



CITY OF KINGSLAND, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES • SEPTEMBER 14, 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
Jim McClain
Charles Grayson Day Jr
James Ham

Mayor
City Councilman
City Councilman
City Councilman

IV. CONSENT DOCKET

Mayor Smith stated the Consent Docket would need to be amended. Mayor Smith stated that the City Attorney recommended that Item #3 and Item #4 under Planning and Zoning be tabled until the November 9, 2015 Council Meeting. Mayor Smith stated that the City Attorney's recommendation for the November 9, 2015 meeting was to have a full Council of four (4). Mayor Smith said this was not his recommendation nor the Boards but the City Attorney.

Councilman Day disagreed with the decision of tabling these items; and stated that he was the only person who could step forward and say whether or not he has an ethical need to step down, he would comply at this point, but he felt that there has been a party of political maneuvers to remove his ability to vote this evening on something that weighs heavily on the entire community and wanted it stated for the record.

RESULT:	APPROVED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Ham, City Councilman
SECONDER:	Charles Grayson Day Jr, City Councilman
AYES:	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. RECOGNITION

1. Recognition of Alex Blount for His 13 Years of Service to the City of Kingsland
- City Councilman Charles Grayson Day Jr

Councilman Day recognized former Councilman Blount for his thirteen years of service to the City of Kingsland as a City Councilman.

VI. PRESENTATION

1. Fire Department Yearly Update -

Chief Terry Smith presented a video with an update concerning the department's fire trucks and engines.

2. Body Cameras -

Chief Griffis showed a video on the police department's new body cameras. Chief reported the department currently has fifteen (15) cameras and hopes to purchase fifteen (15) more in the future.

VII. GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC

Ms. Carolyn Winslow, IRS VITA Program, Kingsland addressed the Mayor and City Council. Ms. Winslow works as a volunteer with the IRS. This program sponsored by the IRS offers free basic income tax preparation for citizens who need assistance. Ms. Winslow stated that the organization is requesting a site to operate at the North Center.

Mayor Smith asked Mr. Lee Spell, City Manager to look into this request and report back to Council.

Several Citizens from Fiddler's Cove came forward to voice their concerns regarding the rezoning issue. The citizens were very clear that they opposed the upcoming project for their subdivision and stated they did not want duplex's built in their gated community of single family homes. The following citizens spoke: Karin Broun, Donna Sutton Couch, John Stewart, Josh Tyson and Billy Gillette.

Mayor Smith stated that this item will be added back on to the November 9, 2015 Agenda after the upcoming election and there would be a quorum for the board to make a decision.

Councilman Ham informed the citizens that their voices are being heard and they will address and look into this matter.

Councilman Day made several statements concerning Fiddler's Cove Subdivision and told the people their voices will be heard.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

None

IX. PLANNING AND ZONING

1. APPLICATION FOR HOME OCCUPATION – Michelle J Grimes -

124 Crestwood Court is requesting a Home Occupation Permit for “2 Guys Home Repair-Camden”. Zoning is PD/R-1. Planning Commission Recommends Approval.

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

2. APPLICATION FOR HOME OCCUPATION – Robyn Maloney -

Robyn Maloney, 144 Lake Manor Dr is requesting a Home Occupation Permit for “RLeigh Jewelry”. Zoning is PD/R-1. Planning Commission Recommends Approval.

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

3. APPLICATION FOR VARIANCE – Bennett Surveying, Inc -

Bennett Surveying, Inc, is seeking a side yard variance from 20’ to 10’ on behalf of Sawyer & Assoc. adjacent to the golf course on lot 22 of Laurel Landing Phase 3. Zoning is PD/R-2. Planning Commission Recommends Approval.

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

4. APPLICATION FOR HOME OCCUPATION – Debra Fazio Pena -

Debra Fazio Pena, 248 Hedge St is requesting a Home Occupation Permit for “Debra’s Hand Dandy Lawn Care and More”. Zoning is R-5. Applicant will trim hedges and cut lawns. All equipment will be stored on a trailer that is parked beside the applicant's mobile home. Planning Commission Recommends Approval.

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

X. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion and Approval of - JDA Economic Development Incentive Policy -
Councilman McClain made a motion for discussion. Councilman Day seconded the motion.

Mr. James Coughlin, Executive Director for the Joint Development Authority (JDA) gave the Mayor and City Council an overall summary about the JDA economic development incentive policy and the different types of incentives.

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

2. Approval - Tesla Super Charger Lease Agreement -

Mr. Lee Spell, City Manager reported to Mayor and City Council that the Kingsland Development Authority (KDA) has approved the agreement. The City Attorney worked on this project and stated it is ready to go. The Super Charges will be placed at the Welcome Center at no cost to the City of Kingsland.

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

3. Approval of - 2015-2016 School Resource Officer Agreement -

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

4. Approval - Camden Community Crisis Center Services Contract -

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

5. Approval Of: Revised SCADA Hardware Purchase -

Mr. Lee Spell, City Manager stated that at the last City Council Meeting the Council approved a package deal for upgrades to our SCADA System, this is the system that monitors our water and waste operations. In the summary that was provided there were a couple of pieces of hardware left off the summary which increased the amount.

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

6. Bid Approval: Commercial Grade Zero Turn Mower - Staff Recommendation, Low Bid - Hilliard Truck -

Councilman McClain asked Mr. Bill Coleman, Director of Public Works to discuss the different mowers.

Mr. Tommy Ford, Emery Lawn and Tractor came forward and addressed the Mayor and City Council about the Kubota Zero Turn Mower and the benefits.

Councilman McClain stated he favors the Kubota Zero Turn Mower.

Councilman Day made a motion to approve the staff recommendation of the low bid, Gravelly Mower. Councilman Ham seconded the motion. The vote was: Councilman McClain - No, Councilman Ham - yes, Councilman Day - yes. The motion passed.

RESULT:	APPROVED [2 TO 1]
MOVER:	Charles Grayson Day Jr, City Councilman
SECONDER:	James Ham, City Councilman
AYES:	Day Jr, Ham
NAYS:	McClain

7. Discussion: City of Kingsland's Infrastructure - Mayor Kenneth E Smith Sr

Mayor Smith had a slide presentation showing the manhole on Grove Boulevard that caved in during the weekend of the Catfish Festival. Mayor Smith stated that the city needs to be proactive in getting someone here to give the city some estimates on what it needs to provide for the future.

Councilman Day stated that the city does have a lot of infrastructure work and it will be handled one at a time.

Mr. Lee Spell, City Manager stated that he hopes to combine several different issues into a nice package and present back to the Council. Mr. Spell reported that Congress recently changed the eligibility formulas for the GEFA Funding so Kingsland and Camden County is now eligible for these funds including up to a half million dollars for water and a half million dollars for dirty water (waste); coupled with low interest loans about one half percent to one percent.

8. Executive Session - Real Estate -

Councilman Day made a motion at 7:55 P.M. to go into Executive Session regarding a real estate issue. Councilman McClain seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Day made a motion at 8:13 P.M. to reconvene the regular meeting. Councilman McClain seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Smith advised that the matter of the Executive Session was for the purpose of land acquisition.

Councilman Day made a motion for the City Manager, Mr. Lee Spell to contact the City Attorney in reference to this land acquisition. Councilman Ham seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

XI. MAYOR AND COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENT

None

XII. ADJOURNED

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 P.M.

Kenneth E. Smith, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Selina Bell, Deputy City Clerk