CITY OF KINGSLAND, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES ● DECEMBER 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 City Council Meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

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

III. ROLL CALL

Kenneth E Smith Sr	Mayor	
Charles Grayson Day Jr	City Councilman	
James Ham	City Councilman	
Jim McClain	City Councilman	
Richard A. Winters	City Councilman	(Absent)

IV. CONSENT DOCKET

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
AYES:	Day Jr, Ham, McClain
ABSENT:	Winters

A. Approve the Agenda as Presented
B. Approve the Payments of Accounts Payable as Due and Funds Available
C. Approve the Council Minutes of the last regular Council Meeting

V. PRESENTATION

1. Presentation of Proposed Conditions Assessment - John Eddlemon, ESG Operations, Inc. -

Mr. John F. Eddlemon, P.E., Senior vice President and Partner with ESG Operations Incorporated addressed the Mayor and City Council.

Mr. Eddlemon stated that his company will do a full study of the city's water and wastewater infrastructure, and when finished the Council will have a good idea of the system in terms of structural analysis.

Mayor Smith asked Mr. Eddlemon if there was any particular area the city will need to work on first. Mr. Eddlemon stated the majority of problems are underground and that is where the greatest risk is.

Councilman Ham asked Mr. Eddlemon how long the assessment would take. Mr. Eddlemon stated it would take about a month.

2. Presentation - 2016 GEFA/CDBG Project Update, Trey Gavin, Carter & Sloope -

Mr. Trey Gavin, Engineer with Carter & Sloope addressed the Mayor and Council. Mr. Gavin updated the Council on the grant money and pre-application process. Mr. Gavin was instructed by Council to start the process and the Council will vote on it at the December 28, 2015 Meeting.

VI. GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Burns who lives in the Meadows addressed the Mayor and City Council. Mr. Burns asked what kind of pipes and material will the city be using in their projects. Mr. Bill Coleman, Public Works Director addressed Mr. Burn's concerns.

Mr. George Kaiser, 207 Laurel Landing Blvd. Addressed the Mayor and City Council. Mr. Kaiser stated there are beaver problems out at Laurel Landing and his back yard floods along with the back yards on Katherine and Renee Drive.

Mr. Bill Coleman, Public Works Director stated you cannot relocate a nuisance critter in the State of Georgia. Mr. Coleman said they have been breaking up the dams once a week, but the beavers go right back to building them.

Mayor Smith asked Mr. Coleman if he could trap the beavers. Mr. Coleman stated they have used some traps, but it is a neighborhood and the traps would present a safety issue to the animals and children that live out there.

The Mayor and Council asked Mr. Lee Spell, City Manager to see if he can come up with a plan to eliminate this problem.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

None

VIII. PLANNING AND ZONING

1. 1515 : Approval Of: Ordinance # 2015-18: Update of Building Code References -

Councilman McClain made a motion for discussion. Councilman Day seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Councilman McClain asked a few questions regarding the update of the building code references. Mr. Ken Kessler, Planning and Zoning Director explained that this Ordinance allows the city to update the references of the building codes.

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

2. APPLICATION FOR ANNEXATION –Daniel L Williams -

Daniel L Williams is requesting annexation of 730 M.L.K. Blvd (Tax Parcel 082C03 002). Zoning will be R-1. Mr. Kessler explained that this property is not adjacent to the current City Limits and will thus require a joint resolution with the County under island annexation. Mr. Williams desires City sewer. There is a manhole in front of his property. Planning Commission Recommends Approval.

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

3. Approval of Resolution #2015-14: Resolution on Williams Tract Annexation -

Resolution that the Mayor and City Clerk are authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with the Board of Commissioners of Camden County on behalf of the City pursuant to the Georgia code agreeing to annexation of Williams Tract.

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

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of Resolution #2015-12 :FY 2014-15 Year End Budget Revisions -

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

2. Approval of: Resolution #2015-13: To authorize FY 2016 Community Development Block Grant Submission -

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

3. Transportation Enhancement - Revised MOU; Georgia Department of Transportation Requests that We Sign a New MOU to Validate a Continued Interest in Completing the TE Project (SR 40 from West Street to East Street). - DDA Director Trish Jared

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

4. 2016 Alcohol Beverage Licenses Renewal -

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

5. Approval - Rehire Policy Amendments - Mayor Kenneth E Smith Sr

Mayor Smith stated he would like to discuss the possibility of bringing back former employees if they are in good standing with the city and have the skills that would benefit the city.

Councilman Day asked Mr. Lee Spell, City Manager if the drug policy would change. Mr. Spell stated the city would continue with the zero tolerant drug policy.

Councilman Ham stated he would like to give the Council the authority to see employee's evaluations.

Councilman Day stated the Council needs to stay out of Human Resources activity because of the high amount of confidential information in employees files.

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

6. Bid Award: Purchase of Five Police Pursuit Sedans -

Staff Recommends purchasing five (5) Dodge Charger V-8s. Lowest bid on this type of vehicle is from Akin Ford, LLC at $23,366 each, $116,830 for five. Staff recommends purchasing equipment under a new RFP separately.

Councilman Day made a motion for discussion. Councilman McClain seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Councilman Day asked Chief Griffis if this bid was in line with what his department needs and if it meet with his expectations. Chief Griffis stated, it did.

Councilman Ham asked if there was a formal program in place to replace the fleet. Mr. Lee Spell, City Manager stated that because of safety issues, (high speed chases, etc.) the vehicles for the Police Department with high mileage are replaced first. The replaced vehicles are then assigned to a department that needs a vehicle.

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

X. MAYOR AND COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENT

Mayor Smith wished everyone a safe and happy holiday.

XI. ADJOURNED

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:17 P.M.

Kenneth E. Smith, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda M. O'Shaughnessy, City Clerk