



CITY OF KINGSLAND, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES • JUNE 25, 2018

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 Hearing for the Purpose of Considering the Application for Serving Complimentary Beer/Wine On-Premise to Guests from "The Bluejay Gallery, LLC," Owner Julie Parker Mainor. This is Located at 102 North Lee Street, Kingsland, Georgia 31548 -

No one came forward to speak.

Mayor Smith adjourned the Public Hearing at 6:01 PM.

II. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME GUESTS

Mayor Smith called the regular scheduled meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

III. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

1. Reverend Al Crumpton, Rector, King of Peace Episcopal Church -

Reverend Al Crumpton gave the Invocation and Boy Scout Troop 8385 led the audience in the Pledge to the Flag.

IV. 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 (Absent)

V. CONSENT DOCKET

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

- A.** Approve the Council Minutes of the last regular Council Meeting
 - 1. City Council - Regular Meeting - Jun 11, 2018 6:00 PM -
- B.** Approve the Agenda as Presented
- C.** Approve the Payments of Accounts Payable as Due and Funds Available

VI. GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Marion Wall, 405 East Street addressed the Mayor and City Council. Mr. Wall stated that the city needs an effective way to deal with drugs and the city needs people well qualified and well paid to do this job.

Mr. Benny Winslow, 3065 Colerain Road addressed the Mayor and City Council. He stated that he is with VITA and he thanked the Mayor and Council for a very successful program this year in offering free tax service to many people.

Mr. Boleratz, 136 Royal Court addressed the Mayor and City Council. Mr. Boleratz stated he was there regarding the PSA. He was concerned as a taxpayer that there is \$220,000 on the line because of poor lack of judgment. Mr. Boleratz stated that the citizens and taxpayers are being penalized and he does not want to see his taxes raised due to this type of stupidity.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Approval Of: Alcohol Beverage License -

For serving complimentary beer/wine on-premise to guests from "The Bluejay Gallery LLC", owner Ms. Julie Parker Mainor. Located at 102 North Lee Street, Kingsland.

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

2. Approval Of: Camden County Joint Comprehensive Plan Updates -

Approval of the 2018 updates to the Camden County Joint Comprehensive Plan. The Georgia Department of Community Affairs has reviewed the plan and their comments have been addressed. Approval of the plan allows the City of Kingsland to retain its status as a Qualified Local Government. *Staff recommends approval.*

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

3. Resolution 2018-13: Resolution to Adopt the 2018-2038 Camden County Joint Comprehensive Plan -

RESULT: **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: James W Galloway, Councilman
SECONDER: Charles Grayson Day Jr., Councilman
AYES: McClain, Day Jr., Galloway
ABSENT: McClain
EXCUSED: Smith Sr

4. Approval Of: Intergovernmental Agreement -

Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement by the City of Kingsland, City of St. Marys, City of Woodbine, and the Camden County Board of Commissioners for the construction of a roadway for the Camden Campus of Coastal Pines Technical College. *Staff recommends approval.*

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

5. Bid Award: Gross Road Drainage Improvements -

Woodard Construction was awarded the bid, they were the low bid.

Mr. Robbie Cheek, City Engineer addressed the Mayor and City Council. Mr. Cheek was asked by Mayor Smith how long this process will take. Mr. Cheek stated it could take six to nine months because of the permitting process with the Army Corps of Engineers. Mayor Smith asked if there was any way to accelerate the permitting process and Mr. Cheek stated anything you can do would help. Mayor Smith asked Mr. Lee Spell, City Manager to get a Resolution in place to have the State Representative and Congressman to intervene.

Mr. Cheek stated that once the process beings it will alleviate the pressure off the Lakes area. He stated they will be using a 48 inch pipe.

Councilman Day asked if the EPD and wetland issues were cleaned up. Mr. Cheek stated once the permits are in place then it will be maintenance issues afterwards.

Councilman Jim McClain asked how the city went from permitted to un-permitted. Mr. Cheek stated that the city never had Easements on the ditches. Councilman McClain stated he has concerns with the neighborhood down stream being effected by the change. Mr. Cheek stated there is enough wetland system from the East side to Laurel Island Parkway and it will act as natural storage. Councilman McClain also expressed concern about the other areas including the Meadows and asked if they could not be included in the permitting process. Mr. Cheek stated yes.

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

6. Approval of: Additional Funding for Public Service Authority -

The total request for short term funding from Kingsland is based on population (SPLOST Formula) for \$220,977.00. The formula in the current funding agreement with the PSA is based on the tax digest and using that formula the amount would be \$201,574.00. Any approved funding would be paid from General Fund revenue (tax digest) and not SPLOST revenue (population). *If approved, staff recommends the tax digest based formula.*

At 6:36 PM Mayor Smith recuse himself from this item on the Agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Jim McClain accepted the chair.

Councilman Galloway asked Ms. Filiz Morrow, Finance Director to come forward to explain. Ms. Morrow stated that the county has requested additional funding from Kingsland for the shortfall at PSA. Ms. Morrow stated that the Council will need to decide if they want to fund it and if they do whether they base it on the tax digest or population. Ms. Morrow stated that these numbers are estimated because there is still an IRS lien that the county is currently negotiating.

Ms. Morrow reported that the PSA opened in 1996 and the last audit was conducted in 2002. The City of Kingsland entered into an agreement with the PSA in 2004 based on the tax base. On May 10, 2018 the county signed an agreement with an audit service to have the JDA and PSA audited. The City of Kingsland has advanced \$102,000 in funding; St. Marys has already funded their share.

Councilman Day stated this is a travesty and he could not think of a time that an entity could continue without an audit. He stated this is robbery of taxpayers money.

Councilman McClain stated that the fact of the matter is if we do not step in PSA will shut down; what kind of financial oversight will there be going forward.

Councilman Galloway asked if there was anything in place to prevent this? Ms. Morrow stated there is now a separate RFP for auditing services. Councilman Galloway asked Ms. Morrow what her recommendation was; she stated it should be based on the tax digest and we can look at another agreement next year.

Councilman Day stated that the Board answers to the Kingsland taxpayer and the tax digest makes the most sense. Councilman Day made a motion to approve using the tax digest. Councilman Galloway seconded the motion The motion carried.

Mayor Pro Tem Jim McClain turned the meeting back to Mayor Smith at 6:54 PM.

RESULT:	APPROVED [3 TO 0]
MOVER:	Charles Grayson Day Jr., Councilman
SECONDER:	James W Galloway, Councilman
AYES:	McClain, Day Jr., Galloway
ABSENT:	McClain
RECUSED:	Smith Sr

IX. MAYOR AND COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENT

Mayor Smith stated that the employee wellness program has a balance of 2.6 million dollars.

X. ADJOURNED

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Kenneth E. Smith, Sr., Mayor

Attest:

Linda M. O'Shaughnessy, City Clerk