

**KINGSBURG CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, April 6, 2022 – 6:00 P. M.**

THE COUNCIL CHAMBER IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AT 100% CAPACITY.

Invocation was given by Pastor Nathan, Kingsburg First Baptist Church, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Laura North

6 P.M. REGULAR SESSION MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call: Mayor Laura North called the regular meeting of the Kingsburg City Council to order at 6:03 P. M.

Council Members Present: Jewel Hurtado, Vince Palomar, Brandon Pursell, Jr., Michelle Roman, and Mayor Laura North.

Staff Present: City Manager Alexander Henderson, City Attorney Mike Noland and Community Development Administrative Assistant Karyl Bartel.

Council Members Absent: None.

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

Public Comments:

Laura Harris, resident is concerned for safety on Kern St by Roosevelt School. She wants improvements around the schools.

Staff responded that Public Works will do scheduled improvements and are working on getting flashing lights for the cross walk at 10th and Draper for Roosevelt School.

Lee Darling, resident, is for a 4 way stop by Roosevelt. They speed around the corner. Maybe a stop sign.

5. Consent Calendar: A motion was made by Council Member Pursell, Jr., seconded by Council Member Hurtado, to approve the items appearing on the Consent Calendar. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

5.1 Approval of City Council Minutes: Approve the minutes from the March 16, 2022 Regular City Council Meetings as prepared by City Clerk Abigail Palsgaard.
Sponsor: City Clerk's Office

5.2 Check Register: Ratify/approve payment of bills listed on the check register for the period March 8, 2022 through March 28, 2022 as prepared by Accounts Payable Clerk Marsha Alves.
Sponsor: Finance Department

5.3 Accept the Senior Center Improvements project completed by Arts Construction Company, Inc. and authorize the City Engineer to file the Notice of Completion - Staff Report by City Engineer Dave Peters
Sponsor: City Engineer's Office

5.4 Approve the Closure of Marion Street for Uptown Sprouts Event 5/1/2022 - Staff Report by Community Services Director Adam Castaneda.
Sponsor: Community Services

Regular Calendar

Revenue Collection Overview - Staff Report by City Manager Alexander Henderson.
Sponsor: City Manager & Finance Department

City Manager Alexander Henderson presented the revenue collection overview.

Lee Darling, resident, asked if sales tax from Amazon goes to city? City Manager Henderson said not the whole amount. It's just the way the state works. 1% goes to Kingsburg. Measure E is a little bit higher. Measure E is a 10-year thing. Voters will have to go back on it.

CalPERS Update 2022 - Staff Report by City Manager Alexander Henderson.
Sponsor: City Manager & Finance Department

City Manager Alexander Henderson presented the 2022 CalPERS update.

Council Member Pursell, Jr. said it is a huge liability. The \$1,600,000 the City has paid towards the unfunded liability will save us 1.8 million dollars. Council thanked the City Manager.

2021/2022 Capital Improvement Plan Update - Staff Report by City Manager Alexander Henderson.

Sponsor: City Manager & Finance Department

City Manager Alexander Henderson presented the 2021/2022 Capital Improvement Plan Update.

Mayor North asked if Kern Street improvements are on the CIP? The City Manager said it is not yet. Council Member Hurtado said it is nice to see so many completed and in progress projects.

Lee Darling, resident, is there striping at the school? City Manager Henderson said that these are capital projects.

Sherman Dix, resident, said this is an ambitious list. He discussed the downtown grants and would like council to continue to support the façade grants. It's great environment and it's great to see the progress.

Micro-Grant Application Consideration – KGSL - Staff Report by City Manager Alexander Henderson.
Sponsor: City Manager

City Manager Alexander Henderson presented the microgrant application submitted by Kingsburg Youth Softball League to use the old Mosquito Abatement building as an indoor facility.

Council Member Roman asked who is covering the lead-based paint and asbestos survey. The City Managers said he is not sure yet. We will exercise a lease agreement in terms of who is responsible for it.

Sherman Dix, KYSL, said the building is an eyesore, and we want to beautify it and make it useful. The building will have the bathroom for kids. There will be indoor batting area. Maybe rent it out to individuals who wants to use it. This is a good place to meet for us. They received a grant for \$55,000. He spoke about the work that needs to be done, and that they are a non-profit. We are looking into putting \$15,000. Council Member Roman asked how many teams can use it at one time. Mr. Dix said only 1 at a time, but it will have indoor lights and weather will not be a factor so it can be used for extended amounts of time. Council Member Roman asked if there is a contract written up, will it go back to us? City Manager Henderson said yes.

A motion was made by Council Member Roman seconded by Council Member Pursell, Jr. to approve the Kingsburg Youth Softball League micro-grant for \$15,000. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Council Reports and Staff Communications

Community Services Commission- Mayor North said the Commission has been looking at bathroom options and narrowing down choices. Council member Hurtado asked what the timeline is. City Manager Henderson said we are working on the vendors and getting quotes on that. Anything we order will probably be 6 months out due to supply chain issues. It will be part of your budget discussion for next fiscal year. Should be completed by the end of next fiscal year. We did get the signed contract from the state for the dog park.

Public Safety Committee- Council Member Palomar said they have not met.

Chamber of Commerce- Council Member Pursell, Jr. said we meet next week, Car Show in on 4/15 and 4/16.

Economic Development- Council Member Roman said they have not met.

Finance Committee- Council Member Pursell Jr. said they have not meet since the last meeting.

Planning Commission- Mayor North said they will meet next Thursday.

South Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency Joint Powers Authority (SKGSA) Council Member Hurtado said they have not met. Nothing to report.

Downtown Business Improvement District- Council Member Hurtado met on Monday and about the Car Show. Starting a new website is a lot of work. Jolene Polyack, Economic Development Consultant, brought information regarding a billboard.

Council of Governments

Council Member Roman said they started the meeting off in memory the death of Fowler Mayor David Cardenas. He left a legacy and meant a lot to all of us. The Board nominated her as the chair of COG. Bittersweet because this is not how she wanted to be nominated. New bus shelter at the senior center will be installed. FCRTA will pay for it so no cost to us. The bus shelter will be at the senior center parking lot.

Transit Oriented Grant Application Update- City Manager Henderson said we received notification that the first phase of the Downtown Strategic Plan will be fully funded.

Council Member Reports-

Council Member Hurtado said Happy Autism Awareness Month

City Manager's Report-

Survey was sent to the citizens for how they would like to see the ARPA funds spent. Fiber Optics and Downtown improvements ranked the highest. Downtown pole painting and new banners will be done before the Car Show.

Mr. Henderson discussed the Business Park sign. The previous Business Park Association has been dissolved. The City is working on getting the sign working properly.

Council Member Palomar asked about T-Mobile. City Manager Henderson gave them the timeline.

Future Agenda Items:

None

Adjourn Regular Kingsburg City Council Meeting. At 7:08 P. M. Mayor North adjourned the meeting.

Submitted by:

Karyl Bartel, Community Development Administrative Assistant