



CITY OF KINGSLAND, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES • DECEMBER 22, 2014

Regular Meeting

City Council Chamber

6:00 PM

107 South Lee Street - City Hall, Kingsland, GA 31548

I. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME GUESTS

Mayor Kenneth E. Smith, Sr., called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Smith gave the Invocation and led the audience in the Pledge to the Flag.

III. ROLL CALL

Kenneth E Smith Sr

Alex Blount

Jim McClain

Daniel Minckler

Charles Grayson Day Jr

Mayor

Mayor Pro Tem

City Councilman

City Councilman

City Councilman

IV. CONSENT DOCKET

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Jim McClain, City Councilman

SECONDER: Charles Grayson Day Jr, City Councilman

AYES: Blount, McClain, Minckler, Day Jr

- A. Approve the Council Minutes of the last regular Council Meeting
- B. Approve the Agenda as Presented
- C. Approve the Payments of Accounts Payable as Due and Funds Available

V. RECOGNITION

- 1. Employee Service Awards -

Mayor Smith and Mr. Lee Spell, City Manager recognized employees with employee service awards for 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30 years of service with the City of Kingsland.

2. Smithsonian Exhibit / Hometown Teams -

Ms. Trish Jared, Director, Downtown Development Authority addressed the Mayor and City Council. Ms. Jared stated that the City of Kingsland has been selected again to host a program with the Georgia Humanities Council in Partnership with the Smithsonian Institute in 2016.

VI. GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC

Chief Smith, Kingsland Fire Department gave a brief update to the Mayor and City Council regarding the consolidation process.

Chief Mark Crews, Camden County Fire Chief thanked Bill Carreira, IT Director with the City of Kingsland for his help with the phone lines.

Mr. Bill Carreira gave a technical update to the Mayor and City Council.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

None

VIII. PLANNING AND ZONING

1. APPROVAL OF: Resolution #2014-25, Accepting Property and Approval of Warranty Deed Lake Palms Subdivision -

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jim McClain, City Councilman
SECONDER:	Daniel Minckler, City Councilman
AYES:	Blount, McClain, Minckler, Day Jr

2. APPROVAL OF: Multiple Easements for the North Lift Station and Force Main Routing, Sherwood Terrace Apartments -

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Alex Blount, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Charles Grayson Day Jr, City Councilman
AYES:	Blount, McClain, Minckler, Day Jr

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. Amendment - Section 125 Premium Only Plan -

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Alex Blount, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER: Charles Grayson Day Jr, City Councilman
AYES: Blount, McClain, Minckler, Day Jr

2. APPROVAL OF: 2015 Humane Society Contract (Month to Month) -

Councilman Blount stated that there was an increase in the Humane Society Contract after the budget cycle was completed, Councilman Blount stated he would make a motion to approve month-to-month at the same monthly rate the city has been paying, not the new rate. Councilman Minckler seconded the motion. The motion carried.

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Alex Blount, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER: Daniel Minckler, City Councilman
AYES: Blount, McClain, Minckler, Day Jr

3. ADOPTION OF: Resolution #2014-26 - Kingsland Certified City of Ethics -

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Alex Blount, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER: Charles Grayson Day Jr, City Councilman
AYES: Blount, McClain, Minckler, Day Jr

4. DISCUSSION: Plurality Vs. Majority Vote - Mayor Pro Tem Alex Blount

Councilman Blount stated he did not have a strong opinion on this item, however, every few years it has been brought to his attention by different groups. Councilman Blount stated he is more interested in the voting cycle which would save the city money. Councilman Blount stated if there was going to be a referendum on the voting cycle he would like to include this question as well.

Mayor Smith agreed that the voters should weigh in on this.

5. DISCUSSION: Kingsland's Voting Cycle - Mayor Pro Tem Alex Blount

Councilman Blount stated that the City of Kingsland is still operating on an odd year voting cycle and the city has been bearing the total cost of an average of \$8,500 per election. Councilman Blount stated if we changed to even years the state and federal government would pick-up the cost of the election if it is the same date as their election. This would have to go through Atlanta for approval and to the voters in the form of a referendum.

Councilman Day stated it would be a good idea and it would bring a greater voter turnout.

X. MAYOR AND COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENT

Mayor Smith stated he would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Councilman Blount wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and asked everyone to keep their law enforcement officers in mind this season; in recent events three officers were taken from their families and he asked everyone to thank a police officer when you see them.

XI. ADJOURNED

Councilman Blount made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Minckler seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 6:26 P.M.

Kenneth E. Smith, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda M. O'Shaughnessy, City Clerk