

**KINGSBURG CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 15, 2020 – 6PM**

Invocation was given by Council Member North.

THIS MEETING WAS HELD VIA TELECONFERENCE PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 ISSUED BY GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM. THE COUNCIL CHAMBER WILL BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC. THE PUBLIC HAD THE OPTION TO CALL 1 (559) 207-3003 PASSCODE 5821 TO PROVIDE COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS. WRITTEN COMMENTS WERE COLLECTED UNTIL 4/14/2020 at 4:30pm. THEY WERE NOT READ OUT LOUD.

6 P.M. REGULAR SESSION MEETING:

Call to Order and Roll Call: At 6:00pm Mayor Roman called the regular meeting of the Kingsburg City Council to order.

Council Members present via teleconference: Jewel Hurtado, Vince Palomar, Sherman Dix, Laura North and Mayor Michelle Roman.

Staff present: City Manager Alexander Henderson, Police Chief Neil Dadian and City Clerk Abigail Palsgaard.

Staff present via teleconference: Fire Chief Daniel Perkins, City Engineer Dave Peters and City Attorney Michael Noland.

Public Comments: None.

Approve Agenda: A motion was made by Council Member Hurtado, seconded by Council Member Dix, to approve the Agenda, as published. The motion carried by roll call vote.

Consent Calendar: A motion was made by Council Member North, seconded by Council Member Palomar to approve the consent calendar. The motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

- 4.1 Approval of City Council Minutes:** Approve the minutes from the April 1, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting, as prepared by City Clerk Abigail Palsgaard.
- 4.2 Adopt Resolution 2020-024-** Confirming Executive Orders 2020-01 and 2020-02 of The Director of Emergency Services for The City of Kingsburg.
- 4.3 Receive and File Kingsburg Police Stats for March 2020- Report prepared by Police Records Supervisor Corina Padilla.**
- 4.4 Check Register:** Ratify/approve payment of bills listed on the check register for the period March 26, 2020 through April 8, 2020 as prepared by Finance Director Alma Colado.

Regular Calendar

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Update

City Manager Alexander Henderson gave an update that since the posting of the agenda, Governor Newsome stated that there are 6 milestones that need to happen before he reopens the state. No dates were given. Fresno county has updated numbers, as of today there is a total of 7 confirmed case listed under Kingsburg. We know the boundaries is wider than the City Limits, but Fresno County Department of Health has not released their exact boundaries. From our perspective, we are not worried about jurisdiction. If they

live rurally, we still need to take the same precautions. It is recommended everyone wears masks. The overall fund is down 4%, we have a fairly positive first 6 months. We will not know the fiscal impact until the end of the fiscal year. State and Federal funding was discussed. We were told late last week, we may be able to access \$50,000 of the block grant it was part of the CARES Act. They are working through what may be eligible. We may be able to be reimbursed through our risk management. City Manager Henderson spoke about budget preparation and that gas taxes will be down. Several individuals have been donating items for first responders.

Council discussed the economic stabilization fund and asked that staff brings back forecasted financials.

City Manager Henderson said we submitted for reimbursement for additional PPE purchases, additional sanitizing equipment, the delivered meals to seniors (just short of 100 meals a day). We also asked about funds for the community food bank, staff time and additional tests for the community. Council asked how park closures have been going. Police Chief Dadian said we have had cooperation overall. They have had to ask kids to leave the skate park. There has been very good cooperation from citizens regarding shelter in place.

Council discussed filing a claim with the insurance and the potential of our rates going up. City Manager Henderson said he will look into that. There is \$500,000 to be split between each part in the cooperative.

Chief Dadian reported there has not been a lot of criminal activity which is good, but the Chief Justice of California decided there will be a \$0 bail for a number of arrests except for certain violent felonies. They are trying to mitigate Covid 19 in county jail. The reality is the people who commit other felonies allows them to be cited and released at the point of booking. The Sheriff has been forced to release 180 felons. Chief Dadian said he would expect that the people released will not shelter in place and property crimes can go up. The problem is it is a blanket order that doesn't include what Sheriffs are already doing. Sheriff Mims already had a plan with an open floor, and now she had to release people. Staff will research to see if any of these people are from Kingsburg, if so they will monitor them. Council asked about how to help mitigate crime.

