



CITY OF KINGSLAND, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES • APRIL 27, 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 P.M.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Councilman Day gave the Invocation and led the audience in the Pledge to the Flag.

III. ROLL CALL

Kenneth E Smith Sr

Alex Blount

Jim McClain

Charles Grayson Day Jr

Mayor

Mayor Pro Tem

City Councilman

City Councilman

IV. CONSENT DOCKET

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Charles Grayson Day Jr, City Councilman

SECONDER: Jim McClain, 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. PRESENTATION

- 1. Recycling Program Update - Mayor Kenneth E Smith Sr

Mayor Smith stated that the recycling program has been working well for quite sometime and we currently have recycling facilities at the Kingsland Fire Station on Gross Road and the Department of Public Works facility on Route 17.

Mr. Bill Coleman, Director of Public Works addressed the Mayor and City Council to update them on the program which began in 2008. Mr. Coleman stated that the program has grown and is now open six (6) days a week. He stated that the city has saved money with the recycling program; our tipping fees at the landfill have been reduced from \$24.30 to \$21.50. Mr. Coleman reported the program now recycles aluminum, cardboard, glass, newspaper and plastic and the program has earned \$76,416.00 since 2010.

2. Donation of the 2015 Runabout in the Royal District Auto Show Proceeds to Camden County Habitat to Humanity. -

The Kingsland DDA is donating \$4,171.00 to Camden County Habitat for Humanity. This is the amount of the proceeds from the annual car show event after all expenses have been paid.

Ms. Trish Jared presented a check in the amount of \$4,171.00 to Mr. Doug Mauer, Director of Camden County Habitat for Humanity. The check represented the proceeds from the annual car show event.

3. Facade Grant Award to White Oak Creek Outfitters -

The Kingsland Downtown Development Authority will award a \$1000 Downtown Facade Grant to White Oak Creek Outfitters. This is a new clothing retailer located at 104 N. Lee Street. They are scheduled to open on May 1, 2015.

Ms. Buffy Gobel and her daughter Kristen were awarded a \$1,000 Downtown Facade Grant for their new clothing store that will open on May 1, 2015 at 104 N. Lee Street. Ms. Trish Jared, Downtown Development Director presented the check.

VI. GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Gregory Bevan, 150 Woodvalley Court, Kingsland addressed the Mayor and City Council. Mr. Bevan stated he currently lives in Mariners Landing and was a recipient of a letter saying he had to move his boat. Mr. Bevan said this letter was completely uncalled for. Mr. Bevan stated that when he purchased his home he noted other boats in the neighborhood and had no knowledge of a city ordinance preventing him from having his boat in his yard. Mr. Bevan stated that the ordinance has not been enforced prior to this and he felt he was being singled out.

Mr. Lee Spell, City Manager stated the city had received several complaints and Mr. Bevan was not singled out; forty-two (42) letters were written by Code Enforcement which the city will be enforcing. Mr. Spell said the Code Enforcement Department has had turnover and that is why a period of time has gone by that these issues have not been enforced. Mr. Spell stated the letters addressed boats, trailers and abandoned cars.

Mr. Ken Kessler, Planning and Zoning Director stated the city would give the homeowners time to make arrangements.

Mr. Bevan concluded by stating, "if everyone else is doing it then I don't have a problem with this."

Mr. Tom Canning, 410 Pointe Peter Place, St. Marys addressed the Mayor and City Council. Mr. Canning stated that he was with the "Get Out the Vote" group and wanted to thank the City of Kingsland for allowing the use of the Council Chamber to hold an open forum for the candidates of the upcoming Special Election that will be moderated by the Publisher of the Georgian Tribune. Mr. Canning stated their purpose is to improve communication, and they take no political position. Their website is: camdenvotes.weebly.com.

Ms. Jannie Everette, Woodbine, addressed the Mayor and City Council. Ms. Everette stated that she is currently working to build a monument and a museum to honor and remember the people from the Thiokol Chemical explosion; this was the worst industrial accident in the Southeastern United States. Ms. Everett stated that next year will be the forty-fifth (45) anniversary and she would like to honor the five hundred (500) workers and first responders from that day.

Ms. Everette stated that twenty-nine (29) workers died that day and she feels it is important to document the story of hope, determination and survival for our young people.

Mayor Smith asked Mr. Lee Spell, City Manager to get with Ms. Everette. Mr. Lee Spell, City Manager stated that the city still has the fire truck that responded that day.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Acceptance Of: Easement, Georgia Power Company Parcel No. 005 -

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

2. Acceptance Of: Easement, Georgia Power Company, Parcel No. 006 -

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

3. 1339 : Acceptance Of: Resolution #2015-07 - Accepting Street -

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

4. Acceptance Of: Limited Warranty Deed -

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

5. Approval Of: Thomas & Hutton Service Agreement -

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

Councilman Blount asked Mr. Lee Spell, City Manager to explain the difference between the old agreement with Privett and Associates and the new agreement with Thomas & Hutton. Mr. Spell stated that the city has used Privett and Associates for many years and they have now formed a relationship with Thomas & Hutton. Mr. Spell stated the only change in the fee structure is the cost of the hourly wage which will be \$5.00 more per hour. Mr. Spell reported that the City Attorney has seen and approved the agreement.

Councilman McClain asked Mr. Robbie Cheek, Privett and Associates what led to the change. Mr. Cheek stated he has been working with Thomas & Hutton on many projects and felt it was better to put it all under one umbrella. Mr. Cheek stated that there are very qualified local surveyors and the firm will continue to use them.

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6. Appointment - JDA Board Member -

Councilman Day made a motion to appoint Ms. Rachel Baldwin. Councilman Day stated that there aren't many who know more about work force development than Ms. Baldwin and he felt she would be an asset to the Joint Development Authority. Councilman Blount seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

IX. MAYOR AND COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENT

Councilman Blount wanted to clarify a statement; he stated the revenue collected from the recycling program does not go to the general fund it goes to the solid waste program.

Councilman Day announced the addition of a new member to the City of Kingsland and the Day family, Ms. Taylor Anne Day.

X. ADJOURNED

Councilman Blount made a motion to adjourn. Councilman McClain seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:48 P.M.

Kenneth E. Smith, Sr., Mayor

Attest:

Linda M. O'Shaughnessy, City Clerk