



CITY OF KINGSLAND, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES • NOVEMBER 13, 2017

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 6:00 PM.

1. Public Notice Alcohol Beverage License -

Application for retail beer/wine liquor, on-premise consumption with food from Laurel Island Links LLC.

The new owner, Mr. Tyre was present for any questions.

No one came forward to ask any questions.

2. Public Notice - the City of Kingsland, Georgia Has Received an Application for a One Day Alcohol Beverage License From, "Kingsland Tomorrow" to Serve Alcohol at the Downtown Catfish Festival. Event Will Take Place Downtown Kingsland, Georgia, November 18, 2017. Notice is Hereby Given that a Public Hearing on This Application is Scheduled for Monday, November 13, 2017 at 6:00 PM in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 107 South Lee Street. Formal Consideration of This Application Will Take Place During the Regular Council Session on Monday, November 13, 2017. -

No one came forward to speak.

Mayor Smith closed the Public Hearing at 6:03 PM.

II. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME GUESTS

Mayor Smith called the regular scheduled meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

III. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

1. Girl Scout Troop 30580, Pledge to the Flag -

Councilman Ham gave the Invocation and the Girl Scouts from Troop 30580 led the audience in the Pledge to the Flag.

Mayor Smith honored Mr. Scott Silveous with a Proclamation at this time for receiving his Eagle Scout Award.

IV. ROLL CALL

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

V. CONSENT DOCKET

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

- A. Approve the Council Minutes of the last regular Council Meeting
 - 1. City Council - Regular Meeting - Oct 23, 2017 6:00 PM -
- B. Approve the Agenda as Presented
- C. Approve the Payments of Accounts Payable as Due and Funds Available

VI. RECOGNITION

- 1. Swearing in Ceremony for Patrol Officers -

Linda O'Shaughnessy, City Clerk gave the Oath of Office to the following Police Officers: Steven King, Sara Foghino, Breanna Daniel, Christi Newman, Jessi Thompson, Zechariah Presley, and Corey Hoster.

VII. PRESENTATION

- 1. Presentation by the St. Mary Children's Theatre and request for endorsement -

Lisa Allen representing the St. Marys Children's Theatre will provide a presentation and request Mayor and Council endorsement.

Ms. Lisa Allen and her Associate gave a presentation to the Mayor and City Council of the St. Marys Children's Theatre. Ms. Allen stated that the St. Marys Children's Theatre is committed to providing theatrical opportunities, unlike any other, through arts programs that uplift youth, teens, young adults and families in our community. Ms. Allen spoke about the history of the group and their big dream for a Center for the Performing Arts.

Ms. Allen requested a letter of endorsement from the City to help with their grant process.

2. Presentation - Laurel Landing HOA Proposed Second Entrance/Exit Road -

The Laurel Landing HOA will present an update on the proposed second entrance/exit point for the Laurel Landing subdivision.

Mr. Bob Solitto, 323 Laurel Landing Boulevard, President of Laurel Island Homeowner's Association addressed the Mayor and City Council.

Mr. Solitto stated he was there to ask for cooperation and approval from the Board for a second entrance/exit point. Mr. Solitto stated it was not being done for convenience, but for safety; he stated that 80% of the development could not get in or out during the last hurricane.

Mr. Solitto asked the Board to consider a piece of property between Laurel Island and Fairways Edge, 1/6th of an acre that sits in wet land or take it by Eminent Domain since the owner will not sell it.

Councilman McClain asked the landowner to speak.

Mr. Chris Mercer, current owner of Fairways Edge, resides in Savannah, Georgia addressed the Mayor and City Council. Mr. Mercer stated he has been involved in discussions with the Homeowner's Association and Mr. Ron Sawyer to try and figure out something. Mr. Mercer stated that the Master Development Plan never showed an access road; and this is not agreeable to the citizens of Fairways Edge.

Councilman McClain asked them to work with the City Manager on this.

Mayor Smith stated it would be good for all to sit down and see what can be done.

Mr. Ron Bonner, 88 Spyglass Road, Fairways Edge addressed the Mayor and City Council. Mr. Bonner stated that the drainage problem on the road in Laurel Island Landing should be fixed and not do a thoroughfare through his neighborhood. Mr. Bonner stated that is why he bought there because there was no thruway.

Mr. Matt Normand, 113 Masters Way, Fairways Edge addressed the Mayor and City Council. Mr. Normand stated he would rather see drainage issues taken care of and does not want thruway traffic. Mr. Normand also stated if the road was built on wetland it would cause another area to flood.

