



CITY OF KINGSLAND, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES • APRIL 9, 2018

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 PM.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Smith gave the Invocation and local Boy Scout Troop 226 led the audience in the Pledge to the Flag.

III. ROLL CALL

Kenneth E Smith Sr
James McClain
Charles Grayson Day Jr.
James W Galloway
Michael J McClain

Mayor
Mayor Pro Tem
Councilman
Councilman
Councilman

IV. CONSENT DOCKET

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Charles Grayson Day Jr., Councilman
SECONDER:	James W Galloway, Councilman
AYES:	McClain, Day Jr., Galloway, McClain

- 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. PRESENTATION

1. Expansion Plan Presented by Pastor Brian Parker, First Baptist Church of Kingsland -

Pastor Brian Parker addressed the Mayor and City Council. Pastor Parker stated he would like to present two phases that the church has worked on, taking into consideration the recommendations of the Council.

Pastor Parker would like to see the decommission of Chester Street up to Satilla Street to provide safety for the parishioners. Pastor Parker stated they would be adding a storage building, Sunday school classes and new worship center and sanctuary.

Pastor Parker stated that the building where the classrooms will be added will be used as a disaster relief for the community; along with the beautification of the downtown area. The Pastor hopes the Mayor and Council will strongly consider this.

Ms. Gwendolyn Edenfield, property owner, Kingsland addressed the Mayor and City Council. Ms. Edenfield asked if Chester Street has been decommissioned. Ms. Edenfield was told, no. Ms. Edenfield stated that if the Council votes to close Chester Street it would have an affect on her property value.

Mr. Bud Lett, 319 Chester Avenue addressed the Mayor and Council. Mr. Lett stated his property is the closest to the area that will be affected and he feels strongly it will bring down property values in the area. Mr. Lett is strongly opposed to closing Chester Street.

Pastor Parker wanted to go on record that he has never given an ultimatum that the church would have to move if Chester Street is not closed.

VI. GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC

Ms. Gwen Edenfield, property owner in Kingsland addressed the Mayor and City Council and stated she wants to be notified when a hearing will be held voting on the closing of Chester Avenue.

Mr. Joe Dooley, 301 South Island Street addressed the Mayor and City Council. Mr. Dooley stated that he drives down Chester Avenue quite a bit and he does not see many people crossing the street; he said he would need to make a u turn and that would cost him more in gas.

Ms. Carla Davis, works at First Baptist Church addressed the Mayor and City Council. Ms. Davis said she is a teacher there and it would be nice to know the children are safe going between classes and other parts of the campus.

Ms. Deanna Bickmore stated she owns two properties in that area and she would like to go on record that she is for the closure.

Mr. Jack Dooley, 301 South Island Street addressed the Mayor and City Council. Mr. Dooley suggested rather than close Chester Avenue he proposed a foot bridge be built over the road.

Mr. Mike Fenstermacher, McIntosh Road, St. Marys addressed the Mayor and City Council. Mr. Fenstermacher stated he would like to see the church have the ability to build a new facility and he did not see where closing Chester Avenue would impede traffic and it would keep the children safe.

Mr. Gerald Crummey, 404 E. Boone Avenue addressed the Mayor and City Council. Mr. Crummey stated he was opposed to closing Chester Avenue and offered the suggestion the church hire security guards for the traffic. Mr. Crummey did not think it was right to infringe on people who live there.

Mayor Smith thanked everyone and stated he hopes to find a way to resolve this; and stated it would be publicized once it goes before the Boards for a vote.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

None

VIII. PLANNING AND ZONING

1. Approval Of: Home Occupation Permit, Glitzxu TS LLC -
Planning Commission Recommends Approval.

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

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. 2118 : Approval Of: Resolution #2018-07 - Recognizing Georgia Cities Week -

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Charles Grayson Day Jr., Councilman
SECONDER:	James W Galloway, Councilman
AYES:	McClain, Day Jr., Galloway, McClain

2. Approval Of: Bid Award for Four (4) Police Pursuit Interceptors -
Staff recommends Woody Folsom, V8 Dodge Charger at \$22,550.00 each.

Councilman Galloway made a motion to approve Woody Folsom, V8 Dodge Charger at \$22,550.00 each. Councilman Jim McClain seconded the motion. The motion carried.

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: James W Galloway, Councilman
SECONDER: James McClain, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES: McClain, Day Jr., Galloway, McClain

3. Approval Of: Bid Award for Pavement Restriping/Marking -

Work to be completed on the following roads with approximate length: MLK Blvd. (2,135'), Charles Gilman Blvd (.7mi), Gross Road (2.1 mi), Boone Street (1.4 mi). Staff recommends low bid, Mid State Construction & Striping, Inc.

