

**KINGSBURG CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
August 17, 2016**

**5:30 P.M. CLOSED SESSION**

**Called to order:** Mayor Blayney called the Closed Session to order at 5:42pm.

**Council Members present:** Staci Smith, Michelle Roman, Sherman Dix (arrived at 5:55pm) and Mayor Bruce Blayney.

**Council Members absent:** Ben Creighton (excused).

**City Staff present:** City Manager Alex Henderson, City Attorney Michael Noland and City Clerk Abigail Palsgaard.

Items discussed:

**CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
Initiation of litigation pursuant to subdivision (c) California Government Code Section 54956.9  
(One potential case)**

Closed session was adjourned at 6:00pm.

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

**6:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING**

**Called to order:** Mayor Blayney called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:06pm.

**Council Members present:** Staci Smith, Michelle Roman, Sherman Dix and Mayor Bruce Blayney.

**Council Members absent:** Ben Creighton (excused).

**City Staff present:** City Manager Alex Henderson, City Attorney Michael Noland Police Chief Neil Dadian, City Engineer representative Will Washburn, Community Services and Senior Citizens Coordinator Ashlee Winslow-Schmal and City Clerk Abigail Palsgaard.

**Public Comments:**

Retired Sherriff John Anderson, representing Senator Anthony Cannella, said the Senator has been appointed to senate rules committee and his office is looking for someone from the Central Valley to be appointed to the Transportation Commission.

**Approve Agenda:** A motion was made by Council Member Roman, seconded by Council Member Dix, to approve the agenda as published. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**Consent Calendar:** A motion was made by Council Member Roman, seconded by Council Member Smith, to approve the amended Consent Calendar with Item No. 3 being pulled as requested by Council Member Dix. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

1. **Approval of City Council Minutes** – Approve the minutes from the Joint Workshop held on July 27, 2016 and the August 3, 2016 City Council Meeting as prepared by City Clerk Abigail Palsgaard.
2. **Schuil Property Parcel Map 73-** Adopt Resolution No. 2016-046 approving Parcel Map 73 proposing to split a 0.87 acre parcel into 2 parcels. Staff Report prepared by City Engineer Dave Peters.
3. **PULLED**

**Pulled Consent Calendar Items:**

**Item 3. Opposing The Adult Use Of Marijuana Initiative – Commercial Sales of Non-Medical Marijuana Ballot Measure-** Adopt Resolution No. 2016-047 opposing The Adult Use of Marijuana Initiative – Commercial Sales Of Non-Medical Marijuana Ballot Measure.

Council Member Dix asked for Item No. 3 to be pulled. He reported information from Tulare County. Council Member Dix said that the medical marijuana cooperatives have joined law enforcement with opposing this ballot measure.

A motion was made by Council Member Dix, seconded by Council Member Smith, to approve consent Item No. 3. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

**REGULAR CALENDAR**

**Mid Valley 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Newsletters**

Mid Valley Representative Bella Lopez said they kicked off Earth Day at Washington Elementary School. She said it was great to be there and see the kids' projects. Mid Valley was also at the Car Show and brought Reggie the Monkey. This helped with the outreach to kids. Ms. Lopez said Kings Liquor is doing great. Me n Ed's and Ace Hardware are also doing well at recycling. She said Mid Valley is looking into household paint drop offs.

She said Mid Valley participated in the Swedish Festival. They had a booth with recycling information where they targeted about 250 adults. They are also working on organics implementation with the schools, Lincoln was the first one to want to implement it. Ms. Lopez said Ramos Torres Winery and Don's Body and Paint Shop did well during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter.

City Council discussed how kids from Lincoln will learn about organics and then be able to do it a Reagan and then at Rafer Johnson. Ms. Lopez said there is a lot of support from Kingsburg Unified. Council thanked Mid Valley for spring cleanup, and the donated bark for the planters.

**Crime Statistics report for the Month of June and July 2016**

Chief of Police Neil Dadian reported on the spikes of vehicle theft, ID theft and mail theft. He shared the information he receives weekly from the South West Crime Analyst including the crime prediction map. He said it a useful tool, and the police department uses it to ensure a strong presences in these areas by officers and volunteers.

Chief Dadian said overall crime is edging down which is unusual in summer time. He reported on the Department's common training days and the Reserve Officer recruitment. He said they received approval to have an AB109 ACT Officer which will be fully funded. Chief Dadian reported they are attending classes for social media training and public accessibility. The Police Department has taught elementary teachers Seconds to Survive and plan on presenting to the high school and staff later on.

Chief Dadian reminded that crime information can be found at [crimereports.com](http://crimereports.com).

**Proposed Ordinance Amending Section 6.04 of Title 6 of the Kingsburg Municipal Code Regarding Dogs and Other Animals-Staff Report prepared by Community Services and Senior Citizens Coordinator Ashlee Winslow-Schmal.**

Community Services and Senior Citizens Coordinator Ashlee Winslow-Schmal said the City is seeing a trend of irresponsible animal owners, which has caused a push for a more in-depth ordinance when it comes to animals. Most animals that are running at large do not have a City license, tags or rabies shots. Ms. Winslow-Schmal said our ordinance didn't have enough regulations to ensure that vicious or unkempt dogs are kept off our streets.

She said somethings added to the ordinance are the dedication of animal control officers, procedures for animal bites, potentially dangerous or vicious dog hearings, limits on dogs, running at large regulations and breeder's permits.

Mayor Blayney said he commends Ms. Winslow-Schmal, it has been an issue for a long time. Kingsburg is known as being a good, clean safe town.

There was a discussion about fees regarding the hearing, the kenneling, citations, impound fees. There was a clarification that the City will not be charging twice, just capturing all of the costs.

This sets the guidelines for the procedures.

Discussion about what would make a dog potentially dangerous and/or vicious. How an animal can be removed from the owner if they continue to let the dogs be at large. What the new procedure would be for dogs at large.

Council Member Roman said she wants to make sure the Police Department and City Hall are on the same page. City Attorney Noland said it does make it unlawful to have a dog at large.

Council gave direction to keep the number of dogs at 4.

## **Council Reports and Staff Communications**

### Community Services Commission

Council Member Roman said the Skate Park Sub-Committee met last week at Athwal Park in regards to a permanent skate park.

### Public Safety Committee

City Manager Henderson reported they have not met yet.

### Chamber of Commerce

Mayor Blayne reported that he attended on behalf of Council Member Smith. The information is included in the packet.

### Economic Development

City Manager Henderson reported they have not met. He said he will be meeting with property owners in town about potential upper floor residential spaces. Mr. Henderson said there are some light manufacturing companies inquiring.

### Finance Committee

Mayor Blayne reported they will be meeting August 23, 2016 at 6pm.

### Planning Commission

Mayor Blayne reported they met with Council during a Joint Workshop. They discussed the North Kingsburg Specific Plan and gave direction to staff in regards to alleys, setbacks, park and pedestrian corridors.

### City Manager's Report

City Manager Henderson said he is going to be meeting with the property owner who owns part of the alley way between the fire department and jail in regards to repairing the road.

## **Other Business as May Properly Come Before the City Council**

Council Member Dix said he would like an analysis done from Staff of what the financial impact would be if the department store in town closes since they provided a significant amount of sales tax.

## **Adjourn Regular Kingsburg City Council Meeting**

Mayor Blayne adjourned the Kingsburg City Council Meeting at 7:16pm.