Mr. Richard Blumenthal, 100 Masters Way, Fairways Edge addressed the Mayor and City Council. Mr. Blumenthal stated that his property backed up to where the road is being considered. Mr. Blumenthal stated he bought that home for the privacy and this would create his home as the first home where the traffic would go through.

Mr. Christopher Mercer, 119 Masters Way, Fairways Edge addressed the Mayor and City Council. Mr. Mercer stated the traffic would force the property values to go

down and he has great concern for safety. He also stated that the County was under a mandatory evacuation during the last hurricane so people should have understood the road would flood.

Mr. Greg Jackson, 98 Spyglass Road, Fairways Edge addressed the Mayor and City Council. Mr. Jackson stated he was told when he bought his home that no one could build a road on the wetlands. Mr. Jackson also stated he is a Kingsland Firefighter and there is no safety issue for Laurel Landing.

Mr. Jeremy Scribner, 77 Spyglass Road, Fairways Edge addressed the Mayor and City Council. Mr. Scribner stated the homeowners at Fairways Edge have installed a security camera at the entrance to the neighborhood because there is only one way in and one way out. He stated this is a security issue and he bought there because he has a 7 year old daughter and his concerns are for her safety.

Mr. Ken Kessler, 174 Austin Ryan Drive addressed the Mayor and City Council. Mr. Kessler stated that drainage is an issue on Laurel Island Boulevard and he is concerned because fire trucks and emergency vehicles would not be able to get through in times of flooding. Mr. Kessler stated that the road was supposed to be a part of the Master Plan.

Mayor Smith stated that there were a number of comments and he would like everyone to sit down with a planner.

Mr. Solitto, President of the Homeowner's Association stated that they would be willing to pay for an engineering study.

VIII. GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Benny Winslow, 363 Colerain Road addressed the Mayor and City Council. Mr. Winslow thanked the Council for their assistance in the past. Mr. Winslow stated his phone number was: 912-552-4283 and his agency will be doing free income tax returns in Kingsland again this year. He asked if anyone who would like to volunteer please call him. Tax assistance will be starting on January 22, 2017, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 6:00 Pm to 8:00 PM at a place to be determined.

Mr. John Witters, 118 Wolfbay Circle addressed the Mayor and City Council. Mr. Witters wanted to thank the City Councilmen, City Manager, Finance Director, Mr. James George and Mr. Paul Speich for all of their assistance during the clean up from the past Hurricane.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

1. Adoption Of: Ordinance #2017-10 to Amend the Kingsland Code of Ordinances Section 15-49 -

Amendment to the current ordinance prohibiting the discharge of fire arms in the City limits. To allow, under certain circumstances, firearms to be used for the purpose of nuisance beaver abatement.

Councilman Ham made a motion to bring this item back to the floor. Councilman Winters seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mayor Smith asked for a discussion.

Councilman Winters stated he is not satisfied with the Ordinance the way it is written. He was especially concerned with the use of a 22 rifle and suggested a 22 long rifle be used. Councilman McClain stated it was a valid concern.

Councilman Winters wanted the Ordinance to be more specific and made a motion to approve with amending the sentence from A .22 caliber rifle and pellet rifle will be the only authorized firearm to A .22 LR caliber rifle and pellet rifle will be the only authorized firearm. Councilman Ham seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

X. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval Of: Alcohol Beverage License for Laurel Island Link for Retail Beer/Wine Liquor, On-Premise Consumption with Food. Located at 233 Marsh Harbour Parkway, Kingsland, Georgia 31548. -

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

2. Approval of: Alcohol Beverage License/Temporary Special Event -

The City of Kingsland Georgia, has received an application for a one day beer/wine license from "Kingsland Tomorrow" to serve beer at the Catfish Festival. Event will take place downtown Kingsland Georgia on November 18, 2017 and proceeds will benefit the Kingsland Tomorrow, a Georgia non-profit.

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

3. Approval Of: Grant Matching Funds-Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grant Program for Property Acquisition Projects -

FEMA/GEMA Property Acquisition Projects require 15% local match. Projects Kingsland West #1 and Kingsland West #2 are ready for pre-application submittal pending approval of local match. A combination of funding and in-kind labor is available in the current budget for the match. Total project cost for two property acquisitions is \$335,940. Funding is a combination of 75% Federal (\$251,954), 10% State (\$33,594), and 15% Local City Match (Cash \$11,087; In-Kind Labor \$39,305). *Staff recommends approval.*

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

4. Certification of Election Results - City Clerk Linda M Oshaughnessy

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

5. Approval Of: Fire Department Pay Scale -

Approval of Fire Department Pay Scale funded through the allocation of 1 tax mill. Approval and implementation of new pay scale removes and replaces all previous approved fire department pay scales. Effective date will occur on the payroll occurring after approval.