Council discussed a possible state bill that may ban the sale of firearms during the shelter in place. Council decided to not take action until there is more information. Council asked if the police department has enough supplies. Chief Dadian said yes, the Sheriff's office has given them supplies and so has members of the community.

Council discussed the issues of social distancing at school.

Kingsburg Fire Chief Daniel Perkins discussed the impacts to the fire department. He compared the call volume from last year in this quarter, 2020 is up 22%. It is good that we can answer that many calls, but it is more exposures. He thanked City Manager Henderson for getting the decontamination unit from Kingsburg High School. He discussed known exposures and how staff decontaminates after calls. On a positive note he shared that last Saturday Kingsburg Fire Department employees saved 2 infants lives, which was possible with the staffing and having two ambulances. He said he can't say enough about his employees and the Council's support in being able to staff two ambulances. Council thanked him.

SB 1 Projects

Dave Peters City Engineer said this is the time of year we get SB 1 money from the state. We need to choose a project and let the state know by May 1st. We will be getting \$234,046. With our system of rating the streets, the range is 100-0. 100 is a brand-new street. We won't be able to fund all three projects, but

wanted to bring it council. The three potential projects are Orange Ave., Nevada St., and Ventura St. Our data shows we should select the Orange Ave project due to their 23 PCI. There may be issues with the deadline and the amount of the funds due to COVID 19. Council asked why we wouldn't go to 10th on Orange Ave. City Engineer Peters said he had to keep the project funding within the limits. There were treatments on 10th and its PCI is higher, but if we can fund it in a different way we can expand the project. Council asked if Orange Ave had the lowest PCI. City Engineer Peters said yes, currently. Some listed as lower has had treatments done.

Council Member North motioned, seconded by Council Member Hurtado, to adopt Resolution 2020-025 stating Orange Ave. as the SB1 project.

Council Reports and Staff Communications

Community Services Commission- Council Member North stated they have not met since we have sheltered in place.

Public Safety Committee- Council Member Palomar stated they are planning to meet next week or the week after.

Chamber of Commerce- Council Member Hurtado stated they met Tuesday, spoke about the canceled festivals. BID meeting tomorrow, will hopefully get a final map to be presented to Council. Coddington may make videos to help small businesses, Ramos Torres is making hand sanitizer for businesses, may open it for the public.

Economic Development- Council Member Dix stated they will meet on Friday.

Finance Committee- Council Member Dix said they have not met.

Planning Commission- City Manager Henderson said they met last week via teleconference in regards to a sign variance for the Wiebe Industrial Park.

South Kings Groundwater Sustainability Agency Joint Powers Authority (SKGSA)- Council Member Dix stated they have met.

City Manager's Report- City Manager Henderson stated that Public Works Director Darren Hays' last day is April 30th. We are thinking of giving him a resolution at our next meeting- celebrating 30 years at the city. Council Member Dix said he would like for Darren to come down at the first in person meeting. City Manager Henderson said lots of other things are happening every day. He wanted to thank Council for their support, the work of the management team and the city employees. Gratitude to the whole community.

Other Business that may come properly before the City Council

Council Member Dix inquired regarding the community food bank. He said there will be a lot of wasted food, we may be in a good position to reach out to the packing plants and farmers to see if there is a way to salvage crops that may be fallowed or thrown away. He also asked about the swap meet. City Manager Henderson said our building official made contact with the owner of the swap meet. The owner let the City know the swap meet was working with Fresno County Health Department. They are going to have 50 vendors instead of the possible 700 vendors. The City reiterated the need to do social distancing.

Mayor Roman said she was asked by Mid Valley to submit a video to thank their workers for all they are doing for us. FCRTA offered for busses to deliver food to seniors and also connected with KCAPs to deliver food. Thanked staff and the citizens for doing an excellent job.

Future Agenda Items

None.

Adjourn Regular Kingsburg City Council Meeting. At 7:22pm Mayor Roman adjourned the meeting.

Submitted by:

Abigail Palsgaard, City Clerk