



CITY OF KINGSLAND, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES • FEBRUARY 23, 2015

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 Smith called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

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

Alex Blount

Jim McClain

Charles Grayson Day Jr

Kenneth E Smith Sr

Mayor Pro Tem

City Councilman

City Councilman

Mayor

IV. CONSENT DOCKET

Mayor Smith stated there would be two (2) items added to this evenings Agenda, under New Business: Item 2 - Discussion regarding Epic Adventures, CID. Item 3 - Beautification of Highway 17 corridor North and South of city limits.

Councilman McClain made a motion to approve the Consent Docket as amended. Councilman Day seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Jim McClain, City Councilman

SECONDER: Charles Grayson Day Jr, City Councilman

AYES: Blount, McClain, 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. GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Larry White, 102 Sylvia Court, St. Marys, Georgia addressed the Mayor and City Council. Mr. White stated he was a member of the "Get Out The Vote Team", which is a non partisan group in Camden County. Mr. White wanted to make the city aware of their group and their efforts to educate the voters in Camden County.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. APPROVAL OF: Kingsland Police Department Compensation Plan - Employees Under FLSA Section 207(K) -

Councilman Blount made a motion to approve Option #3 that was presented to Mayor and Council. 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

VII. PLANNING AND ZONING

1. Approval Of: Permanent Utility Easements - 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

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion - Utility Account Deposits - Mayor Pro Tem Alex Blount

Councilman Blount stated that the city currently has deposit money from customers in a Certificate of Deposit (CD) which is about to mature, and he felt he would like to return the deposit to water customers who have been in good standing for twenty-four months (24). Councilman Blount felt if the city is not going to return customers deposits then the city should call it a fee.

Councilman McClain felt it was a good idea and stated that anytime our customers can get something back it is worthwhile.

Councilman Day stated that anytime the city has the chance to return money that belongs to the citizens it should do so.

Councilman McClain made a motion to approve refunding deposits to customers who have not been delinquent for the past twenty-four (24) months. Councilman Blount seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Discussion - Epic Project and City of Kingsland's Involvement - City Councilman Charles Grayson Day Jr

Councilman Day stated that he had this added to the Agenda. Councilman Day felt the city is at a crossroad. Since the project started the Council had slight trepidation with Mr. Elzufon and the Council worked hard to make sure the city was covered. Councilman Day reported that once again Mr. Elzufon's business practices have been brought into question with sixty-one (61) counts of security fraud and he felt it was time to draw a line in the sand.

Councilman Day made a motion to cease all involvement with this project until Mr. Elzufon is cleared on all accounts or is removed from the project.

Councilman McClain stated that so much work has been done on this project including creating a TAD and CID, hopefully that will be enough to entice the right developer. Councilman McClain stated he agrees with Councilman Day and seconded the motion.

Mayor Smith stated that this city has worked hard on this project and stated all that is known right now is an article in the newspaper, no trial date has been set and until Council finds out he stated Council should approach it slowly.

The motion by Councilman Day was unanimously approved.

3. Discussion - Beautification of Highway 17 Corridor North to South in City Limits - City Councilman Jim McClain

Councilman McClain stated he asked for this discussion because he feels we need to improve the appearance along Highway 17 to bring other businesses into the city limits. Councilman McClain stated you have Steffens Restaurant and directly across the street is a junk yard.

Councilman Blount said he is glad this has been brought up; Kingsland Grocery just invested a lot of money and we need to make sure that the city is adhering to the zoning ordinances. Councilman Blount suggested systematically breaking it down to a time frame for Hwy 17 and perhaps the first on the list should be the North Center.

Councilman McClain said the purpose of bringing this up for discussion was to consider how the city can improve this corridor and we should start downtown.

Councilman Day stated he would be more than willing to explore how we can beautify old Kingsland.

Mayor Smith asked Mr. Ken Kessler, Planning Director to look into strengthening the zoning ordinances. Mayor Smith also questioned Mr. Kessler about the old J&A

Facility and stated the lot is very displeasing. Mr. Kessler stated the clean- up would be in excess of \$100,000 and the state does not have the money for a clean- up; currently Code Enforcement is working on this.

A discussion ensued regarding the Public Works Department getting this work done. Councilman Day stated he would like Mr. Bill Coleman, Public Works Director and Mr. Lee Spell, City Manager to get together and develop options to explore and see where the city will go next.

IX. MAYOR AND COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENT

Mayor Smith stated that House Bill 170 is still working its way through the state, but there have been many changes to the original bill and he is hopeful that a solution will come out of it with the state leaders.

X. ADJOURNED

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:43 PM.

Kenneth E. Smith, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda M. O'Shaughnessy, City Clerk