CITY OF KINGSLAND, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES ● FEBRUARY 9, 2015

Regular Meeting	**City Council Chamber**	**6:00 PM**

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

I. PUBLIC HEARING - STARTS AT 6:00PM

Mayor Smith called the Public Hearing to order at 6:00 PM.

1. Proposed Legislation - Plurality Voting Vs. Majority Voting -

No one came forward to speak

2. Proposed Legislation - Moving the Date of Election of Mayor and Council to Even-Numbered Years -

No one came forward to speak.

Mayor Smith called the Public Hearing closed at 6:02 PM.

II. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME GUESTS

Mayor Smith opened the City Council Meeting at 6:02 PM.

III. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Bishop Verdell Griffin, Jr. Gave the Invocation and led the audience in the Pledge to the Flag.

IV. ROLL CALL

Kenneth E Smith Sr	Mayor	
Alex Blount	Mayor Pro Tem	
Jim McClain	City Councilman	
Daniel Minckler	City Councilman	(Absent)
Charles Grayson Day Jr	City Councilman	

Mayor Smith read a letter from Councilman Minckler announcing his resignation effective on February 4, 2015. Councilman Minckler has relocated to Florida.

V. CONSENT DOCKET

Mayor Smith stated a Resolution 2015-05: A Resolution to Oppose the State of Georgia's Transportation Funding Act of 2015 would be added to this evening's Agenda under New Business, Item number 6.

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

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

VI. PRESENTATION

1. Kingsland Police Department-Proposed Compensation Plan PD Pay Scale-Section 207(K) Based on 2,223 Hours -

Ms. Filiz Morrow, Finance Director gave a power point presentation to the Mayor and City Council on the Kingsland Police Department's proposed compensation plan.

Councilman Blount stated he appreciated all of the information provided, however, he did not receive Option 4 and 5 until late today and did not feel he was ready to act on it until the next meeting.

Councilman Day stated he felt it was wise to take a little more time to look at everything.

Mayor Smith stated he appreciated all of the work that was done to bring this to Council and recognizes that Kingsland is behind w/compensation. Mayor Smith stated he felt it was important to stabilize the department for the safety, health and welfare of our community.

This item was tabled until the next City Council Meeting.

RESULT:	**NO ACTION TAKEN**

VII. GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. David Henery, 120 Summerfield Drive, Kingsland addressed the Mayor and City Council. Mr. Henery stated he came before the Planning Commission putting in a request for a three (3) car garage and asking for a pretty good size variance. Mr. Henery stated the Planning Commission did work with him, but reduced the size he would probably need. Mr. Henery is asking for this Variance due to his physical handicap and he stated it would not make the neighborhood look "trashy". Mr. Henery felt he had more answers to the Planning Commission's questions.

Councilman Blount asked Mr. Henery if he is asking the Council if they preferred to have him take this back to Planning and Zoning with new answers to their questions then he felt it was a good idea.

Mr. Henery stated he would follow whatever procedure Council advised.

Mayor Smith stated they would table the item this evening and give him time to bring this back to the Planning Commission.

Ms. Peggy D'Amato, 316 S. East Street, Kingsland addressed the Mayor and City Council. Ms. D'Amato stated she provided a business plan to the Council and would be happy to answer any questions they may have.

Chief Smith, Kingsland Fire Department addressed the Mayor and City Council stating he and the other two (2) Chiefs have been working together on the functional consolidation and last Tuesday Camden County closed their fire station and moved into kIngsland Station #5. Chief Crews stated that the County has put an ambulance on thanks to Kingsland and they now have six (6) full time ambulances.
Chief Crews stated he is in process of closing fire station #10 and move life support to Kingsland station on Gross Road. Chief Robbie Horton reported on the update to the 911 system and spoke about the fire management software.

Mayor Smith stated the citizens will be very appreciative of them working together with no overlapping.

Councilman Day stated that another benchmark has passed, when you put the right people in to do the right job it is amazing what happens.

Councilman Blount stated he was pleased to see it become a reality.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

Councilman McClain made a motion to bring back the two items under Old Business. Councilman Day seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

1. Discussion - Payment Center at Welcome Center -

Mr. Lee Spell, City Manager addressed the Mayor and City Council and stated that Ms. Filiz Morrow, Finance Director asked to have this put on Agenda this evening because she was looking for clarification for her staff, there is one employee at Welcome Center now and Ms. Morrow needs direction from Council about the vacant position.

Councilman Blount stated that he had received some feedback; and would like to keep the position open for now, close the walk-in and just use the drive through.

Councilman McClain stated that the payment center at the Welcome Center handles a lot of transactions and he was uncertain as to what would be gained by closing the payment center. Councilman McClain stated that the Municipal Services Building lacks a drive through and that is important to our elderly customers. Councilman McClain stated that the city has an investment there and questioned how much the city would save eliminating a position; he pointed out relief issues. Councilman McClain said he would like to survey customers before making this change.

Councilman Day asked about the volume and frequency at the Welcome Center. Ms. Morrow replied the center is currently doing about 600 transactions on due date.

