



CITY OF KINGSLAND, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES • JANUARY 13, 2020

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 Day opened the Public Hearing at 6:00 PM.

1. Alcohol Beverage License -

The City of Kingsland will conduct a Public Hearing for the purpose of considering the sale of beer/wine on premise consumption with food; from "Osaka Ichiban 2 Inc. d/b/a Thai & Osaka, owner Jakkaphan Duangphrom. Business is located at 1390 East Boone Avenue, Kingsland, Georgia 31548.

No one came forward to speak.

2. Special Event Permit Alcohol Beverage License -

The City of Kingsland, Georgia has received an application for a one day alcohol beverage license sale from "Walkabout Camp and RV Park" to serve alcohol for a Musical Festival. This special event will be held on March 7, 2020 at Walkabout Camp and RV Park located at 742 Old Still Road, Woodbine, Georgia 31569.

No one came forward to speak.

3. Public Hearing for Adoption of Ordinance 2020-01 to Amend Ordinance 2008-05 -

The City of Kingsland will hold a Public Hearing on the adoption of Ordinance 2020-01 to amend Ordinance 2008-05. The amendment will allow residents to park one (1) recreational vehicle in their driveway located in the front plane of the house. Recreational Vehicles will be limited to and defined as a boat, boat trailer, pull behind campers, and motor homes.

Ms. Pamela Gaitley, 107 Chestnut Avenue addressed the Mayor and Council. Ms. Gaitley stated she would like to see the Ordinance pass to help her and her husband.

Mr. Paul Chamberlin, 103 East Lily Street addressed the Mayor and Council. Mr. Chamberlin asked what do we define as front place of home?

Mr. Scott Kimball, Public Works Director stated it is defined by - from the front door toward the street, must be in driveway.

Ms. Dori Brink, 106 Princeton Place addressed the Mayor and City Council. Ms. Brink stated she was not sure how this Ordinance came about but feels it will devalue property and degrade neighborhoods. Ms. Brink feels it will bring more problems

than it would solve and feels people should make arrangements to store their recreational vehicles when they are purchased.

The Public Hearing closed at 6:05 PM.

II. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME GUESTS

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

III. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

1. Reverend Brian Parker, Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church, Kingsland -

Dr. Brian Parker gave the Invocation and led the audience in the Pledge to the Flag.

IV. ROLL CALL

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

V. CONSENT DOCKET

Mayor Day stated the Consent Docket would need to be amended to remove Item 6, Under New Business, Quit Claim Deed between the Miracle League of Camden County and City of Kingsland.

Councilman Blount stated he would like to add an item under New Business, Item 10 to read: Discussion, Title Ad Valorem Tax.

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

- A. Approve the Council Minutes of the last regular Council Meeting
 1. City Council - Regular Meeting - Dec 9, 2019 6:00 PM -
- B. Approve the Agenda as Presented
- C. Approve the Payments of Accounts Payable as Due and Funds Available

VI. RECOGNITION

1. Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting -

This achievement has been received by the Financial Department for 15 consecutive years.

Mayor Day presented a plaque to Ms. Filiz Morrow, Finance Director for recognition of excellence in finance reporting from the Georgia Financial Officers Association.

VII. PRESENTATION

1. Ms. Shannon Nettles, Camden County Elections Supervisor Will Demonstrate the New Voting Equipment to be Used in 2020 -

Ms. Shannon Nettles, Camden County Elections Supervisor displayed the new voting equipment to be used in the 2020 election and gave a brief presentation on how it will be used.

VIII. GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC

Ms. Channie Grimes, 210 N. Arizona Street addressed the Mayor and Council. Ms. Grimes stated she has been having problems for some time and has spoken with Code Enforcement about the burning in the trailer park by her. Ms. Grimes said she lives between Lily Street and Hilton Avenue and has a letter from her doctor about breathing in the toxic fumes. Ms. Grimes stated the property owners are burning pallots, paint and other items and it is toxic and smells toxic. Ms. Grimes stated she has been living at this address since 1968 and this is the first time she has been subjected to this; the owners go to sleep and the fire is still burning. Ms. Grimes invited Council Members to see it and stated she is looking for something to be done.

