



CITY OF KINGSLAND, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES • JULY 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 meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

1. Pastor Matthew Pettus -

Pastor Pettus gave the Invocation and 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
 - 1. City Council - Regular Meeting - Jun 25, 2018 6:00 PM -
- B. Approve the Agenda as Presented
- C. Approve the Payments of Accounts Payable as Due and Funds Available

V. GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Matthew Pettus, 601 Lake Jordan Blvd., Kingsland, Georgia addressed the Mayor and City Council. Mr. Pettus asked the Board if there were any plans with the city to put

sound barriers up along I95 where the trees were taken down. Mayor Smith stated that they are aware of the situation but the Department of Transportation has no intentions of putting up a wall. Mr. Lee Spell, City Manager stated that the state does not intend to do this, but they will continue to press them.

Ms. Paula Chamberlin, Downtown Development Manager addressed the Mayor and City Council. Ms. Chamberlin advised the Mayor and Council that the Chairman of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) has stepped down and she will be replaced by Mr. Paul Chamberlin.

Pastor Mack Devon Knight, Refreshing Oasis Church addressed the Mayor and City Council as a concerned citizen. Pastor Knight expressed his concern that no one from the city, Mayor, Council, Police Chief have addressed the community or the Greene family regarding the death of Mr. Greene. Pastor Knight asked for an Advisory Board for stricter guidelines in hiring policemen; he stated that there were over ten different flags in the hiring report brought out and the officer should never have been hired. Pastor Knight said that he understands that the Mayor and Council cannot speak on the case, but someone should say something to the community. He further stated that Mr. Greene's life mattered.

Mayor Smith addressed Pastor Knight and told him that he made him aware that the Mayor and the Board were told they cannot make any statements while the investigation is going on, but he has expressed his condolences to the family. Mayor Smith stated that the city has no facts to give anyone and he asked Pastor Knight not to make any inflammatory statements about the hiring practices because we don't know all of the facts.

Ms. Raquel Ordomez, California addressed the Mayor and City Council. Ms. Ordomez stated she came to visit Lovetown USA and was disturbed to see what happened and feels she cannot ignore this or she would be just as guilty.

Ms. Anne Weston, Woodbine, Georgia addressed the Mayor and City Council. Ms. Weston stated she has traveled a lot and has been a volunteer ambassador and she wanted to know what the Mayor and Council were going to do about this, another young man has lost his life and she stated that the judicial system needs to be revamped and people are angry about what is going on in this community.

Ms. Marian Benefield addressed the Mayor and City Council. Ms. Benefield stated that Tony was her cousin and what happened was really horrible. Ms. Benefield asked what was being done so that it will not happen again.

Chief Darryl Griffis, Kingsland Police Department stated that the police officers receive training throughout the year including cultural awareness training.

Ms. Benefield stated she gets followed all the time because she has dreadlocks. Ms. Benefield asked the question as to how this police officer slipped through the cracks and was hired.

Mayor Smith thanked everyone for coming and stated that he has met with the family and they have more information than the city has, we are not sweeping this under the rug and he hopes we can return to a peaceful community. Mayor Smith also stated that the District Attorney met with the family.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

None

VII. PLANNING AND ZONING

1. Approval Of: Home Occupation Permit -

Mr. Donnie Parrish Jr. is requesting a home occupation permit for IT Wizard Solutions, Zoning is R-1. *Planning Commission recommends approval.*

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James McClain, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	James W Galloway, Councilman
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2. Approval Of: Variance for Meadow PHV, Section B-2, for Reduction of Front Setback -

Pineland Bank is requesting a 5 foot setback variance for 5 lots in the Meadows VB-2. *Planning Commission recommends approval.*

Councilman Day asked if the set back had any drainage issues. Mr. Paul Speich, Manager, Planning and Zoning stated it was for safety reasons.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James McClain, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Michael J McClain, Councilman
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3. Approval Of: Preliminary Plat for Lake Victoria III, Zoning is PD R-1, 5.37 Acres. 11 Lots on Walnut Way -

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

4. Approval Of: Final Plat, Waters Edge III, 5.25 Acres, Zoning is PD R-1, 22 Lots

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Planning Commission recommends approval.

