



CITY OF KINGSLAND, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES • APRIL 25, 2016

Regular Meeting

City Council Chamber

6:00 PM

107 South Lee Street - City Hall, Kingsland, GA 31548

I. PUBLIC HEARING - STARTS AT 6:00PM

Mayor Smith called the Public Hearing to order at 6:01 PM.

1. ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT – Sawmill Operations in C-2 Zone -

City of Kingsland requests an amendment to the uses allowed in the C-2 (General Commercial District) zone to add portable sawmills and other woodworking activities with restrictions as a special use.

No one came forward to speak on the Zoning Text Amendment.

Mayor Smith closed the meeting at 6:02 PM.

II. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME GUESTS

Mayor Smith called the regular scheduled meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

III. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

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

IV. ROLL CALL

Kenneth E Smith Sr
Charles Grayson Day Jr
James Ham
Jim McClain
Richard A. Winters

Mayor
Mayor Pro Tem
City Councilman
City Councilman
City Councilman

V. CONSENT DOCKET

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Charles Grayson Day Jr, Mayor Pro Tem
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

VI. RECOGNITION

1. Citizen Life Saving Award Presented To: Brandon Sasser, Rob Brown, Annie McLeod - Department Award: Captain Robert Haddock, FF/EMT Ty Pannell, FF/Medic Stuart Sullivan, FF/EMT Jeff Lay, FF Paul Furmage, FF Dan Ehret -

Chief Smith, Kingsland Fire Department addressed the Mayor and City Council. Chief Smith stated that on January 16, 2016 a '911 call' was made on behalf of a 15 year old who had received a life threatening injury. The call was placed by his friends, Brandon Sasser and Rob Brown who were able to keep him alive until help arrived.

2. Georgia Cities Week Coloring Contest Winners - Age Group 5-6: Savannah Green, Age Group 7-9: Kristian Smith, Age Group 10-12: Azumi Agullo, Age Group 13 and Up: Catherine Adams -

The Mayor and City Council awarded the winners a certificate and small gift for each age bracket.

3. Georgia Cities Week - Honoring our dedicated Board Members -

The Mayor and City Council acknowledged with a certificate and deep appreciation our Board Members: Ms. Judy Smith - Burris, Mr. Wesley Brewer, Mr. Farran Fullilove, Mr. Fryth Morris, Mr. Bryant Shepard, Mr. Daniel T. Wheeler, Mr. C. B. Yadav, Mr. Joel Hanner, Mr. Jimmy McCollum, Mr. Bobby Sweatt, Mr. Stan Fowler, Mr. Randy Horn, Ms. Kathy Dixon, Mr. William Brunson, Ms. Theresa Farrell, Mr. Shiv Parbhoo, Ms. Brandy Fournet, Ms. Joyce Dale, Councilman McClain, Ms. Paula Chamberlin, Mr. Troy Hoper.

VII. GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. John Wesley Liles, 706 East Bay Avenue addressed the Mayor and City Council. Mr. Liles stated he was a city employee for many years and he had to serve fi fa's for unpaid taxes; he felt it was necessary to do since the revenue collected was to better the city. Mr. Liles stated he was reading the City Council Minutes dated April 11, 2016 referencing the bids that were put out on TDS. He noted that ATC was the lower bidder and offered better service than TDS at a better price and had concerns that this should be a business deal and not a friendship.

Mr. Brian Wright, 821 East King Street addressed the Mayor and City Council. Mr. Wright stated he had read the minutes of the Council Meeting from April 11, 2016 and would like to reiterate what Mr. Liles said. Mr. Wright asked why the low bid was rejected if all things were equal. Mr. Wright stated as a taxpayer it is a concern.

Mr. Wright stated that in the minutes he noted that Councilman Ham asked many questions and had no comment.

Councilman Ham addressed Mr. Wright's concerns and stated that this contract has been going on for over two (2) years, the City Attorney had no input. Councilman Ham stated had Mr. Wright come to any of the meetings he would have been glad to have addressed his concerns, not one citizen came before the board on this subject.

Mayor Smith stated that the Board relies on professionals. The IT Director helped build the system and had concerns with bringing in a new system that may put the whole city in jeopardy. Mayor Smith asked Mr. Wright if he felt \$3,000 was worth a life if the phones do not work in the middle of the night and there is an emergency.

Councilman Day stated that ATC would be running lines side by side so this would not happen. Councilman Day also stated it was the staff recommendation to award the bid to ATC.

Councilman McClain stated that the first RFP that was put out was found by Council to be unfair to smaller companies; so another RFP had to go out.

Mayor Smith told Mr. Wright that he has the right to question, but this has gone on for a long time; this did not come up yesterday. Mayor Smith stated he wished Mr. Wright had been interested before this, but he was not going to rehash this and drag it out tonight. He stated it was unfair to the other people seated in the audience. Mayor Smith suggested Mr. Wright put in an open records request and the staff would be happy to provide him the information.

Mr. Wright stated that as a business man if he made a bid he hoped that everyone would cross 'their i's and dot their t's.'

Ms. Viola Lewis, 343 Bryantwood Drive, Mariners Bay addressed the Mayor and City Council. Ms. Lewis stated that she received a letter from the city about the trash that sits on the corner of her property. Ms. Lewis stated she removed the items that were hers but other people have put trash there. Ms. Lewis stated the letter said she has fourteen (14) days to clean it up and does not think that is fair.

Mayor Smith asked Mr. Spell, City Manager to get with Public Works to get this done.

Councilman McClain asked Mr. Bill Coleman, Director of Public Works if his department is getting out with the limb truck in a timely manner. Mr. Coleman stated it takes them about three (3) weeks to get around to everyone.

Ms. Rachael Baldwin, 490 South Satilla Street addressed the Mayor and City Council. Ms. Baldwin stated she felt compelled to respond to the gentlemen who had concerns regarding the TDS bid. Ms. Baldwin stated she is a taxpayer and the President of the Camden Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Baldwin said she wrote a letter as President of the Chamber on behalf of TDS, and feels the money and time that TDS gives to this community more than makes up for the difference in the bids. Ms. Baldwin stated that TDS has boots on the ground with many employees from Camden County and ALMA does not.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

None

IX. PLANNING AND ZONING

1. ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT – Sawmill Operations in C-2 Zone -

City of Kingsland requests an amendment to the uses allowed in the C-2 (General Commercial District) zone to add portable sawmills and other woodworking activities with restrictions as a special use. Stipulations for the use are designed to restrict it to small operations. Planning Commission Recommends Approval.

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

Councilman McClain questioned Mr. Ken Kessler, Director of Planning and Zoning about the need for a text amendment rather than granting a special use permit. Councilman McClain stated that the verbiage was fairly broad and was a concern for him. Mr. Kessler stated the change cannot be made without a text amendment to the Ordinance; he said that nothing in our Ordinance would allow for this. Councilman McClain asked Mr. Kessler if the city attorney had looked at this and was told "no".

Mayor Smith asked the Council to please consider these items before the meeting so if there is a question that has not been answered the item can be pulled before the meeting. Councilman McClain stated he would like the staff to send items like this to the city attorney and use him as an advisor. Councilman Day did not want to discourage any Council Members from asking questions at a public forum. Mayor Smith said he would like the Board members who had a concern to bring them to the City Manager and he would contact the City Attorney.

Councilman McClain made a motion to approve in lieu of having the City Attorney review first in an effort to find other avenues before we make this change.

Councilman Day seconded the motion. Councilman Winters asked for clarification. The vote was: Winters - yes, McClain - yes, Ham - no, Day - yes. Motion was approved.

RESULT: **ADOPTED AS AMENDED [3 TO 1]**
AYES: Day Jr, McClain, Winters
NAYS: Ham

2. APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL USE – Doug Roberts -

Doug Roberts is requesting a special use permit for tax parcel 107 013A (behind Amelia Healthcare) to operate a portable sawmill and drying kiln for wood and other woodworking/processing tools and equipment. Zoning is C-2. Planning Commission Recommends Approval.

This item was postponed until an answer is received from City Attorney on Text Amendment.

RESULT: **WITHDRAWN**

X. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval Of: Water Tower Lease Agreement Between the City of Kingsland and Verizon Wireless -

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

2. Approval of R-O-W Acquisition Sketch -

Approval of map dated 03/15/2016 to show Right-Of-Way acquisition sketch for property to become a public road.

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

3. Encroachment Agreement - Haddock Road at St. Marys Road -

Temporary construction encroachment agreement.

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

4. Approval Of: Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Grant Award and MOU
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To accept grant awarded to Kingsland Fire Rescue from Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation for the purchase of three Thermal Imaging Cameras in the amount of \$22,914, no matching funds are required. Grant request submitted by Captain Steve Lane.

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

5. Approval Of: Election of District 12 Officers for GMA -

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

6. Adoption Of: Resolution #2016-07: Abandonment of an Unopened Section of Chester Avenue -

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

7. Adoption Of: Resolution #2016-09: Support for the Rehabilitation of Royal Point Apts. -

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

8. Discussion: Cost for full service recycling program -

Councilman Day stated that he had asked Mr. Spell, City Manager to look into costs for full service recycling. Councilman Day stated there seems to be a will now in the

community to bring this item back. Councilman Day said this is not something that can be voted on tonight, but there are significant numbers to look at; he asked that the staff study this and put together a recommendation to Council.

Councilman McClain stated he has been asked about recycling and suggested a survey go out with the water billing.

Mayor Smith stated that he would like staff to get as much input from the citizens as possible to see if this is something they want.

XI. MAYOR AND COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENT

Councilman Ham stated that Second Harvest would be having a food giveaway this Friday at the Southeastern Community Church at noon time. He thanked the citizens who stayed for the entire meeting to see how the community is growing together.

Councilman Day said he would like to add onto that positive movement and requested that staff have everyone on board for recommendations to the Board regardless of the recommendation.

XII. ADJOURNED

Councilman Ham made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Day seconded that motion. The motion was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Kenneth E. Smith, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda M. O'Shaughnessy, City Clerk