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March 11, 2024 - 7:00 p.m.
Regular Town Council Meeting
Minutes

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Herbert Hales II, Mayor
Beverly Knight, Council Member
Garrett Stancil, Council Member
Keith Davis, Council Member
LaWanda Neal, Council Member
Mark Smith, Mayor Pro Tem

STAFF PRESENT:

Tony Sears, Interim, Town Manager
Tymeeeka Williams, Town Clerk
Marcus Burrell- Town Attorney

1. CALL TO ORDER

- Call to Order – Mayor Herbert Hales, II
- Invocation – Council Member Keith Davis
- Pledge of Allegiance- Mayor Herbert L Hales II

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

This portion of the meeting is an opportunity for citizens to speak on any issue concerning the Town of Kenly. Please note that each citizen is limited to a total of 3 minutes. Please direct all comments/concerns to the entire council rather than individual members. Further, it should be noted that the Town Council reserves the right to not act on items first presented at this meeting.*

**This time may be adjusted based on the number of citizens who wish to speak.*

NONE

3. ADJUSTMENT/ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1. Adjustments to the Agenda
2. Adoption of the Agenda

ACTION: Motion to adopt the Agenda as Presented
Motion: Council Member Smith
Second: Council Member Neal
Vote: Unanimous: 5-0

4. CONSENT AGENDA

(Items on the consent agenda are considered routine in nature or have been thoroughly discussed at previous meetings. Any member of the Board may request to have an item removed from the consent agenda for further discussion.)

1. Draft Minutes
 - February 12, 2024 – Recessed Minutes
 - March 11, 2024- Regular Minutes

**Closed Session DRAFT minutes will be provided to council in a sealed envelope and following the meeting they will be returned to the Town Clerk for destruction*

ACTION: No Vote due to February minutes being recessed and presented at April meeting

5. INTRODUCTIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

a. 1. O'Kaysions Historical Marker Placement

Presenter: *Johnston County Heritage Society Representative, Betty Pope*

Todd Johnson- JOCO Historical Society- O'Kays/O'Kaysions Girl Watcher, natives of Kenly NC... Erect the placement marker behind AG Building before walking trail (KAPARC) Picture of the band and write up of accomplishments. There are 2 living members and this will be a historical town event.

ACTION: Motion to place marker in KAPARC area

Motion: Council Member Smith

Second: Council Member Davis

Vote: Unanimous: 5-0

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

NONE

7. NEW BUSINESS

1. Public Works Needs/Requirements for FY25 Budget

Presenter: *John Pitts, Public Works Director/Tony Sears Interim Town Manager*

Increase salary for current employees. equipment necessary in possession but money for maintenance and upkeep...

ACTION: Informational Only

8. OLD BUSINESS

1 **NONE**

9. TOWN MANAGER / STAFF REPORTS

a. Town Manager: Utility Adjustments----**NONE**

CDBG- Town Manager (Sears) ventured to Raleigh NC for a 7-minute meeting with WithersRavenel to cancel the project (pulling out) due to late audit... giving up grant \$600K (Public Hearing) closing the grant out to return money to the State of NC. Rebid the Project and don't rush to have public Hearing. Discretion to close out project. No word on audit timeline. Intend to Fund

Ted Goodwin- Strategic Planning (Johnston County Public Schools) staggered school year/year-round...

a. Town Clerk

NONE

b. Town Attorney

NONE

d. Department Directors: Parks and Recreation grants available. Brick & Mortar grants- repairs and cracks... \$1 for \$1 match for \$25K capital outlay... Purchase new playground equipment and increase parks and trail visits for the Town of Kenly. Available funds and work with JOCO to reduce amount through partnership

ACTION: Motion to apply for Parks Enhancement Initiative Grant

Motion: Council Member Davis
Second: Council Member Stancil
Vote: Unanimous: 5-0

10. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Informal Discussion
TOWN OF KENLY SPRING CLEAN UP APRIL 22-APRIL 29 2024

2. Council Member Comments
NO COMMENTS AT THIS TIME

11. CLOSED SESSION

- a. Closed Session NCGS 143-318.111 (a) (3)

Council entered into Closed Session at 7:33pm.

ACTION: Motion to Enter into Closed Session
Motion: Council Member Davis
Second: Council Member Smith
Vote: Unanimous 5-0

Council exited Closed Session at 7:38pm.

ACTION: Motion to Exit Closed Session
Motion: Council Member Knight
Second: Council Member Davis
Vote: Unanimous 5-0

12. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Adjourn the Meeting

With there being nothing further, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43p.m.

ACTION: Motion to Adjourn
Motion: Council Member Knight
Second: Council Member Neal
Vote: Unanimous 5-0

Duly adopted this the 8th day of April, 2024 while in regular session.



Herbert L Hales II
Mayor: Town of Kenly