Councilman Blount pointed out that one half of the mail is sorted at the Municipal Services Building and then sent over to the Welcome Center.

Councilman Blount made a motion to leave the facility open with one full time employee for one month before bringing back before Council with more data. Councilman Day seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

2. Recall Bid Award and Rejection of All Current Bids - Fire Station #3 Generator -

Mr. Lee Spell, City Manager stated the generator bid was awarded and it was noted that the generator did not actually meet all of the specifications. Mr. Spell would like the new bid to use language that the city would have some flexibility in it's decision.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Charles Grayson Day Jr, City Councilman
SECONDER:	Jim McClain, City Councilman
AYES:	Blount, McClain, Day Jr
ABSENT:	Minckler

IX. PLANNING AND ZONING

1. APPLICATION FOR RESIDENTIAL BUSINESS – Margaret D’Amato -

Margaret D'Amato, 316 S East St is requesting a Residential Business Permit for "Peggy D'Amato, MSW, CSW, ACSW". Zoning is R-1. Planning Commission Recommends Approval. Motion carried 3-1.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Jim McClain, City Councilman
SECONDER:	Charles Grayson Day Jr, City Councilman
AYES:	Blount, McClain, Day Jr
ABSENT:	Minckler

2. APPLICATION FOR HOME OCCUPATION – Spencer Wallace -

Spencer Wallace, 120 Laurel Marsh Way is requesting a Home Occupation Permit for "Fair Portion Catering". All food preparation will be done at customer property. Zoning is PD/R-1. Planning Commission recommends approval, unanimous vote.

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

3. APPLICATION FOR SIGN VARIANCE – John Green -

John Green, is requesting a variance in Section 120.9(2) of the sign regulations to allow for the display of two permanent banners at 1000 East King Ave. Zoning is C-2, Planning Commission recommends approval, vote was 3-1.

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

4. APPLICATION FOR YARD VARIANCE – David Henery -

David Henery, of 120 Summerfield Dr. is requesting a variance in Section 70.1 dealing with yard setbacks to allow him to construct a 30' by 79' garage/workshop facing Wood Hollow Rd. Front yard requested reduction is from 25' to 4'; side yard setback is from 25' to 3'; and rear yard setback is from 15' to 1'. Zoning is R-1. The Planning Commission is concerned at the extreme variance and the precedence it would set. After much discussion, Mr. Henery agreed to a diminished request. Motion was made to approve a side yard variance from 25' to 7'. Motion carried unanimously.

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

X. NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution in Support of a Bill to Introduce Legislation Authorizing the City of Kingsland to Place on the Ballot for the November 3, 2015 General Election an Act to Change the Manner of Election for Mayor and City Council from a Plurality Vote to a Majority Vote. -

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

2. Resolution in Support of a Bill to Introduce Legislation Authorizing the City of Kingsland to Place on the Ballot for the November 3, 2015 General Election an Act to Change the Election Cycle for City Officials to Even Numbered Years Beginning in 2018 to Coincide with Federal and State Elections. -

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

3. Approval of - Surplus Property -

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Jim McClain, City Councilman
SECONDER:	Charles Grayson Day Jr, City Councilman
AYES:	Blount, McClain, Day Jr
ABSENT:	Minckler

4. Living Well Employee Clinic Discussion -

A brief overview of the employee clinic was given to the Mayor and City Council by Ms. Dawn Haney, Clinic Manager and Ms. Katie Howard, Human Resource Director, Camden County regarding the cities participation.

Councilman Blount stated that the Council understood there would be a transition time and will continue to monitor it, this is the first set of numbers.

Councilman Day inquired if there was any thought given to a mobile unit.
He was told it was in the five (5) year plan.

Councilman McClain asked what the best way to improve the participation rate was. He was told it would improve if the dependants were part of the program.

5. Discussion - Main Street Program/DDA Board - Trish Jared - DDA Director Trish Jared

Ms. Trish Jared, Downtown Development Director addressed the Mayor and City Council stating she would like direction on whether they would like to continue with the Main Street Designation Program. Ms. Jared stated that this program must re-certify each year and some of her board members have not been participating.

Councilman Blount asked if the city can be an affiliate as another option. Ms. Jared stated they could.

Councilman McClain asked if the root of the problem was the board not participating, and Ms. Jared stated, yes, they have been unable to attend meetings, they are busy people, with busy lives.

Councilman McClain stated he would find out why his appointment is not able to attend the meetings.

Councilman Day stated he would hate to see the city give up on the program and he was more than happy to speak with his appointment.

6. Resolution # 2015-04: Adoption of Resolution #2015-04, to Call for a Special Election to Fill the Unexpired Term of Council Post #1 - City Clerk Linda Oshaughnessy

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

7. Resolution #2015-05 - a Resolution to Oppose the State of Georgia's Transportation Funding Act of 2015. - Mayor Kenneth E Smith Sr

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

XI. MAYOR AND COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENT

None

XII. ADJOURNED

Councilman Blount made a motion to adjourn. Councilman McClain seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 PM.

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Kenneth E. Smith, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:

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Linda M. O'Shaughnessy, City Clerk