



**Kingston Springs Board of Commissioners
Regular Business Meeting Minutes
July 15, 2021**

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gross at 7:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance:

3. Roll Call:

Board Members in Attendance:

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| Carolyn Clark, Commissioner | Present |
| Josh Eatherly, Commissioner | Present |
| Tony Gross, Mayor | Present |
| Mike Hargis, Commissioner | Absent |
| Glenn Remick, Vice-Mayor | Present |

Staff in Attendance:

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| John Lawless, City Manager | Present |
| Jamie Dupré, City Recorder | Present |
| Kellie Reed, Assistant Finance Director | Present |
| Martha Brooke Perry, City Attorney | Present |
| Eugene Ivey, Police and Fire Chief | Present |
| Brandy Miniati, Parks Director | Present |

4. Declaration of Quorum by Mayor

Mayor Gross declared a quorum.

5. Motion to Approve the June 17, 2021 City Commission Meeting Minutes:

Motion to approve the June 17, 2021 City Commission Meeting Minutes made by Vice-Mayor Remick, with a second by Commissioner Eatherly. Motion passed.

6. Motion to Approve the June 28, 2021 Public Hearing Meeting Minutes:

Motion to approve the June 28, 2021 Public Hearing Meeting Minutes made by Vice-Mayor Remick, with a second by Commissioner Eatherly. Motion passed.

7. Motion to approve the June 28, 2021 Special Called City Commission Meeting Minutes:

Motion to approve the June 28, 2021 Special Called City Commission Meeting Minutes made by Vice-Mayor Remick, with a second by Commissioner Eatherly. Motion passed.

8. Motion to Approve the July 15, 2021 City Commission Meeting Agenda:

Agenda was amended to replace New Business Item D with Motion to amend Kingston Springs 2021-2022 budget to accept State of Tennessee Local Government Recovery and Rebuilding Direct Appropriations Grant in the amount of \$44,836.00 and add New Business Item E, Motion to amend Kingston Springs 2021-2022 budget to allocate expenditure of Tennessee Local Government Recovery and Rebuilding Director Appropriations Grant funds of \$20,000 for upgrade of Local Government software, \$15,000 for two thermal fire cameras, \$5,000 for Kingston Springs Police Department backup weapons, and \$4,836 for Capital Maintenance, and move current New Business Item D to New Business Item F. Motion to approve the July 15, 2021 City Commission Meeting Agenda as amended made by Vice-Mayor Remick, with a second by Commissioner Eatherly. Motion passed.

9. Announcements from Commissioners:

Vice- Mayor Remick said the mowing and parks are looking good.

Mayor Gross said it was good to see so many friends in the room.

10. Community Input and Concerns:

None.

11. Department Reports:

City Manager Lawless reported that he is having weekly calls with FEMA and supplying them with documentation related to the late March flooding event. He also noted that TDOT has updated its schedule for bridge replacement on South Harpeth Road and they now plan to have construction bids out in October. TDOT has also approved both bid packages for Multimodal and Safe Routes to School grants. We will work with Collier Engineering to advertise. We just received the initial draft for SR 249 Corridor Study. Lawless and City Planner Armstrong will review draft and provide any further comments to TDOT and contractor on that study.

12. Legal Updates:

None

13. Unfinished Business:

A. Motion to approve donations to the Town of Kingston Springs for use toward onboarding a new K9 Officer.

Motion to approve donations to the Town of Kingston Springs for use toward onboarding a new K9 Officer made by Vice-Mayor Remick, with a second by Commissioner Eatherly. Motion passed.

14. New Business:

A. Janet Walker, Director of South Cheatham Library.

Janet Walker, Director of South Cheatham Library gave an update on the library, including the summer reading program, and a visit by Lisa Spencer from Channel 4 earlier in the day. Beginning August 9, the library will be back to its regular hours. The library will host a blood drive on August 24 honoring first responders. Donors can sign up via the American Red Cross website by using the 37082-zip code for location. Ms. Walker said the library appreciates the relationship with and support from the Town of Kingston Springs. She also noted that porch pickups will continue.

