



CITY OF KINGSLAND, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES • FEBRUARY 8, 2016

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 PM.

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
Charles Grayson Day Jr
James Ham
Jim McClain
Richard A. Winters

Mayor
City Councilman
City Councilman
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City Councilman

IV. CONSENT DOCKET

Mayor Smith stated the Consent Docket would need to be amended. The following items would be added to the Agenda.

Under Recognition Officer Brendan Burns, Kingsland Police Department.

Under New Business, Item 10 (moving Executive Session to Item 11) Discussion on Corridor 17 with Code Enforcement.

RESULT: APPROVED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Charles Grayson Day Jr, City Councilman

SECONDER: James Ham, City Councilman

AYES: Day Jr, Ham, McClain, Winters

- 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. GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC

1. Depot Park Equipment - Troy Hoper, DDA Chairman -

Mr. Troy Hoper, Downtown Development Association (DDA) Chair addressed the Mayor and City Council. Mr. Hoper showed a picture of a large wooden train that he would like to have built at the Train Depot for a play area for children. Mr. Hoper stated it would take up less than 2,200 feet and the DDA would fence between the Depot and Kingsland Cable Company. Mr. Hoper stated it would be at no cost to the city, the DDA would pay for it out of fund raising activities.

Councilman Winters asked if it were a kit they were building from and if the wood was treated. Mr. Hoper stated there was no kit and the wood was supplied by Lowes and perfectly safe for children, teated with a saline solution.

Councilman McClain asked City Manager, Mr. Lee Spell if the city had insurance coverage for this. Mr. Spell reported this would be covered under the city's general liability.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

None

VII. PLANNING AND ZONING

1. APPLICATION FOR HOME OCCUPATION – Harold Brooks -

Harold Brooks, 940 Clarks Bluff Rd is requesting a Home Occupation Permit for “Universal Property Solutions”, a lawn care provider. Zoning is R-1. Planning Commission Recommends Approval.

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

2. APPLICATION FOR FINAL PLAT – Laurel Landing Phase V-B -

Bennett Surveying, Inc. requests consideration on behalf of Sawyer and Associates for a final plat consisting of 12 lots on 4.32 acres on Laurel Landing Blvd in Laurel Landing Subdivision(Phase V-B). Zoning is PD/R-2. Planning Commission Recommends Approval.

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

3. APPLICATION FOR VARIANCE – Daniel Wheeler -

Daniel Wheeler requests consideration of a variance of his rear yard setback from 30 feet to 10 feet on the Lowes out-parcel behind CVS (Tax Parcel 108 003C). Zoning is I-L. Planning Commission Recommends Approval.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Charles Grayson Day Jr, City Councilman
SECONDER: Richard A. Winters, City Councilman
AYES: Day Jr, Ham, McClain, Winters

4. Appointment of Planning Board Member - Mr. Milton Burlerson - City Councilman James Ham

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Proclamation: Small Business Week February 15 - February 19, 2016 -

RESULT: SUPPORTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: James Ham, City Councilman
SECONDER: Richard A. Winters, City Councilman
AYES: Day Jr, Ham, McClain, Winters

2. Proclamation: GMA 60 Years of Service - Mayor Kenneth E Smith Sr

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

3. Proclamation: Dating Violence Awareness Month, February -

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: James Ham, City Councilman
SECONDER: Richard A. Winters, City Councilman
AYES: Day Jr, Ham, McClain, Winters

4. Adoption Of: Resolution #2016-01 - a Resolution in Support of House Bill 734 "Georgia Space Flight Act" -

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Charles Grayson Day Jr, City Councilman
SECONDER: Richard A. Winters, City Councilman
AYES: Day Jr, Ham, McClain, Winters

5. 1563 : Approval Of: Kingsland 401 (a) Adoption Agreement - City Manager Lee Spell

Mr. Lee Spell, City Manager stated the only changes to this agreement are to the master document that needs to be in compliance with federal laws.

Councilman McClain asked Mr. Spell if he could research and get back to Council whether or not new employees could join the plan on the first day of hire to receive the benefits of this plan.