Ms. Adrienne McCloud, 12 Clark Bluff Road addressed the Mayor and Council. Ms. McCloud expressed concern regarding the \$18.65 minimum use charge on her water bill and feels she is being abused by authorities.

Mayor Day and Councilman Blount explained to Ms. McCloud the minimum use charge on the water bill and it is part of our bond requirement and the City cannot change it. This did not satisfy Ms. McCloud.

Ms. Dori Brink, 106 Princeton Place addressed the Mayor and Council. Ms. Brink stated she wanted to let the Mayor and Council know that the huge drainage project has finally begun and she wanted to thank the City for being upfront and transparent. Ms. Brink wanted to go on record that she did not ask for this drainage project but agreed to it. Ms. Brink stated she is being bullied by her neighbors and they have been coming on her property after dark and one actually walked right through her yard with his dog. She stated she was not expecting any repercussions and asked if the City could send a patrol car through her neighborhood from time to time.

Mayor Day asked Chief Jones to do this and asked Ms. Brink to please call police if people become aggressive.

IX. PLANNING AND ZONING

1. Approval Of: Final Plat, Sawyer & Associates, Inc. Ryan's Cove -Phase 1 -

Sawyer & Associates, Inc. is requesting a Final Plat for Ryan's Cove - Phase 1 in Laurel Island on Marsh Harbour Pkwy. Tax Parcel is 120 008L in a PD (R-2) zone. Number of lots is 28 on 30.50 acres. *Planning Commission recommends approval.*

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

2. Adoption Of: Ordinance #2020-01 to Amend Ordinance #2008-05 -

The amendment will allow residents to park one (1) recreational vehicle in their driveway located in the front plane of the house.

Councilman Blount stated that he appreciates the opinions this evening on this Ordinance and said he has heard from people with concerns about parking issues. He would like at the very minimum more time to study this. Councilman Blount stated he is concerned that appeasing one group can unknowingly cause problems on the other end.

Councilman Galloway stated he has concerns that this may open up more issues.

Councilman Stokes made a motion to table this item until a later date. Councilman Blount seconded the motion.

The vote was: Councilman Blount - yes, Councilman Stokes - yes, Councilman McClain - abstain, conflict of interest, Councilman Galloway - yes. The motion carried and this item has been tabled for a later date.

RESULT:	REMOVED [3 TO 0]
MOVER:	LaMar Stokes, Councilman
SECONDER:	Alex Blount, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES:	Blount, Galloway, Stokes
ABSTAIN:	McClain

X. OLD BUSINESS

1. Approval Of: Variance to the Appendix A. Kingsland Zoning and Land Development Ordinance, Article V, Sec. 58 - Storage and Parking of Trailers and Commercial Vehicles Which Would Allow for the Applicant to Park Their 20' Camper in Their Driveway in Front of Their Home. the Gaitleys Also Poured an Extension to Their Existing Driveway Without Notifying the City Planning Department and is Using This Space to Park the Camper. -

This item has been tabled without a date set.

RESULT:	TABLED [3 TO 0]
MOVER:	LaMar Stokes, Councilman
SECONDER:	James W Galloway, Councilman
AYES:	Blount, Galloway, Stokes
ABSTAIN:	McClain

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Appointments for 2020: Charter Positions -

Per the City Charter, the following charter positions shall be elected by the Mayor and Council annually:

- a.) Mayor Pro Tem
- b.) City Attorney
- c.) City Clerk - Incumbent, Ms. Linda O'Shaughnessy
- d.) Chief of Police - Incumbent, Mr. Robert Jones
- e.) City Treasurer - Incumbent, Ms. Filiz Morrow

The following appointments were made:

Mayor Pro Tem - Councilman Alex Blount was nominated by Councilman Stokes, seconded by Councilman Galloway. Vote was unanimous.