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: James McClain, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER: Charles Grayson Day Jr., Councilman
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5. Discussion Only: Tiny Homes Ordinance -

Mr. Paul Speich, Manager, Planning and Zoning addressed the Mayor and City Council. Mr. Speich reported that he had received a few requests about "tiny homes" and did some research. Mr. Speich stated that a tiny home can be as small as 175 - 225 square feet, but history has shown people do not stay in them very long. He did not want to address a fad and a tiny home on wheels becomes a recreational vehicle. Mr. Speich stated that the City of Kingsland would not allow anything smaller than 400 square habitable space.

Councilman Mike McClain stated that he is happy being a millennial that the city is going down this path. Councilman Mike McClain reported that he had spoken with people at Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) and they were sending him information regarding tiny homes.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval Of: Removal of Kingsland Area Convention & Visitors Bureau Board Member -

Removal of William Brunson from the C&VB Authority Board of Directors requires action by council with the Mayor having the right to vote on the issue.

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: James McClain, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER: Charles Grayson Day Jr., Councilman
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2. Appointment: Councilman Michael McClain's Appointment to the Kingsland Area C&VB - Councilman Michael J McClain

Councilman Michael McClain's appointment to the Kingsland Area Convention & Visitors Bureau. The appointment shall serve for the remainder of Councilman Michael McClain's term in office. *This action does not require a vote by council.*

Councilman Michael McClain appointed Mr. Terry Landreth, owner of Camden Bicycle and President of Camden County Chamber of Commerce.

3. Approval Of: Removal of Community Improvement District Board Member -

Removal of a CID board member, William Brunson, requires a majority vote by Council.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Charles Grayson Day Jr., Councilman
SECONDER:	James McClain, Mayor Pro Tem
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4. Appointment: City Representative on the Community Improvement District Board -

Appointment to the CID Board requires a majority vote by council. *Staff recommends William H. Coleman, Kingsland Public Works Director to serve in this position.*

Mr. William Coleman was appointed.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
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5. Approval Of: Bid Award for Water Tank Maintenance Services -

Staff recommends low bid - SUEZ/Utility Service Co., Inc.

Awarded to SUEZ Utility Service Co., Inc.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Charles Grayson Day Jr., Councilman
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6. Approval Of: Bid Award for Police Vehicle Graphic and Striping -

Request for proposal for graphics and striping on four (4) 2018 Dodge Charger police sedans. *Staff recommends West Chatham Warning Devices*

Bid Awarded to West Chatham Warning Devices.

Councilman Mike McClain asked if any local dealers bid on this and was told "no".

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Charles Grayson Day Jr., Councilman
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7. Approval Of: Bid Award for Lift Station Rehabilitation -

Lift Station #1 located at 228 Marsh Harbor Parkway. Lift Station #2 located at 109 Camden Woods Parkway. *Due to budget constraints, Staff recommends awarding rehab of the Ford Lift station located at 109 Camden Woods Parkway to the low bidder Southern Civil, LLC at \$90,852.*

Councilman Jim McClain asked Mr. Ron Knox, Assistant Director of Public Works what the difference was between a new station and an old one.

Mr. Ron Knox stated a new station would be very expensive, it would be more cost effective to upgrade our existing station. Mr. Knox stated that as long as maintenance and updates are done they will last.

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8. Discussion only: Contracting certain city services with third party vendors - Mayor Kenneth E Smith Sr

Mayor Smith stated that he asked for this discussion because the city is having problems maintaining and hiring employees. It is difficult with the base hiring along with other employers for higher wages and we are trying to have our employees to work or stay for lower wages. He asked if anyone had any thoughts on privatizing some of the city's services so the citizens will get what they need in the future.

Councilman Day stated he would hate to see that (privatize) it could increase our costs and he feels that the Public Works Department does a good job. Councilman Day asked Mr. Lee Spell, City Manager if the exit interviews reflect anything. Mr. Spell stated he rarely gets them back; and the last pay study was back in 2008. Mr. Spell stated it is difficult with the base hiring and Taco Bell paying \$13.00 an hour and the city starts their workers at \$11.25. Mr. Spell stated that Councilman McClain asked him to put out a RFP for someone to come in and do a compensation and class study. Councilman Day expressed concern that the other Council Members were not aware of this request and feels if the City Manager is spending time on these things that all members should be aware of it.

Councilman McClain stated he is just investigating and Council can say yes or no and felt there is nothing wrong with asking.

Councilman Day stated he would agree to disagree but stated an RFP that large should be presented to Council before it goes out to bid.

IX. MAYOR AND COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENT

None

X. ADJOURNED

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM.

Kenneth E. Smith, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda M. O'Shaughnessy, City Clerk