B. Motion to approve write off of uncollected sewer debt of \$997.33.

Motion to approve write off of uncollected sewer debt of \$997.33 made by Vice-Mayor Remick, with a second by Commissioner Eatherly. Motion passed.

C. Motion to approve Resolution 21-007 – Establishing 3% Sewer Fee Increase.

Motion to approve Resolution 21-007 – Establishing 3% Sewer Fee Increase made by Vice-Mayor Remick, with a second by Commissioner Eatherly. Roll call vote was held with Commissioner Clark voting yes, Commissioner Eatherly voting yes, Mayor Gross voting yes, Vice-Mayor Remick voting yes, and Commissioner Hargis absent. Motion passed.

D. Motion to amend Kingston Springs 2021-2022 budget to accept State of Tennessee Local Government Recovery and Rebuilding Direct Appropriations Grant in the amount of \$44,836.00.

Motion to amend Kingston Springs 2021-2022 budget to accept State of Tennessee Local Government Recovery and Rebuilding Direct Appropriations Grant in the amount of \$44,836.00 made by Vice-Mayor Remick, with a second by Commissioner Eatherly. Roll call vote was held with Commissioner Clark voting yes, Commissioner Eatherly voting yes, Mayor Gross voting yes, Vice-Mayor Remick voting yes, and Commissioner Hargis absent. Motion passed.

E. Motion to amend Kingston Springs 2021-2022 budget to allocate expenditure of Tennessee Local Government Recovery and Rebuilding Direct Appropriations Grant funds of \$20,000 for upgrade of Local Government software, \$15,000 for two thermal fire cameras, \$5,000 for Kingston Springs Police Department backup weapons, and \$4,836 for Capital Maintenance.

City Manager Lawless asked the Board for direction on spending these funds, indicating there were specific parameters/categories on allowable expenditures. He talked with staff regarding funds, and recommendation was to spend on items we could get immediately instead of spending money toward big ticket items. Chief Ivey said we need one thermal camera per engine, and the current one is old. He said the price and technology is much better now. Lawless noted that staff are currently using the FlexGen version of Local Government software. The latest version is NextGen, and Local Government has urged us to upgrade because they will not service the current software eventually. Motion to amend

Kingston Springs 2021-2022 budget to allocate expenditure of Tennessee Local Government Recovery and Rebuilding Direct Appropriations Grant funds of \$20,000 for upgrade of Local Government software, \$15,000 for two thermal cameras, \$5,000 for Kingston Springs Police Department backup weapons, and \$4,836 for Capital Maintenance made by Vice-Mayor Remick, with a second by Commissioner Eatherly. Roll call vote was held with Commissioner Clark voting yes, Commissioner Eatherly voting yes, Mayor Gross voting yes, Vice-Mayor Remick voting yes, and Commissioner Hargis absent. Motion passed.

F. Motion to approve Resolution 21-008 – Recognition of Dale Graham.

Mayor Gross read Resolution 21-008 out -loud. Motion to approve Resolution 21-008 – Recognition of Dale Graham made by Vice-Mayor Remick, with a second by Commissioner Eatherly. Motion passed. Commissioner Eatherly asked to say a few words. He said that Dale chronicled the lives of the people of Kingston Springs long before Facebook came along. Vice-Mayor Remick said that everyone appreciated Dale. Commissioner Clark noted that everyone misses The Advocate. Following adjournment of the meeting, a framed copy of resolution was presented to Ms. Graham, and pictures were taken. Dale Graham said a few words, and thanked everyone.

15. Surplus:

None

16. Other (For Discussion Only):

None

17. Reminders:

- Summer Day Camps the weeks of July 12-16 and July 19-23.
- Dinner on Main scheduled for September 19th

18. Adjourn the Meeting:

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Vice-Mayor Remick, with a second by Commissioner Eatherly. Motion passed.

Francis A. Gross, III
Mayor

Jamie Dupré
City Recorder