



CITY OF KINGSLAND, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES • JUNE 9, 2014

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 P.M.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Smith gave the Invocation and led the audience in the Pledge to the flag.

III. ROLL CALL

Kenneth Smith Sr
Alex Blount
Jim McClain
Daniel Minckler
Charles Grayson Day Jr

Mayor
Mayor Pro Tem
City Councilman
City Councilman
City Councilman

IV. CONSENT DOCKET

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Daniel Minckler, City Councilman
SECONDER: Alex Blount, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES: Blount, McClain, Minckler, Day Jr

- 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. GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. John Wesley Liles addressed the Mayor and City Council. Mr. Liles stated that he would like to support Councilman McClain's effort to have a street named in his father's honor; Mr. Liles stated his father, John Quincy Liles was a City Councilman during the growth of the City of Kingsland.

Ms. Mary Matthews, 210 Solomon Lee Street addressed the Mayor and City Council and stated she could not condone her nephew's behavior, but wanted to request that the city investigate Officer Welner because she stated he was unjust in the beating that took place. Ms. Matthews stated that she was speaking for the community she lives in that they are aware there were charges out against Centauris before the incident on May 31st, but this was unjust.

Ms. Mamie Alberta, 128 Ash Court addressed the Mayor and City Council. Ms. Alberta stated she went to court today and everything went well. This cop took advantage of Centauris and Centauris was treated like an animal. Ms. Alberta stated Centauris has never been afraid of anyone, yet he was afraid today when Officer Shaun Brown took him to the hospital to have his staples removed. Ms. Alberta stated Officer Brown used very cruel words. Ms. Alberta stated whatever it takes we will stand together and she wants Centauris to be treated fairly. He has four young children that need to grow up.

Mayor Smith stated that this incident is being looked at by Chief Griffis. Mayor Smith noted that everyone is treated fairly when they come downtown and those who know the Chief know he is fair and he has helped many children. Mayor Smith stated currently the videos are being looked at.

Shamika Roberts, 301 Gross Road, asked the Mayor and City Council as a citizen of the community, where do we go when the law breaks the law?

Mayor Smith stated the first step is the Chief of Police, if things are not being done to your satisfaction then you come here

Ms. Wanda Johnson, 404 North Mitchell Street stated she was recently stopped by a police officer and he treated her very disrespectfully. Ms. Johnson stated she reported the incident to the Police Department and they listened to the tape and agreed with her and stated the officer would have to take classes. Ms. Johnson stated that there are a lot of problems for the people who live across the tracks by the police department. She stated that she hopes that something is done

Mayor Smith stated that his phone number is in the book and he is always in the community to hear their problems. He thanked them all for their comments.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

None

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Executive Session - Personnel

Councilman Blount made a motion to enter into Executive Session. Councilman McClain seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Mayor Smith and

City Council along with Mr. Lee Spell, Interim City Manager entered into Executive Session for a personnel issue at 6:21 PM.

At 7:58 PM Councilman Blount made a motion to reconvene the City Council Meeting. Councilman Minckler seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Smith stated no action was taken on the first personnel issue. Mayor Smith stated on the second personnel issue, Mr. Lee Spell was unanimously appointed City Manager.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Alex Blount, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Jim McClain, City Councilman
AYES:	Blount, McClain, Minckler, Day Jr

2. APPROVAL OF: Bid Award - Dual Purpose Fire Rescue/Engine

Councilman McClain asked for a discussion. Councilman McClain stated that we are in the backlash from a depression, our tax digest is down and now the news that our military are loosing jobs here at the Naval Base. Councilman McClain reported that the city employees have not had a raise in many years. Councilman McClain stated he asked the Finance Director to put numbers together for him and the report reflects lost revenue in motel/hotel taxes, contingency funds are low, and we are now entering hurricane season and we need to be prepared. Councilman McClain stated we need to have the money in the bank before we spend this amount of money.

Councilman McClain stated that Councilman Day made a very good case for this Fire Engine, but there is used equipment out there that we could purchase for under \$100,000.00.

Councilman Blount stated he would like to make a comment on this. Councilman Blount stated he asked the Finance Department to run numbers on the fire equipment and if this did not prove advantageous then he would reconsider. Councilman Blount stated the City needed to look long term over the next 5 to 10 years and \$550,000 over the next ten years makes sense.

Councilman Day stated it is never a bad time to do the right thing and we have first responders who show up to save our lives and it is correct to give them the best possible equipment to do their job.

Mayor Smith stated it has been recommended that we purchase this truck. Mayor Smith stated his concern is for the qualified employees who are leaving and turnover is difficult because they have not received a raise. I hope the Council considers them.

Councilman Day stated he finds it is a little strange, employee raises against the fire truck. I know which side I will be on, this was never a consideration about employee raises or the truck.

Councilman McClain stated he did not mean to pit one good cause against another; however it makes it far more difficult for raises when our revenues are down across the board and we are buying a large ticket item; the employees comes first in his opinion.

Councilman Minckler stated that this item was put into the mid- year budget and the Council has had ample time to review, awarding bid is a formality.

