



CITY OF KINGSLAND, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES • MAY 9, 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

Councilman Reverend 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
Mayor Pro Tem
City Councilman
City Councilman
City Councilman

IV. CONSENT DOCKET

Mayor Smith stated the Consent Docket would need to be amended. Item number 6, under New Business, DDA By-Law Revision would need to be removed.

RESULT:	APPROVED AS AMENDED [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

V. GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC

Ms. Jannie Everett, 107 North Drive, Woodbine, Georgia addressed the Mayor and City Council.

Ms. Everett stated that her on going work to preserve and share the history of Thiokol has moved to a national level proposal. Ms. Everett stated she would like to see the area turned into a National Park with a monument, education center and museum built in Camden County. Ms. Everett feels the history of Thiokol needs to be told for the twenty-nine people that perished and the many people that were injured. Ms. Everett said the plant supported the troops in Viet Nam and she asked the Mayor and Council to support her effort to have a feasibility study done and ask Congressman Carter to support this on the floor of Congress.

Mayor Smith pledged to do what he could.

Councilman Ham thanked Ms. Everett for what she is doing.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

None

VII. PLANNING AND ZONING

1. APPLICATION FOR HOME OCCUPATION – Charlene Finley Causey -

Charlene Finley Causey, 111 Brandy Lane is requesting a Home Occupation Permit for “Comin’ Up Roses Yard Care”. Zoning is R-5. Applicant established her business in Charlton County 10 years ago but then worked for Stateline Nursery until they closed the nursery operation. All tools are in a carried covered trailer. Planning Commission Recommends Approval.

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

2. APPLICATION FOR HOME OCCUPATION – Laura Ramsey -

Laura Ramsey, 104 Loblolly Ct is requesting a Home Occupation Permit for “Creative Designs by Laura”. Zoning is R-1. Applicant crafts home decor and tee shirts. She expects two or three FedEx/UPS deliveries of materials a week. Planning Commission Recommends Approval.

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

3. APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL USE – Chris Kolgaklis -

Chris Kolgaklis is requesting a special use permit for an office/finance operation offering loans on automobiles at 2518 Scrubby Bluff Road. Zoning is C-4. Mr. Kessler read the requirements for a special use in the C-4 zone. The proposed title pawn service will be an office only. There will be no retail sales. Repossessed autos will be stored at the towing company. This is the site of the former Jack's BBQ. James Thomason spoke of continuing problems with businesses on that site using Carlton Cemetery Road which is private. Mr. Kolgaklis promised to build a fence along that property line. Planning Commission Recommends Approval.

Mayor Smith reiterated that the fence must be built along the property line.

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

4. APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL USE – Raed a Abuirmaileh -

Raed A Abuirmaileh, 1495 South 50th St is requesting a special use permit for “Avatar Ga, LLC”, an auto dismantling and auto export business classified as a junk yard by the zoning ordinance. Zoning is I-G. Mr. Kessler read the requirements for a special junk yard use in the I-G zone. Applicant received a business license as a used parts dealer and was subsequently discovered to be dismantling autos for the parts. Mr. Abuirmaileh stated he would be exporting about one container of parts a month. It takes ten to twelve cars to get the parts for one container. He has no employees. He would be operating between 9 AM and 8 PM. Mr. Fullilove expressed concern about the amount of space needed for the storage of the cars, the container, and a forklift which would have to be inside to meet the intent of the ordinance. Outside operation does not meet the letter or intent of the ordinance at this location. Mr. Shepard asked about ventilation. There is adequate. He will use a saw not a torch to cut the vehicles. He has checked with Advance Auto and they have no complaints. Mr. John Allen owns 140 acres that abuts the site on two sides. Mr. Allen sent a letter in opposition. He has spent considerable time and money to develop Kingsland Business Park including GRAD certification and feels those efforts are nearing luring an industrial location. He stated that the building is once again being maintained, but its use as a junk yard presents the wrong image for what he is trying to bring in. He stated that the JDA Director also had concerns. Mr. Fullilove reiterated that he felt the site was too small. Mr. Brewer was concerned about the effect on existing and potential business. The applicant had contacted Mr. Allen earlier about acquiring additional land and was rejected. Planning Commission Recommends Denial of this application.

Councilman McClain made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Councilman Winters seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

5. PRELIMINARY PLAT – David Boland (Pavco) -

David Boland (Pavco) requests approval of a preliminary plat consisting of 9 lots on 13.3 acres for tax parcel 107-017C on State Hwy 40 in the a C-2 zone. The applicant has DOT approval for the two access points on HWY 40 pending City approval of the subdivision plat. Planning Commission Recommends Approval.

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

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Joint Proclamation: Recognizing Armed Forces Day, on Super Saturday May 21St. -

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

2. Joint Proclamation: Kids to Park Day -

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

3. Proclamation: May is Mental Health Month -

Councilman Ham stated if anyone is in need of help go to the local Emergency Room where they are equipped to help and will call in a local counseling center.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Richard A. Winters, City Councilman
SECONDER:	Charles Grayson Day Jr, Mayor Pro Tem
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4. Approval Of: FY 2015/16 Mid-Year Budget Revisions. -

Staff recommends approval of mid-year budget revisions with removal of IT position.

Ms. Filiz Morrow was asked by Mayor Smith to present the staff recommendations for the mid year budget.

Ms. Morrow went over each item including removing the IT Position.

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

5. Adoption Of: Ordinance #2016-03, Community Risk Reduction Ordinance -

Staff recommends adoption of Ordinance.

Chief Smith, Kingsland Fire Department was asked by Council to speak about the changes in the Ordinance.

Chief Smith stated if we passed this Ordinance it would help us with our ISO Ratings and give the department a better grade which leads to better insurance rates. Chief stated it would help the department work easier with businesses, there are no fee changes and it allows the city to be pro-active. Chief reported that the City Attorney reviewed and approved it.

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

6. DDA By-Law Revision - DDA Director Trish Jared

DDA By-Law Revision, "Section 8. Member Removal" Staff recommends approval of DDA By-Law Revision.

DELETED FROM AGENDA AT CONSENT DOCKET.

7. Mayor and Council Voting Delegate (Proxy) for GMA Annual Savannah Membership Business Meeting -

Councilman Day made a motion to appoint Mayor Smith as the voting delegate in Savannah. Councilman Ham seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

IX. MAYOR AND COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENT

Mayor Smith stated that the Zika Virus is very dangerous and reminded everyone about standing water.

Councilman Winters stated the CDC said that dusk to dawn were the worst times to be out, use repellent and long sleeves.

Councilman McClain stated that tires that are stored are the worst for standing water and asked Code Enforcement to be vigilant about stored tires.

Councilman Ham reminded everyone that graduation was next Friday.

Mayor Smith stated that TRF is taking applications for jobs.

X. ADJOURNED

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

The Meeting adjourned at 6:43 P.M.

Kenneth E. Smith, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda M. O'Shaughnessy, City Clerk