

**KINGSBURG CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2022 – 6:00 P. M.**

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

Invocation was given by Pastor Ricky Chambers of the Kingsburg Community 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 6:05 P. M.

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

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

PRESENTATIONS

Swearing In of Fire Department Employee – Kingsburg Firefighter/EMT Sean Kopas was sworn sworn-in, pinned, and welcomed by the City Council.

Pinning and Swearing-In of Police Department Employees – Police Officers Gabriel Castellanos and Jordan Gong were sworn-in, pinned, and welcomed by the City Council.

Public Comments: Kelly Culver, Tulare County Board of Supervisors candidate, spoke briefly, stating that she is for people's freedom.

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 February 2, 2022, and February 16, 2022, Regular City Council Meetings as prepared by City Clerk Abigail Palsgaard.
- 5.2 Check Register:** Ratify/approve payment of bills listed on the check register for the period February 8, 2022, through February 21, 2022, as prepared by Accounts Payable Clerk Marsha Alves.
- 5.3 Adopt the Dress and Appearance Policy-** Staff Report by Administrative Services Director Christina Windover
- 5.4 Approve Requested Closure of Smith Street for Bella Boots Event 3/19/2022 and 4/15/2022** - Staff Report by Community Services Director Adam Castaneda.

REGULAR CALENDAR

Kingsburg Tri-County Hospital District Grant Policy & Grant Application Discussion- Staff
Report by Community Services Director Adam Castaneda.

Presentation by Community Services Director Adam Castaneda- Mr. Castaneda spoke about the new grant cycle, stating that the Board will focus on mental and physical health care, nutrition, exercise, and diabetes. May 1st is the deadline to apply.

Council gave direction that their priorities are the next phases of Athwal Park; grants regarding our parks and the regional sports complex; Senior Center kitchen and other things for seniors.

COVID-19 Supplemental Paid Sick Leave Extension- Administrative Services Director Christina Windover

Sponsor: Administrative Services Department

Presentation by Administrative Services Director Christina Windover. Mrs. Windover stated that on February 9, 2022, Governor Newsom reinstated 80 hours of Covid leave. There are some different regulations retro to January 1, 2022, that will be in effect until September 30, 2022. Council Member Pursell, Jr. thanked Mrs. Windover, stating that this is a lot, and it keeps on changing. He stated that Council recognizes staff's hard work. Council Member Palomar asked if they don't have proof, what happens? Mrs. Windover said that they will get the 40 hours, but not the additional 40 hours.

Council Reports and Staff Communications

Community Services Commission – Mayor North reported that they are not meeting this month.

Public Safety Committee – Council Member Palomar reported that they are meeting on Monday.

Chamber of Commerce – Council Member Pursell, Jr. stated that he has nothing to report.

Economic Development Committee – Council Member Roman reported that they have not met.

Finance Committee – Council Member Pursell, Jr. stated that he has nothing to report.

Planning Commission – Mayor North stated that she has nothing to report.

South Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency Joint Powers Authority (SKGSA) Council Member Hurtado stated that she has nothing to report.

Downtown Business Improvement District – Council Member Hurtado reported that the Board voted to eliminate the vehicle traffic on alleys that open onto Draper Street. They discussed a website, photographers, and the Car Show.

Council of Governments – Council Member Roman stated that she has nothing to report.

Council Member Reports – Council Member Pursell, Jr. talked about opening ceremonies for youth baseball. Council Member Roman stated that Veronica Casareso is the new SFK interim Director.

City Manager's Report – City Manager Alexander Henderson spoke about State Senator Caballero's, Senate District 12, update on the 2022 Budget Request. He gave some Grant updates stating that he has received paperwork for Prop 68 and will be submitting information. He stated that we were unsuccessful for the Clean California Grant from Caltrans. 330 projects were submitted, and they awarded 105 to all underserved communities. He spoke about an ARPA funding 3/9/2022 workshop. He stated that T-Mobile has live social media accounts that people can follow. We will be painting the Senior Center and banner poles downtown. We hope to have them done before the Car Show.

Mayor North asked about Linnaea Village. Mr. Henderson said that they are having PG&E delays and AT&T issues.

Future Agenda Items: None.

Adjourn Regular Kingsburg City Council Meeting. At 6:53 P. M. Mayor North adjourned the meeting.

Abigail Palsgaard, City Clerk