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

6. Bid Award: Police Car Equipment & Installation -

Emergency Equipment Specialist was awarded the bid pending references.

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

7. Bid Award: Professional Services Agreement-Infrastructure Conditions Assessment -

ESC Operations, Inc. is the sole bidder.

ESC Operations, Incorporated was awarded the bid.

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

8. Approval Of: Fleet Items for Auction -

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Richard A. Winters, City Councilman
SECONDER:	Charles Grayson Day Jr, City Councilman
AYES:	Day Jr, Ham, McClain, Winters

9. Discussion - Employee Bonus Policy -

Councilman Winters stated that an employee bonus policy would be good for people who come up with suggestions on how to save the citizens money. It would be a reward for the people who come up with good ideas. Councilman Winters stated that there needs to be some logic applied.

Councilman McClain stated that the city had a program at one time. Councilman McClain spoke about the Public Works employees who discovered a man hole collapse and the department felt they had the equipment and men to fix the problem; which saved the city over \$100,000.00. Councilman McClain said that when employees step- up like that they should be recognized. Councilman McClain also said he would like to involve the Mayor and Council when it comes to qualifying the ideas for employee bonuses.

Mayor Smith said he concurs with the Council members ideas and felt the employees should be rewarded especially when they go above and beyond. Mayor Smith stated the over sight should be with the City Manager and he can notify the elected officials.

Councilman Day said he would echo what has been said; there are a large amount of employees with vast experience.

The Mayor and City Council asked the City Manager, Mr. Lee Spell to get a consensus and bring to next City Council Meeting.

10. Discussion - On-Call Policy -

Councilman McClain stated he had concerns about the on-call policy. He reported that when he carried a pager he was paid for it. Councilman McClain stated that if an employee is carrying a pager they should be paid for it and feels it is worth considering. Councilman McClain stated we do not legally need to pay them for it, but morally we should.

Councilman McClain asked the Finance Director, Ms. Filiz Morrow how much it would cost the city. Ms. Morrow stated if we paid the employees for one (1) hour it would cost \$2,000 a year, if we paid the employees for two (2) hours it would cost \$4,200.00 a year. Ms. Morrow stated we currently have three people (rotation) who carry pagers. Councilman McClain asked Ms. Morrow why Woodbine is paying \$3.89 an hour, she stated she had no idea.

Councilman McClain said he would like to consider something in the range of two (2) hours per week, whether they get called or not.

Councilman Winters stated he had no problem with it.

Councilman Ham was in agreement.

Councilman Day stated he was not against it, he would like to discuss it more, but feels some compensation should be made.

Mr. Lee Spell, City Manager was asked to compile more data and bring it to the next meeting.

11. Update on Hwy 17 Corridor, Code Enforcement - City Councilman Jim McClain
Councilman McClain asked Mr. Ken Kessler, Planning and Zoning Director for an update on Highway 17 Corridor.

Mr. Kessler gave a brief update and explained that a lot of the problems are our codes have no teeth in them. When the abuser is taken to court the court throws the complaint out. Councilman McClain asked Mr. Kessler how the codes could have more teeth in them. Mr. Kessler stated he would have to ask the court that.

Mayor Smith suggested he speak with the courts and find out why we cannot enforce our codes. We need to find a way to fix this problem, when the case is taken to court we need to prove the person cited is the actual culprit. Mayor Smith stated he would like the codes changed as soon as possible.

Mayor Smith asked Mr. Lee Spell and Mr. Kessler to look into this and they would have a further discussion at the next City Council Meeting.

12. Executive Session - Real Estate - City Manager Lee Spell

Councilman Day made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:10 PM. Councilman Ham seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

At 7:49 PM Councilman Winters made a motion to reconvene the regular meeting. Councilman Day seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Smith stated the Executive Session was to discuss a real estate issue and no action was taken.

RESULT: NO ACTION TAKEN

IX. MAYOR AND COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENT

None

X. ADJOURNED

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Kenneth E. Smith, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda M. O'Shaughnessy, City Clerk