RESULT:	APPROVED [3 TO 1]
MOVER:	Alex Blount, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Charles Grayson Day Jr, City Councilman
AYES:	Blount, Minckler, Day Jr
NAYS:	McClain

3. APPROVAL OF: Bid Award for Propane Gas Service

RESULT:	APPROVED [3 TO 0]
MOVER:	Alex Blount, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Charles Grayson Day Jr, City Councilman
AYES:	Blount, McClain, Day Jr
ABSTAIN:	Minckler

4. APPROVAL OF: Lease Agreement - Chamber of Commerce and Joint Development Authority

Councilman Blount made a motion for discussion. Councilman Minckler seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Councilman Blount stated that Attorney Coppage has made quite a few recommendations to the lease and the Councilman would like to have the Chamber review the document before the Council approves.

Councilman Blount made a recommendation to send the lease over to the Chamber of Commerce for their review with changes. Councilman Blount amended his motion to state sending the leases with the changes back to the Chamber of Commerce and the Joint Development Authority for their review. Councilman Day seconded the motion. The motion carried.

RESULT:	TABLED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Alex Blount, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Charles Grayson Day Jr, City Councilman
AYES:	Blount, McClain, Minckler, Day Jr

5. Garfunkel Road Project- Road Name

Councilman McClain stated in the case of Garfunkel Road he would like to name the road after a great asset to the City. Councilman McClain stated that Mr. Liles made a good case tonight about naming the road after his father. Councilman McClain stated that Garfunkel Road runs over to Route 40 and he would like to make a proposal to name the street after Mr. John Quincy Liles.

Councilman Blount asked for clarification, are we changing an existing name for a road, because there is no Garfunkel Road, it is Middle School Road and that would cause some confusion. Councilman Blount stated he would hate to debate the idea of arguing to not name a road after someone, he stated the concept is a good one, however, this would not be an appropriate project to do this on. Councilman Blount stated the Georgia Department of Transportation has named it and there is a sign up stating Middle School Road, which is an extension of the Middle School Road West off Gross Road.

Councilman McClain stated that we are not setting a precedent, and it would be an honor to do this.

Councilman Minckler stated the comment was made that the sign is already up saying Middle School Road and he asked where the disconnect was. Councilman Blount reported that according to the state it was always going to be Middle School Road; The Easement (Garfunkel) became the project plan.

Councilman McClain said it is still a worthy thing to do and cost would be insignificant.

Mayor Smith stated that the Council can amend this discussion and change it and vote on it.

Councilman McClain stated he would like to make a motion to name this road John Quincy Liles Road. No second was made.

Councilman Minkcler stated he would like to get a cost associated with the name change.

Councilman McClain made a motion to table this item. Councilman Minckler seconded the motion. The vote was: Blount - No, McClain- Yes, Minckler - Yes, Day - No, Mayor Smith broke the tie by voting Yes to table this item.

RESULT: **TABLED [2 TO 2]**
AYES: McClain, Minckler
NAYS: Blount, Day Jr

VIII. PLANNING AND ZONING

1. APPLICATION FOR HOME OFFICE - Thomas C. McCollum

Thomas C. McCollum, 105 Camellia Drive is requesting a Home Office Permit for "Camden Lawn Care, LLC". Zoning is PD/R-1. Equipment will be stored in garage. There will be no traffic. Planning Commission Recommends Approval.

RESULT: **ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Alex Blount, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER: Charles Grayson Day Jr, City Councilman
AYES: Blount, McClain, Minckler, Day Jr

2. APPLICATION FOR HOME OFFICE - John J. Coffey

John J. Coffey, 129 Old Folkston Rd is requesting a Home Office Permit for "Expert Water Testing". Zoning is PD/R-1. Applicant has been in the water treatment business for 29 years. He will offer primarily bacteria testing on well water. Planning Commission Recommends Approval.

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Alex Blount, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER: Daniel Minckler, City Councilman
AYES: Blount, McClain, Minckler, Day Jr

3. APPLICATION FOR HOME OFFICE - Kenneth B. Smith

Kenneth B. Smith, 211 Woodbridge Rd is requesting a Home Office Permit for "K&T Enterprises, LLC", a cleaning service. Zoning is R-1. Applicant will work through real estate firms on rental and owner move out cleaning. Planning Commission Recommends Approval.

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Alex Blount, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER: Daniel Minckler, City Councilman
AYES: Blount, McClain, Minckler, Day Jr

4. APPLICATION FOR RESIDENTIAL BUSINESS - Eleanor L. Capulong

Eleanor L. Capulong, 105 Greenacres Court North is requesting a Residential Business Permit for "Lattestone Soap" making all natural homemade soap. Zoning is R-1. Applicant will make small batches in open air and will store small amount of lye and other ingredients in laundry room. Planning Commission Recommends Approval,.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Alex Blount, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Charles Grayson Day Jr, City Councilman
AYES:	Blount, McClain, Minckler, Day Jr

IX. MAYOR AND COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENT

Councilman Blount made a motion to put Planning and Zoning ahead of New Business on the City Agenda so the people who attend for Planning and Zoning do not have to stay for the entire meeting if they do not choose to. Councilman Day seconded the motion. The motion to Amend the Agenda carried unanimously.

X. ADJOURNED

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 P.M.

Kenneth E. Smith, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda M. O'Shaughnessy, City Clerk