

**KINGSBURG CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 15, 2018 – 6:00 P.M.**

6 P.M. REGULAR SESSION MEETING:

Invocation was given by Pastor Jeff Nathan of the Kingsburg Refinery Church, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Michelle Roman.

Call to Order and Roll Call – At 6:05 P. M. Mayor Michelle Roman called the regular meeting of the Kingsburg City Council to order.

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

Staff present: City Manager Alexander Henderson, City Attorney Michael Noland, City Clerk Abigail Palsgaard, Finance Director Alma Colado, and Police Chief Neil Dadian.

Public Comments: David Keyes, Candidate for Fresno County Auditor-Controller, thanked the City of Kingsburg for its support in the primary election and the run-off in November.

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

Consent Calendar: A motion was made by Council Member Dix, seconded by Council Member North, to approve the items appearing on the Consent Calendar.

- 4.1 Approval of City Council Minutes:** Approve the minutes from the August 1, 2018 Regular City Council Meeting as prepared by City Clerk Abigail Palsgaard.
- 4.2 Check Register:** Ratify/approve payment of bills listed on the check register for the period July 26, 2018 through August 8, 2018 as prepared by Accounts Payable Clerk Grace Reyna.
- 4.3 Claim Rejection:** Reject Jason Brooks' claim against the City filed on July 9, 2018- Staff Report prepared by City Clerk Abigail Palsgaard.

Regular Calendar

Community Development Block Grant Presentation- Staff Report prepared by City Manager Alexander Henderson

Presentation by Kristi Johnson, Fresno County Department of Public Works, Planning and Community Development

City Manager Alexander Henderson reviewed past CDBG projects. He pointed out that we have about \$185,000 which we can bank or spend this year. A resolution would have to be in by the end of September.

Kristi Johnson explained that to qualify the block needs to be 51% low income. Kingsburg is at 38% overall. Seniors and disabled people automatically qualify. One block in Kingsburg qualified.

Council Member Dix asked about using the funds for slum blight projects. Yvette Quiroga.

said that if it is in a low to moderate income neighborhood, we can do it as a one-time thing if it is an urgent need.

Council Member Dix asked about the façade program. He stated that he would like to use these funds to promote downtown. Ms. Quiroga said that emergency/urgent projects would be ok if it is in the downtown.

Council Member North asked about a potential social project with volunteers from the senior center and Marion Villas interacting with kindergarteners at Washington School. Ms. Quiroga said yes, you would want to promote the benefit to the seniors.

Mayor Roman stated that Council will discuss funding options with staff and bring this matter back in September.

Crime Statistics Report for the Month of July 2018 and General Police Department Update-
Crime Statistics Report prepared by Kingsburg Police Department Records Supervisor Corina Padilla, presented by Kingsburg Police Chief Neil Dadian.

Chief Dadian pointed out that vehicle burglaries are still up. He explained that it is difficult to make arrests because there is not a lot of evidence. He stated that the Department is working on several complex cases. He spoke about staffing and hiring.

Informational, no action required.

Council Reports and Staff Communications

- 1. Community Services Commission** – Mayor Roman reported that it will meet the end of the month.
- 2. Public Safety Committee** – Has not met.
- 3. Chamber of Commerce-** Council Member North reported that tomorrow is the Farmers' Market. The Harvest Moon Festival is September 21st.
- 4. Economic Development Committee -** City Manager Alexander Henderson reported that it has not met as a group. We have met with the owner of the old Stone Hotel and State Foods is moving forward. City Attorney Michael Noland said that we sent a letter about the Woods building and we will hold an abatement hearing on September 19th.
- 5. Finance Committee** – Council Member Blayney reported that they will meet August 23th.
- 6. Planning Commission-** Council Member Blayney reported that it meets tomorrow night.

7. **South Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency Joint Powers Authority – Council**
Member Blayney reported that they haven't met.
8. **City Manager's Report-** Mr. Henderson reported that he attended the Hospital District meeting. We discussed all the grants that will come before the City Council.
7. **Other Business that may come properly before the City Council**
Mayor Roman stated that she wants to congratulate the Kingsburg U12 Cal Ripken baseball team for winning the World Series.

Council Member North brought up the new trucking company on 396 Avenue. Mr. Henderson said that this is Tulare County property. There have been three different hearings. Our City has filed paper work saying we do not agree with it. Kingsburg Youth Baseball Association and the School District will also file letters. We are working on a comprehensive plan for the area.

8. **Future Agenda Items**

City Clerk Abigail Palsgaard stated that there will be a Special City Council Meeting on August 21st at 6:00 pm.

9. **Adjourn –** At 7:10 P. M. Mayor Roman adjourned the Regular Kingsburg City Council Meeting.

Submitted by:

Abigail Palsgaard, City Clerk