City Attorney - Law Firm - Brown, Readdick, Bumgartner, Carter, Strickland and Watkins LLP, Steven G. Blackerby, Esq. nominated by Councilman Blount, seconded by Councilman McClain. Vote was unanimous.

City Clerk - Incumbent, Ms. Linda O'Shaughnessy nominated by Councilman Blount, seconded by Councilman Stokes. Vote was unanimous.

Chief of Police - Incumbent, Mr. Robert Jones nominated by Councilman Blount, seconded by all Councilmen. Vote was unanimous.

City Treasurer - Incumbent, Ms. Filiz Morrow nominated by Councilman Blount, seconded by Councilman Galloway. Vote was unanimous.

2. Mayor and Council Appointment to Public Service Authority (PSA) -

Councilman Blount appointed Mr. Terry Landreth. Seconded by Councilman McClain. Vote was unanimous.

3. Approval Of: Special Event Permit for a One Day Alcohol Beverage License. Walkabout Camp and RV Park to Serve Alcohol for a Musical Festival on March 7, 2020 at Walkabout Camp and RV Park Located at 742 Old Still Road, Woodbine, Georgia. -

This item is approved with the requirement that an off- duty police officer be hired for security purposes.

RESULT: ADOPTED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Michael J McClain, Councilman

SECONDER: LaMar Stokes, Councilman

AYES: Blount, Galloway, McClain, Stokes

4. Approval Of: Alcohol Business License for the Sale of Beer/Wine on Premise with the Consumption of Food. Osaka Ichiban 2 Inc., D/B/A Thai & Osaka, Owner is Jakkaphan Duangphrom, Business is Located at 1390 East Boone Avenue. -

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Alex Blount, Mayor Pro Tem

SECONDER: Michael J McClain, Councilman

AYES: Blount, Galloway, McClain, Stokes

5. Approval Of: Resolution Requesting Sales Tax Information -

O.C.G.A. § 48-2-15, as amended in 2018, authorizes the Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Revenue to provide certain confidential sales tax information to the “designated finance officer or taxing official” of local governments. This resolution designates Filiz Morrow as the City's Designated Officer and requests sales and use tax information for a period of time to be defined in the Resolution.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Alex Blount, Mayor Pro Tem

SECONDER: LaMar Stokes, Councilman

AYES: Blount, Galloway, McClain, Stokes

6. Approval Of: Quit Claim Deed Between the City of Kingsland and the Camden County PSA -

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

7. Bid Award: Rear Loader Garbage Truck with Two Can Tippers, Cab & Chassis (25Y) -

Staff recommends low bid Freightliner of Savannah in the amount of \$185,064.00

Councilman Blount made a motion to approve the low bid Freightliner of Savannah. Councilman McClain seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

8. Adoption Of: Resolution #2020-01 Establishing Qualifying Fees - City Clerk Linda M Oshaughnessy

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

9. Discussion: Title Ad Valorem Tax -

Councilman Blount stated that several years ago the Title Ad Valorem Vehicle Tax was implemented at the State level to change the way we paid taxes. The state assured citizens and municipalities that there would be no affect to our tax base. The Georgia Municipal Association has reported that more than 7% of local revenue has been lost since this was implemented. The City of Kingsland is experiencing a 16% loss, almost a \$90,000 shortfall.

Councilman Blount has asked that everyone be made aware so they can share with their state representatives of how significant this loss is to local budgets.

XII. MAYOR AND COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENT

Mayor Day thanked everyone for attending the first meeting of 2020.

XIII. ADJOURNED

Councilman Blount made a motion to adjourn.

Councilman Galloway seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 6:46 PM.

Dr. C. Grayson Day, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda M. O'Shaughnessy, City Clerk