A brief discussion ensued amongst Council Members and it was agreed to reject this bid and have our City Manager speak with the Georgia Department of Transportation regarding assistance with the signal turning on Boone Street.

RESULT: **DENIED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Charles Grayson Day Jr., Councilman
SECONDER: James McClain, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES: McClain, Day Jr., Galloway, McClain

4. Approval Of: Bid Award for Mobile Data Unit Equipment for Police Department -

Staff recommends low bid, Howard Technology Solutions.

Councilman James Galloway made a motion to approve the bid award to the low bid, Howard Technology Solutions. Councilman Day seconded the motion. The motion carried.

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: James W Galloway, Councilman
SECONDER: Charles Grayson Day Jr., Councilman
AYES: McClain, Day Jr., Galloway, McClain

5. Amendment To: Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance An Amendment to Repeal the December 11, 2017 Amendment to the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. - Mayor Pro Tem James McClain

Councilman Jim McClain stated that he asked to amend the December 11, 2017 Ordinance because he feels like some regulations take money out of people's pockets and rather than having the money to throw at property people have to throw it into regulations.

Councilman Mike McClain stated the main thing the public was told was they would see a large savings in the flood insurance and that is not the case. Councilman McClain stated that the staff had recommended it remain at 1 foot.

Councilman Jim McClain asked if Mr. Ron Sawyer, Builder, Mr. Roger Bennett, Bennett Surveying, and Mr. Joss Josselyn, Insurance and builder address the Mayor and Council regarding their expertise in this matter.

Mr. Josselyn stated the difference between 1 foot and 3 feet of freeboard saves the individual homeowner only \$300.00 a year in insurance costs.

Mr. Bennett stated that FEMA put this model out, but it does not mean you have to put it in place. Mr. Bennett stated that the 1 foot rule is good for the 100 year flood rule.

Mayor Smith asked if anyone is enforcing this and was told that Glynn County and Yulee is at the 1 foot rule. St. Mary's is at the 2 foot rule and Camden County is 3 foot rule.

Mr. Sawyer showed the new flood maps and stated the problem is not flooding it is a drainage issue.

Mr. Paul Speich, Manager, Planning and Zoning stated he could not emphasize enough the importance of leaving the freeboard at 3 feet. Given the severity of the storms in this area we need to protect future homeowners. Mr. Speich pointed out that most people would rather pay the money up front for their home than have their homes flooded. Mr. Speich pointed out the different affects of amending this Ordinance.

Councilman Jim McClain made a motion to close the debate and repeal the December Amendment to the city's flood damage prevention ordinance. Councilman Mike McClain seconded the motion. Councilman Day asked the Mayor if he could be afforded an opportunity to speak. Mayor Smith asked Councilman Jim McClain to rescind his motion. Councilman Jim McClain agreed to rescind his motion.

Councilman Day stated that Mayor Smith wisely stated at the December 11, 2017 Council Meeting that the Council needs to look out for the homeowners. Councilman Day pointed out we just went through a terrible flood with 130 flooded homes in Kingsland. Councilman Day stated that the homeowners were asking why did the previous Council allow builders to build in certain areas.

Councilman Day stated the Council would be wise to listen to the experts, the County, Paul Speich and FEMA and keep the freeboard level at 3 feet. Councilman Day stated he understands the builders are up in arms about incurring extra costs, but they can pass them on. Councilman Day stated that if history tells us anything we

need to ask the builders to raise their standards, however, he would like to suggest a compromise and suggested 2 feet which is good for the homeowners and the builders.

Mr. Paul Speich stated to Council that if they reverse this amendment we will be at the minimum and we must be very careful how the amendment is changed so the city is not jeopardized in the national flood program.

Councilman Day made a motion to amend the freeboard to 2 feet. Councilman Galloway seconded it. The Vote was: Mike McClain - no, Jim McClain -no, James Galloway -yes, Grayson Day - yes. Mayor Smith broke the tie by voting no.

Councilman Jim McClain made a motion to amend the freeboard to 1 foot. Councilman Mike McClain seconded the motion. The Vote was: Mike McClain - yes, Jim McClain - yes, James Galloway - No, Grayson Day - No. Mayor Smith broke the tie by voting Yes.

The motion to Amend the freeboard to 1 foot was adopted.

RESULT:	ADOPTED AS AMENDED [2 TO 2]
MOVER:	James McClain, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Michael J McClain, Councilman
AYES:	McClain, McClain
NAYS:	Day Jr., Galloway

X. MAYOR AND COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENT

None

XI. ADJOURNED

Councilman Galloway made a motion to adjourn.
Councilman Mike McClain seconded the motion.
The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Kenneth E. Smith, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda M. O'Shaughnessy, City Clerk