CITY OF KINGSLAND, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES ● AUGUST 12, 2019

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 Day called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Councilman Galloway gave the Invocation and led the audience in the Pledge to the Flag.

III. ROLL CALL

Alex Blount	Mayor Pro Tem
James W Galloway	Councilman
Michael J McClain	Councilman
LaMar Stokes	Councilman
Charles Grayson Day Jr.	Mayor

IV. CONSENT DOCKET

Mayor Day stated the Agenda would need to be amended. Remove Item #3 under New Business, Approval of Enterprise Zone Incentive.

RESULT:	**APPROVED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Alex Blount, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	LaMar Stokes, Councilman
AYES:	Blount, Galloway, McClain, Stokes

A. Approve the Council Minutes of the last regular Council Meeting

1. City Council - Regular Meeting - Jul 22, 2019 6:00 PM -

B. Approve the Agenda as Presented

C. Approve the Payments of Accounts Payable as Due and Funds Available

V. PRESENTATION

1. Hargray Communications -

A representative from Hargray Communications a company of over 650 employees addressed the Mayor and City Council. Hargray has recently purchased Kingsland Cable and is in the process of upgrading the high speed data, adding HD, and investing in advanced communication services in Camden County.

2. Wetland Mitigation Update: Robbie Cheek -

Robbie Cheek with Thomas and Hutton Engineering will provide Mayor and Council with an update on wetland mitigation for non-jurisdictional wetlands.

Mr. Robbie Cheek addressed the Mayor and City Council. Mr. Cheek stated that a few weeks ago several people from Camden County went to Washington DC to speak about various issues including the wetland issue. Mr. Cheek stated they spoke about the clean-up issue with ditches and a need to reduce the time to get federal permits. Mr. Cheek recommended the city keep the pressure on.

Mr. Cheek stated the Maycreek drainage project is now under contract and construction will begin once permitted.

Mr. Cheek went over the Gross Road project and the 15 acres adjacent for building a retention lake. Mayor Day asked if some of that dirt could be used for the fair grounds and was told yes.

VI. GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC

1.) Ms. Connie Foster, 112 Lake Manor Drive addressed the Mayor and City Council. Ms. Foster expressed concerns about the development behind Coastal College. She stated her main concerns were flooding at her home and the surrounding area.

Mr. Lee Spell, City Manager stated that the city had two (2) certified engineers on site to be certain that the drainage and retention plans would be built to the specific plans required.

2.) Mr. Nelson Cummings, 233 Woodbridge Road addressed the Mayor and City Council. Mr. Cummings stated he had a few concerns. His first concern was on Highway 40 East if you are traveling East on Boone Road after the underpass there is no way to access 95 North. His second concern was Highway 40 East there is no access to the Waffle House or Walgreens, you are unable to take a left hand turn. His third concern was the Concerned Citizens Group led by Pastor Knight submitted points and wanted to be involved with the Citizens Review Board. Mr. Cummings stated he would like to know who is on the board and he would like to become a part of that board to make Kingsland more neutral and he feels the new Administration can make it a better community . His last concern was the City of St. Marys has a 20% reduction fee for their senior citizens on their water bill and asked the City of Kingsland to consider it.

Mr. Lee Spell, City Manager stated that the city's bond ordinance would not allow it.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

None

VIII. PLANNING AND ZONING

1. Approval Of: Preliminary Plat, Waters Edge, Phase 4 -

Jeff Foster, AKM Surveying, Inc. is requesting a Preliminary Plat on behalf of Water Edge, Property Holdings, Bill Gross for Waters Edge, Phase 4 on Haddock Road. Tax Parcel is 108 071, Zoning is PD-R-1. Number of proposed lots is 20, acreage is 7.34 acres. *Planning Commission recommends approval.*

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Michael J McClain, Councilman
SECONDER:	James W Galloway, Councilman
AYES:	Blount, Galloway, McClain, Stokes

2. Approval Of: Home Occupation License -

Megann Mason is requesting a Home Occupation License for Mrs. Mason's Innovations, a custom tumblers business. She also makes custom T-shirts, small figurines, key chains and coasters at 204 Pond Drive, W. Tax Parcel 107A 201. Zoning is PD/R-1. *Planning Commission recommends approval*.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	LaMar Stokes, Councilman
SECONDER:	Alex Blount, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES:	Blount, Galloway, McClain, Stokes

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval Of: Public Service Authority Funding -

The PSA's FY2019-2020 approved budget requires an additional 5.46% funding from the governmental entities. This is an annual increase of $28,248 to equal $545,457.30 funding from Kingsland. Of this amount, $7,062 affects the remainder of our current fiscal year (July, August, and September 2019). Request for approval to transfer $7,062 from contingency to PSA line item in the General Fund and approval of new annual funding amount from Kingsland.

Councilman Blount stated that as aggravating as the numbers are he feared if the city did not have Mayor Day serving on the board it could be a lot worse. Councilman Blount said the PSA required a bail out at the taxpayer's expense and then to have to pay this money it is infuriating; he thanked Mayor Day for his efforts.

Mayor Day thanked Ms. Filiz Morrow, Finance Director for her service on the board and for watching the funds.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Alex Blount, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	James W Galloway, Councilman
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2. Bid Award: Water Treatment Plant #1-Electrical Improvements -

Recommended action: Award bid and contract to low bidder, East Electrical Contractors, Inc to perform scope of work as outlined in RFP in the amount of $286,557.02.

Recommendations by:

Department:	If Applicable:	If Applicable:	If Applicable:
Water Operations	Finance	City Attorney	City Engineer
Ron Knox	Filiz Morrow	N/A	Jared Wozny, Carter & Sloope

East Electrical Contractors, Inc was awarded the bid.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Alex Blount, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Michael J McClain, Councilman
AYES:	Blount, Galloway, McClain, Stokes

3. Approval Of: Wetland Mitigation Credits - Gross Road Tract -

Approval of wetland mitigation credits @ $11,088.00 for the purpose of drainage improvements on existing Gum Branch canal East of Gross Road. *Staff recommends approval.*

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	James W Galloway, Councilman
SECONDER:	LaMar Stokes, Councilman
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4. Discussion: Amendment to Tesla Ground Lease -

Discussion of the amendment to the Tesla Lease Agreement to include an additional two (2) spaced to serve as dedicated charging stalls. The amendment has been approved by Legal Counsel and the Kingsland Development Authority. *This is for discussion purposes only.*

Mr. Lee Spell, City Manager stated there was a need for more space for the Tesla cars and there are no parking issues at the Welcome Center. Mr. Spell stated the economic impact has been felt when the Tesla owners stay in our hotels and eat in our restaurants when they are re-charging.

5. Approval Of: Reappointment to the Kingsland Development Authority - Mr. Steven Sainz - term expires 01/31/2024

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	LaMar Stokes, Councilman
SECONDER:	Alex Blount, Mayor Pro Tem
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X. MAYOR AND COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENT

Councilman Blount stated he would like to bring up the P.S.A. topic again. Councilman Blount reported that several years ago the County Commissioners highlighted how much money goes to the Joint Development Authority for full disclosure. He stated he feels that the city should not be required to fund an entity that is not operating efficiently (P.S.A.).

XI. ADJOURNED

Councilman Blount made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Stokes seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:52 PM.

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Dr. C. Grayson Day, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

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Linda M. O'Shaughnessy, City Clerk