



CITY OF KINGSLAND, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES • AUGUST 24, 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

1. Public Hearing: FY2015-16 Budget -

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

Ms. Filiz Morrow, Director of Finance addressed the Mayor and City Council. Ms. Morrow stated that there were a few changes in the budget. The budget added a forty thousand (40K) utility truck, \$2,500 to keep the ambulance medical license and a salary increase in the Fire Department - Budget A gives a Step 1 raise - 3 1/2 % and Budget B gives a Step 2 raise 7.12%.

Councilman Blount questioned why we would need to maintain the medical license if we do not have ambulances.

Mr. Lee Spell, City Manager stated that if the city allows the license to lapse there is a chance the city may never get it back. Mr. Spell stated that the consolidation function is still new and recommended the city ease into it and keep license.

Councilman Day stated that the city still has medical units on trucks and recommended maintaining the license.

Councilman McClain said that 80% of calls are non-emergency and that perhaps in the future there may be a need for community paramedics and that would be a good reason to retain the license.

Mayor Smith stated he researched this and felt the city should maintain the license and see how things work in the future.

No one came forward to speak

Mayor Smith called the Public Hearing to a close at 6:07 PM.

II. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME GUESTS

Mayor Smith called the City Council Meeting to order at 6:07 P.M.

III. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Reverend Councilman Ham 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
Charles Grayson Day Jr	City Councilman
James Ham	City Councilman

V. 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

VI. RECOGNITION

1. Cooperative Fleet Services Award - Mr. Steve Howard -

Mr. Steve Howard, Camden County Administrator awarded Mr. Ronnie Wise, Director, Fleet Services for the City of Kingsland with a plaque. Mr. Howard stated that Mr. Wise was recognized in Charlotte, North Carolina at the National Association of Counties as an example of a great partnership; and in Government Fleet Magazine his department was recognized as a best practice model.

VII. PRESENTATION

Mayor Smith asked the IT Department to show a few pictures of the property damage from the storm in Kingsland over the weekend.

VIII. GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Rick Winters, 117 Woodridge Court, addressed the Mayor and City Council. Mr. Winters stated he lives in Mariners Landing and every single property in Mariners

Landing sustained storm damage. He wanted to thank the city, he said the Public Works crew showed up and they were on top of it.

Chief Smith, Kingsland Fire Department addressed the Mayor and City Council and wanted to personally thank the Police Department, the Dispatching Office and Public Works for their help in the storm over the weekend.

Mr. Tom Canning, 410 Pointe Peter Road, St. Marys addressed the Mayor and City Council. Mr. Canning stated he is with the get out the vote team. Mr. Canning advised the Mayor and Council that he had information regarding the two (2) referendums that would be placed on the ballot and asked if the city could put them on the website. Mr. Canning stated there would be a candidate's forum at Laurel Island Restaurant in October.

Mr. Gary Faraon, 239 Pine Bluff Drive addressed the Mayor and City Council. Mr. Faraon stated he was a volunteer with the get out and vote team. He stated the team was looking for volunteers to join them at the Catfish Festival on September 5, 2015; they can be reached at www.camdenvotes.weebly.com and Get Out The Vote Team Camden County GA via Facebook.

Mr. Justin Conway addressed the Mayor and City Council. Mr. Conway stated he was pleased to know that the Betterment Committee has decided to not allow PAX Karate in the annual parade. Mr. Conway spoke about child predators and the statistics and he said if nobody takes a stand then nothing ever changes. Mr. Conway stated he deeply appreciated what the Betterment Committee has done.

A gentleman by the name of Michael who stated he lives near Route 40 addressed the Mayor and Council. Mr. Michael questioned whether the police department would work with him to set up a neighborhood watch program.

Councilman Blount requested that he leave his information with Chief Griffis.

Councilman McClain asked Chief Griffis, Kingsland Police Department how his department tackles these issues.

Chief Griffis stated that there is an officer assigned to work the neighborhood watch program and it is pro-active. Chief stated his biggest need in his department would be to staff an IT Specialist who knows how to capture information off of the computer and have this one person dedicated to this; especially crimes with children on the internet.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

None

X. PLANNING AND ZONING

1. APPLICATION FOR ANNEXATION AND ZONING, Eddie Bennett -

Eddie Bennett is requesting annexation of Tax Parcel 108 002E on Ken Gay Drive, a 3.57 acre tract. Zoning in the county is C-G and I-G. City zoning would be I-L.

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

2. Approval Of: Ordinance #2015-12, an Ordinance to Annex Gay Properties II LLC Tract by the City of Kingsland -

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

3. APPLICATION FOR ANNEXATION AND ZONING, Harold Kenneth Gay -

Harold Kenneth Gay is requesting annexation of a portion of Tax Parcel 108 002 on Ken Gay Drive, a 7.5 acre tract. Zoning in the county is I-G. City zoning would be I-L.

