



**Kingston Springs Board of Commissioners
Regular Business Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2020**

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gross at 7:01 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance:

3. Roll Call:

Board Members in Attendance:

Josh Eatherly, Commissioner	Present
Tony Gross, Mayor	Present
Mike Hargis, Commissioner	Present
Geoff Lorenz, Vice-Mayor	Present
Glenn Remick, Commissioner	Present

Staff in Attendance:

John Lawless, City Manager	Present
Jamie Dupré, City Recorder	Present
Jennifer Noe, City Attorney	Present
Eugene Ivey, Police and Fire Chief	Present
Brandy Miniatt, Parks Director	Present

4. Declaration of a Quorum

Quorum declared by Mayor Gross.

5. Motion to Approve the August 20, 2020 City Commission Meeting Minutes:

Motion to approve the August 20, 2020 City Commission Meeting Minutes made by Commissioner Remick, seconded by Commissioner Eatherly, and passed unanimously.

6. Motion to Approve the September 9, 2020 Special Called City Commission Meeting Minutes:

Motion to approve the September 9, 2020 Special Called City Commission Meeting Minutes made by Commissioner Remick, seconded by Commissioner Eatherly, and passed unanimously.

7. Motion to Approve the September 17, 2020 City Commission Agenda:

There was an addition to the September 17, 2020 City Commission Agenda – 13.A. under New Business: Motion to approve a donation of \$500.00 from Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Clark to the Kingston Springs Police Department. Motion to approve the September 17, 2020 City Commission Agenda as amended made by Commissioner Remick, seconded by Commissioner Eatherly, and passed unanimously.

8. Announcements from Commissioners:

Commissioner Remick announced the Harpeth River Cleanup Honoring Jessica Graham will be held on Saturday, October 3, hosted by Tennessee Scenic River Association and Friends of the Harpeth River State Park. The cleanup is in honor of Jessica Graham, former operations manager for TSRA. The cleanup base will be in the Kingston Springs City Park across the Harpeth from L.L. Burns Park. There will be paddlers and walkers participating.

9. Community Input and Concerns:

None.

10. Department Reports:

City Manager Lawless reported that the TN Cares Act allocates funding to municipalities that have used funding that was not budgeted for COVID-19 expenses. The Town of Kingston Springs has submitted approximately \$3,800, with approximately an additional \$1,200 to submit.

City Manager Lawless reported that the bid notice for the Multimodal project has been published and bid opening will be on October 13 at 2:00 p.m.

Parks Director Miniati gave an update on the soccer program. We received approximately 50% of the necessary applications needed for a soccer season. Some of the coaches are willing to donate time to do drills, and following guidelines, to scrimmage at some point. Miniati is working with those coaches to finalize a plan.

National Night Out for First Responders will be held on October 6 at Burns Park. There will be a drive-in movie at Burns Park on October 9.

Harvest Festival Market & Craft event on October 17 from 10:00 to 2:00 at Burns Park. This will be a larger farmers market. Farmers Market vendors get first shot at booth space. Vendors will be spread out to allow more distancing.

We will also do a Christmas Parade if possible. Commissioner Hargis suggested not having the floats throwing candy. It makes a big mess in the yards, streets, and drains. Kids dart out to get the candy. He suggested having stations set up to give out candy. City Manager Lawless said that was discussed at the debrief last year, and it was decided not to throw candy.

Chief Ivey reported that Police Department has received two new trucks, which will be striped. These are roomier than the SUVs. It has taken longer than expected to get the necessary equipment due to COVID-19.

11. Legal Updates:

City Attorney Noe noted that Governor Lee had issued a statement encouraging Metro Nashville to open up. Noe also reported on issues of liability due to COVID-19. Gross negligence has to be shown, and a physician's statement is required. Burden is on plaintiff.

12. Unfinished Business:

A. Motion to approve on second reading Ordinance 20-008 – Amending Ordinance 19-002, Kingston Springs 2019-2020 Budget.

Motion to approve on second reading Ordinance 20-008 – Amending Ordinance 19-002, Kingston Springs 2019-2020 Budget made by Commissioner Hargis and seconded by Commissioner Remick. Roll call vote was held with Commissioner Eatherly voting yes, Mayor Gross voting yes, Commissioner Hargis voting yes, Vice-Mayor Lorenz voting yes, and Commissioner Remick voting yes. Motion passed.

B. Discussion of City Attorney fee schedule.

City Manager Lawless noted that at the previous meeting proposed fees of \$200/hour and joint rate of \$175/hour when both attorneys working on the same project. The motion that passed only included the hourly rate and did not include the joint rate increase from \$125/hour to \$175/hour. Motioned to approve the joint rate for City Attorney fee schedule made by Commissioner Eatherly, seconded by Commissioner Hargis, and passed unanimously.

13. New Business:

A. Motion to approve a donation of \$500.00 from Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Clark to the Kingston Springs Police Department.

Motion to accept a donation of \$500.00 from Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Clark to the Kingston Springs Police Department made by Commissioner Eatherly, seconded by Commissioner Hargis, and passed unanimously.

14. Surplus:

None

15. Other (For Discussion Only):

16. Reminders:

National Night Out – October 6, 2020

Drive-In Movie in Park – October 9, 2020

Harvest Festival Market & Craft – October 17, 2020

17. Adjourn the Meeting:

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Commissioner Remick, seconded by Commissioner Eatherly, and passed unanimously. Mayor Gross adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Francis A. Gross, III
Mayor

Jamie Dupré
City Recorder