mosquito abatement report. A Copy of it is available at the City Clerks desk.

Conni Delinger said she wanted to know what it will take to get a City fee added on to the utility bill to fund an additional police officer. City Attorney Noland advised that the city cannot just add a fee without a vote. CFDs and sales tax initiatives were discussed.

Adjourn Joint Kingsburg City Council and Finance Committee Meeting

Joint Kingsburg City Council and Finance Committee Meeting was adjourned at 7:38pm.

Submitted by:

Abigail Palsgaard, City Clerk