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

4. Adoption Of: Ordinance # 2015-13, an Ordinance to Annex Harold Kenneth Gay Tract by the City of Kingsland -

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Charles Grayson Day Jr, City Councilman
SECONDER: James Ham, City Councilman
AYES: Blount, McClain, Day Jr, Ham

5. APPLICATION FOR PRELIMINARY PLAT – Bennett Surveying, Inc. -

Bennett Surveying, Inc. requests consideration for a preliminary plat consisting of 4 lots on 11 acres for a retail development on Ken Gay Drive on behalf of F&C of Aiken, LLC. Zoning will be I-L.

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

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval Of: Resolution 2015-11: Adoption of FY 2015-16 Operating Budget -

Councilman Blount made a motion to approve budget Item A. Councilman Day seconded the motion. The vote was Blount - yes, McClain - no, Ham - no, Day - yes. Mayor Smith broke the tie and voted no.

Councilman McClain made a motion to approve budget Item B. Councilman Ham seconded the motion. The vote was Blount - no, McClain - yes, Ham - yes, Day - no. Mayor Smith broke the tie and voted yes.

Councilman Blount stated the difference between Item A and Item B would be the Fire Chief getting a 3 1/2 % raise or a 7.12% raise and he felt no one else in the city is getting a raise the 3 1/2 % is a just increment.

Councilman McClain stated that in the past few years almost a million and one half has been cut from the budget and all of our employees may deserve a raise, but the performance of the Fire Chief is outstanding. Councilman McClain stated in his own company he gives higher raises based on merit.

Councilman Day stated he opposes the 7.12% raise because it will be a moral issue for all of the city employees who received no raise.

Councilman Blount stated the tax digest is down and the city received \$125,000 less than last year and the city still has the same obligations, it just makes sense to have good management over the city's resources.

RESULT:	APPROVED AS AMENDED [2 TO 2]
AYES:	McClain, Ham
NAYS:	Blount, Day Jr

2. Approval Of: 2015 Millage Rate - 8.00 Mills -

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

3. Approval of - GDOT Utility Agreement & Resolution Georgia Project No.: NH000-0002-00(861), Camden County G.D.O.T. P.I. No.: 0002861 -

Councilman Ham made a motion for discussion and approval. Councilman McClain seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Smith asked Mr. Lee Spell, City Manager to explain the agreement. Mr. Spell stated that the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) will be widening Highway 40 to East of Truss Plant Road. GDOT will pay to remove the city's utility lines, and the city will be responsible for \$166,000 from SPLOST funds for any improvement to the system.

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: James Ham, City Councilman
SECONDER: Jim McClain, City Councilman
AYES: Blount, McClain, Day Jr, Ham

4. Approval Of: GMA Cell Tower Lease Management Services -

GMA agrees to assist the City in the negotiation and drafting of a Water Tower Lease Agreement for a Wireless Communications Site with Verizon Wireless.

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

5. Approval - Purchase of (2) 2012 Chevrolet Silverado -

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: James Ham, City Councilman
SECONDER: Jim McClain, City Councilman
AYES: Blount, McClain, Day Jr, Ham

6. 1434 : Bid Award: Asphalt Resurfacing/Leveling -

The Award went to the low bid Seaboard Construction.

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

7. Bid Award: Pest Control Services (Contract) -

The Award went to Yates-Astro Termite & Pest Control, they were the low bid.

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

8. 1429 : Discussion and approval - Replacement of Water/Wastewater SCADA System -

M R Systems was approved.

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

9. Discussion - Robert's Rules of Order - Mayor Pro Tem Alex Blount

Councilman Blount stated that the trend for cities the size of Kingsland were evolving away from Roberts Rules of Order. Councilman Blount supplied Council with a more friendly version.

Councilman McClain stated that when he first took over his position he found Roberts Rules to be complicated and this would be simpler.

10. Discussion - Kingsland Labor Day Catfish Festival - City Councilman Charles Grayson Day Jr

Councilman Day stated that in reference to the Catfish Festival he reached out to the Betterment Committee to see what the temperature was on banning PAX Karate from the parade.

Ms. Brandy Fornett, 105 Justin Cole Drive, Chairman of the Betterment Committee stated that the Betterment Committee felt very strongly that this was a wise choice to protect children. Councilman Day said as a father and a teacher he appreciated what they have done and it is always better to error on the side of children.

XII. MAYOR AND COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENT

Councilman Blount stated that the football season is off to a fast start; and he wished the team, the cheerleaders, the band and R.O.T.C. a great season.

Mayor Smith stated that on August 27th. There would be a regional career and college expo held with opportunities for jobs. This will be held at 531 North Lee Street.

XIII. ADJOURNED

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 P.M.

Kenneth E. Smith, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda M. O'Shaughnessy, City Clerk