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

6. Approval Of: Police Department Pay Scale -

Approval of Police Department Pay Scale funded through the allocation of 1 tax mill.
Approval and implementation of new pay scale removes and replaces all previous approved police pay scales. Effective date will occur on the payroll occurring after approval.

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

7. Approval Of: Resolution #2017-15: Allocation of 1 Tax Mill Dedicated to Public Safety -

A Resolution of the City of Kingsland, Georgia allocating the distribution of one (1) Tax Mill dedicated to fund Public Safety Operations including pay scale adjustments and capital outlay purchases. *Staff recommends approval.*

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

8. Approval Of: Georgia Firefighters Cancer Benefit Program -

Approval of the GMA/GIRMA proposal to provide Lump Sum Cancer and Long-term Disability Insurance Coverage for Kingsland Firefighters as required by HB 146. *Staff recommends approval.*

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

9. Approval Of: Letter of Commitment for Coastal Pines Technical College Access Road and Water Service -

Approval of a joint letter restating the community commitment for the construction of an access road and the installation of utility infrastructure for Coastal Pines Technical College. *Staff recommends approval.*

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

10. Approval Of: Resolution 2017-16: Authorizing Intergovernmental Contract with KDA -

A resolution of the City Council of the City of Kingsland, Georgia authorizing the execution, delivery and performance of an intergovernmental contract with the Kingsland Development Authority pertaining to the issuance of a promissory note.

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

11. Approval Of: Intergovernmental Agreement - City of Kingsland and Kingsland Development Authority -

For the purpose of providing funds for the payment of the principal and interest borrowed under Kingsland Development Authority term loan.

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

12. Adoption Of: Ordinance #2017-10 -To Amend Water/Sewer Ordinance for RV/Travel Trailer Parks and to Update Solid Waste Fees -

An Ordinance to amend the Water and Sewer Ordinance to establish water, sewer, tap fee, and capital recovery rates for RV/Travel Trailer Parks and to Update Solid Waste Fees. *Staff recommends approval.*

Councilman McClain asked for a little more time to make sure this is done right. Councilman McClain had concerns regarding the fees that would be charged to some businesses; stating it would preclude a RV Park to be profitable. Councilman McClain stated he would like to find a happy medium and asked that before we update this Ordinance he would like everyone to look at that and suggested tabling this item until next meeting.

RESULT:	REMOVED [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 11/27/2017 6:00 PM
MOVER:	Jim McClain, City Councilman	
SECONDER:	Richard A. Winters, City Councilman	
AYES:	Ham, McClain, Winters	
ABSENT:	Day Jr.	

13. Bid Award: 12-Yard Combination Sewer Cleaner -

This item is funded in the water/sewer fund. Staff recommends Adams Equipment Company, Inc. \$295,045.00

Councilman Winters made a motion to award the bid to Adams Equipment Company, Inc. Councilman Ham seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

14. Bid Award: Crossover Hydraulic Excavator -

This item is funded 70% in the general fund and 30% in the water/sewer fund. Staff recommends 2018 Gradall. \$266,300.00

Councilman McClain made a motion to award the bid for a 2018 Gradall priced at \$266,300.00. Councilman Winters seconded the motion.
The motion carried.

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

15. Bid Award: One 3/4 Ton Pick-Up Truck -

This item is funded 50% in the general fund and 50% in the water/sewer fund to replace the existing vehicle for the department director. Staff recommends Ginn Chrysler Jeep Dodge, \$26,960 plus shipping.

Councilman Ham made a motion to award the bid to Ginn Chrysler Jeep Dodge priced at \$26,960.00 plus shipping. Councilman Winters seconded the motion.
The motion carried.

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

XI. MAYOR AND COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENT

Councilman Winters reminded everyone that the fire house is smoking turkeys this year for \$30.00 for Thanksgiving.

Councilman McClain thanked the Downtown Development Authority for their work on the Annual Catfish Festival to be held on Saturday, November 18th.

Councilman Ham stated there would be a Thanksgiving Dinner at Kings Village for the less fortunate.

Mayor Smith wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

XII. ADJOURNED

Councilman Winters made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Ham seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Kenneth E. Smith, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda M. O'Shaughnessy, City Clerk