



CITY OF KINGSLAND, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES • JUNE 14, 2021

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 regularly scheduled meeting to order at 6:00 PM via hybrid meeting (in person and WEBEX)

II. ROLL CALL

James W Galloway	Councilman
Farran Fullilove	Councilman
Kristy Chance	Councilwoman
Alex Blount	Mayor Pro Tem
Charles Grayson Day Jr.	Mayor

III. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Councilman Blount gave the Invocation and led the Pledge to the Flag.

IV. CONSENT DOCKET

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James W Galloway, Councilman
SECONDER:	Farran Fullilove, Councilman
AYES:	Galloway, Fullilove, Chance, Blount

- A. Approve the Council Minutes of the last regular Council Meeting
- B. Approve the Agenda as Presented
- C. Approve the Payments of Accounts Payable as Due and Funds Available

V. PRESENTATION

- 1. Presentation: Lighthouse Benefit Advisors -
Broker services and employee benefits.

Mr. Mike Maloy with Lighthouse Benefit Advisors gave a presentation regarding employee health and prescription.

Councilman Fullilove asked how much money would the city save. Mr. Maloy stated he would need more information before he could give any savings cost. Councilman Fullilove also asked how long the city would be locked in to a contract and Mr. Maloy stated it would only be for a one year period.

2. Presentation: Update on County Wide Radio System -

Bill Carreira gave an update on the county wide radio system. All current radio towers can be upgraded from the current VHF system to the 700 megahertz. Once upgraded, channels would not be able to be monitored by the public, which is better for our public safety. The upgrade completion timeline is 18 to 24 months as long as there are no delays. Some VHF radios would be kept to keep our ISO rating. Recommendations for FY 2021-2022 radios is a holding strategy; only buy what is needed. Recommendations for FY 2022-2023 is to budget roughly \$300,000.00 to upgrade the police departments radio's to 700 megahertz. This currently includes 55 mobile radios and 55 hand held radios. The fire department radios would be upgraded the following year. This currently includes 25 hand held radios and 25 mobile radios. Councilman Galloway asked Mr. Carreira what the annual maintenance costs would be once we upgraded. Mr. Carreira stated that information was not currently available.

VI. GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Aubrey Randall of 403 Thrift Street, Kingsland spoke in regards to the need for street lights near his home. Mr. Randall stated he has walked outside after dark recently and came upon people standing in his yard. He stated that there were street lights on each corner of his block, but nowhere near his home. He asked for the city to consider having lights installed near his home.

Reverend James Ham with The Kings Village, located at 451 S. Lee Street, Kingsland spoke in regards to the Urban Camping ordinance proposed on the agenda. Reverend Ham asked that before the ordinance is passed, that mayor and council meeting with the pastors, Camden County Sheriff's Office and local non-profits to try to come up with a solution to prevent homelessness. He also asked that a one minute video be played. The video was a news story originally aired on June 7, 2021 by News 4 Jax in regards to the case of missing Kingsland resident Monte Glover, who still has not been found after two years.

Ms. Sharmaine Anderson of 218 Greenbriar Road, Kingsland spoke in regards to the Urban Camping ordinance proposed on the agenda. Ms. Anderson stated she felt that this was bad timing to be passing this kind of ordinance considering the recent closing of the Travel Lodge in Kingsland (closed by the health department, displaced 10 families). Ms. Anderson stated that with no homeless shelter in our area, that this was poor taste and poor timing.

Ms. Dawn Eggleston of 109 Oak Grove Circle, Kingsland and also of Our Daily Bread, a local non-profit group. Ms. Eggleston stated she has been working with the Downtown Development Authority and local leaders to try and form the Journey House to help the homeless. She stated that this would not be a hand out, but a hand up. Ms. Eggleston also stated she would like to help provide mental health services for those that her organization would help. She stated that we needed to start with helping our citizens first and not just the transients who pass through. Ms. Eggleston asked that the Urban Camping ordinance be tabled until a better solution can be found.

Mr. Nelson Cummings of 233 Woodbridge Road, Kingsland asked the mayor and council if they have a comprehensive plan put together to help the under served community.

James Payne of 113 Wood Hollow Road, Kingsland spoke in regards to excessive dumping of trash on Seaparc Court near the railroad tracks close to Wood Hollow Road. This is also a back entrance in to the Summerfield subdivision. Mr. Payne stated that there has always been an issue with trash being dumped in this area and wanted to know who is responsible for cleaning it up. He also asked if it was possible to close this back entrance in to the subdivision to prevent further issues. Mr. Payne also stated that the community needed find a solution for the homeless situation. He stated that the community needed to come together. Mr. Payne stated that he would be more than willing to volunteer any time he could to help.

Mr. Michael Haynes of 107 Camellia Court also spoke on the homeless situation in the community. He stated that there were shelters in Brunswick, Georgia and Jacksonville, Florida, but nothing in between and that he felt we needed something in Camden County.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Reappointment Of: Craig Root to the Coastal Regional Commission -

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Alex Blount, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	James W Galloway, Councilman
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2. Approval Of: Professional Services Agreement -

An amendment to the scope of services for watershed protection monitoring for 2021 water quality monitoring and the 2021 annual report. This amendment transfers these services from Nutter & Associates to GWES, LLC. for a lump sum of \$3,500.00. *Staff recommends approval.*

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Alex Blount, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER: James W Galloway, Councilman
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3. Approval Of: Urban Camping Ordinance -

An ordinance establishing the prohibition of certain defined uses of a public park, public street or private property for a living accommodation using a mobile, movable, or temporary shelter; and other matters. *Staff recommends approval.*

RESULT: **POSTPONED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Kristy Chance, Councilwoman
SECONDER: James W Galloway, Councilman
AYES: Galloway, Fullilove, Chance, Blount

4. Bid Award: Water Treatment Plant #1 Aerator Upgrades -

One proposal was received from Southern Civil, LLC, for a total of \$931,105. This amount includes a contingency of \$50,000. City engineers, Carter & Sloope, recommend awarding the bid to Southern Civil, LLC. Project will be funded by the Water & Sewer Fund. *Staff recommends sole bidder.*

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Alex Blount, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER: Farran Fullilove, Councilman
AYES: Galloway, Fullilove, Chance, Blount

5. 3530 : Approval Of: Change Order #3 WTP#1 Clearwell Project - Public Works Director Bill Coleman

Addition of 20' extensions plus an extra 14" helical plate for each pile in order to achieve the required max torque. *Staff recommends approval.*

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Alex Blount, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER: James W Galloway, Councilman
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6. Memorandum of Understanding Establishing a Cooperative Partnership Between the Camden County Board of Commissioners and the City of Kingsland -

For providing onsite clinical medical services by Camden County to eligible employees of the City of Kingsland for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 in the amount of \$63,141.60. This is an increase of \$503.28 over current year due to a slight increase in the clinic budget of .8%. MOU is based on Kingsland's share having a 12% clinic utilization rate. *Staff recommends approval.*

Councilman Blount noted that services such as the health clinic that is available to employees helps keep our health insurance costs down.

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IX. MAYOR AND COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENT

Councilwoman Chance stated it was awesome to see the community being involved and wanting to help. She also praised the IT Department as unsung hero's in the city.

Councilman Galloway stated that the homeless issue needed to be addressed county wide, not just in Kingsland. He stated that possibly Mr. Steven Sainz with Camden Connection would be able to help in these programs.

Councilman Fullilove reminded everyone in attendance that they do hear all concerns brought before council, but that it is a step by step process.

X. ADJOURNED

Councilman Blount made a motion to adjourn.
Councilman Galloway seconded the motion.
The meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM.