



CITY OF KINGSLAND, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES • SEPTEMBER 24, 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

Pastor James Ham gave the Invocation and Boy Scout Pack 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:	Michael J McClain, Councilman
AYES:	McClain, Day Jr., Galloway, McClain

- A. Approve the Council Minutes of the last regular Council Meeting
 - 1. City Council - Regular Meeting - Sep 10, 2018 6:00 PM -
- B. Approve the Agenda as Presented
- C. Approve the Payments of Accounts Payable as Due and Funds Available

V. PRESENTATION

- 1. Presentation - Homeless Veteran Assistance - John Markee -
Mr. Markee was unable to make this evening's meeting.

VI. GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC

Reverend James Ham, 125 Chestnut Court, Kingsland addressed the Mayor and City Council. Reverend Ham asked the council to table the Ordinance 2018-10, Regulate the offense of less than one ounce of marijuana. Reverend Ham spoke about his serious concerns with kids on drugs today and the conflict this will bring with young people. Reverend Ham stated that drugs are in our schools big time.

Ms. Susan Melfoures, 229 Miller Drive, Kingsland addressed the Mayor and City Council. Ms. Melfoures stated she is with the Get out the Vote Team and she updated everyone on the last date to register to vote or submit their absentee ballot. She asked people to go to their website www.camdenvotes.weekly.com for the information on the upcoming election in November.

Pastor Knight, St. Marys addressed the Mayor and City Council. Pastor Knight announced that the Concerned Citizens Group would be having a get together to bring more love to the community. They will gather at Lions Field on Saturday, September 29, 2018 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Pastor Knight stated that there was still no response relating to the shooting death of Tony Greene.

Mr. Nelson Cummings, 233 Woodbridge Road, Kingsland addressed the Mayor and City Council. Mr. Cummings stated it was great to hear some positive changes about policies that have hindered our young children. Mr. Cummings stated that the Georgia Bureau of Investigation stated they never instructed anyone to be silent.

Mr. Cummings inquired about the Police Review Board and Mayor Smith stated that Chief Griffis would get back to him.

Mr. Gary Faroun, 239 Pine Bluff Drive, Kingsland addressed the Mayor and City Council. He stated he was there to thank everyone for their service and he spent time this past week meeting with each city department and he really appreciated their hard work and dedication.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval Of: Resolution # 2018- Adoption of FY 2018-19 Operating Budget - Councilman Jim McClain made a motion for discussion. Councilman Day seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Councilman Jim McClain thanked Ms. Filiz Morrow, Finance Director for a good job on the budget. Councilman McClain stated he had received a call that day from Camden House and he inquired as to how much the city budgets for them each year. Ms. Morrow reported \$7,500. Councilman McClain also inquired as to the breakdown of amount going into the drainage fund. Ms. Morrow reported \$324,400 in new funding, \$395,000 from Public Works and SPLOST has over a million dollars

Councilman Day asked Ms. Filiz Morrow if the employee raises went through with no changes. Ms. Morrow assured Councilman Day they did.

Councilman Jim McClain made a motion to approve. Councilman Day seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

2. Approval Of: 2018 Tax Millage Rate at the Roll Back Rate of 8.14 Mills. -

In accordance with O.C.G.A. Section 48-5-32.1 final millage rate is set by the authority of this taxing jurisdiction for tax year 2018. Required five year history and current digest have been published in accordance with O.C.G.A. Section 48-5-32.

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MOVER:	Charles Grayson Day Jr., Councilman
SECONDER:	James W Galloway, Councilman
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3. Approval Of; Coastal Pines & KPD MOU for Mutual Aid -

The purpose of this Agreement is to provide law enforcement services upon the request of the other Party to this agreement in response to emergency or special circumstances that may exceed the immediate resources, skill, and equipment capacities of either party's law enforcement agency. *Staff recommends approval.*

Councilman Day asked Chief Griffis if this would not overtax his Police Department. Chief Griffis assured him it would not.

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SECONDER: Michael J McClain, Councilman
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4. Adoption Of: Ordinance #2018-10 - an Ordinance to Regulate the Offense of Possession of Less Than One Ounce of Marijuana, to Provide Penalties for Possession of Marijuana -

Councilman Mike McClain stated that the current city Ordinance makes any amount of marijuana a felony. This means that a person can be in jail for an undetermined amount of time with a felony on their record. Councilman Mike McClain stated that since Cannabis prohibition (1932) no deaths have ever been attributed to an overdose. Councilman McClain stated that more than half of the United States has already legalized marijuana for medical or recreational use.

Councilman McClain stated that Atlanta, Fulton County and Savannah currently have changed their Ordinances. Councilman Mike McClain reported that more African Americans are stopped and then their lives are ruined by incarceration.

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MOVER: Michael J McClain, Councilman
SECONDER: James W Galloway, Councilman
AYES: McClain, Day Jr., Galloway, McClain

5. Cancellation Of: October 8, 2018 City Council Meeting, Columbus Day -

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

IX. MAYOR AND COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENT

Councilman Day stated that in the thick of the campaign season he wants everyone to know it is never okay to destroy or burn anyone's campaign material and he completely condemns it.

X. ADJOURNED

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Kenneth E. Smith, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda M. O'Shaughnessy, City Clerk