



CITY OF KINGSLAND, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES • JULY 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

Reverend Councilman Ham 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
James Ham

Mayor
Mayor Pro Tem
City Councilman
City Councilman
Councilman

IV. CONSENT DOCKET

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

- 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. Presentation - Cooperative Fleet Services Award -

Mayor Smith recognized Mr. Ronnie Wise, Director of Fleet Services and stated that Mr. Wise took on a tough task combining the two Fleet Services (Kingsland and

Camden County). Mayor Smith stated that the citizens in Camden County appreciate what Mr. Wise has done.

VI. GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC

Ms. Roberta Webster, 1045 Boone Avenue addressed the Mayor and City Council. Ms. Webster thanked the Council for taking care of the street sign and she stated she also received information on the construction in front of her home as suggested by Councilman McClain.

Ms. Roberta asked if there was any way the city could make citizens more respectful when walking their dogs, she suggested posting signs.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

None

VIII. PLANNING AND ZONING

1. Adoption Of: Ordinance #2015-11 -An Ordinance to De-Annex Hearn Family LLLP Tract by the City of Kingsland -

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

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. FY 2015-16 Budget Presentation -

Ms. Filiz Morrow, Finance Director addressed the Mayor and City Council on the proposed budget for FY 2015-16. Ms. Morrow stated the expected goal is to build up to a contingency of twenty percent (20%) of the operating revenues. Ms. Morrow stated the city faced another decrease of four percent (4%) this year in property taxes. Ms. Morrow also pointed out that the health insurance premiums increased by nineteen percent (19%) this year.

Ms. Morrow gave a power point presentation on the budget and at the end stated there is no proposed rates increase for property taxes, water/sewer or solid waste.

Councilman Blount stated that the insurance increase which came through last Thursday amounted to \$83,945 for nine (9) months in the general funds alone; for a

full twelve (12) months the increase would cost the city \$213,000. Councilman Blount stated he went through the budget and identified some items that may be worthy of consideration to be cut for this budget.

1. Remove the computer replacement program, saving \$8,000.00
2. Remove time clock system, saving \$18,650.00
3. Remove IT Position request, saving \$27,745.00
4. Fire Department part time hours to full time hours request, saving \$10,000
5. Records retention (have court technology pick up this cost), saving \$11,000
6. Wait on the energy audit, saving \$21,000

Councilman Blount also suggested that the School Resource Officer Positions be charged at the same per officer rate that the City of St. Marys charges.

Mayor Smith stated that this is the first hearing on the budget and would like the members to look at this.

Councilman McClain stated he agreed with what Councilman Blount stated.

Councilman Blount stated that the city's retirement cost went down with people taking the early retirement offered. The overtime budget has decreased 7.7% which shows the city can handle the work load. The shared clinic had an increase of 6.8%.

Councilman McClain stated that the Council is being pressured from every angle and that the health insurance increase caught everyone off guard; he questioned if the city should look at the county's self insured model.

Mr. Lee Spell, City Manager stated he would know more once he gets the claim history to see if this increase was claims driven or Washington DC driven.

Councilman Day stated that the City Manager and the Police Chief reached out to Will Hardin on the School Resource Officer Contract and have not received an answer. Councilman Day asked Mr. Spell how much money the city would actually save if they did what was asked in the energy audit. Mr. Spell stated that the city was actually doing very well, the energy audit pointed out some small issues.

Councilman Day stated that the Council has worked to keep the millage rate down and the department heads have continued to come up with ways to reduce their budgets.

Mayor Smith stated that the waste water treatment facility was built with an energy saving system.

Councilman Blount stated with this budget being prepared with a 2.5% raise or a one time bonus for the employees the Council needs to consider where they want to be on this because it could affect future budgets.

2. Bid Award: Police Car Equipment & Installation -

Councilman Blount made a motion to approve the low qualified bid, West Chatham Warning Devices. Councilman Day seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

X. MAYOR AND COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENT

Councilman Day reminded everyone that the kids will be heading back to school and he asked that everyone please be mindful of the children on the road.

Mayor Smith thanked the Public Works Department for their hard work with the water line break. Mayor Smith stated the men worked through the night in rain, lightning and mud to make the repairs. Mayor Smith also thanked City Manager, Mr. Lee Spell for sending food out to the crews at 10:00 PM.

XI. ADJOURNED

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Kenneth E. Smith, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda M. O'Shaughnessy, City Clerk