CITY OF KINGSLAND, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES ● JUNE 23, 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 PM.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Pastor Matthew Pettus gave the Invocation and led the audience in the Pledge to the Flag.

III. ROLL CALL

Kenneth Smith Sr	Mayor
Alex Blount	Mayor Pro Tem
Jim McClain	City Councilman
Daniel Minckler	City Councilman
Charles Grayson Day Jr	City Councilman

IV. CONSENT DOCKET

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Alex Blount, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Daniel Minckler, City Councilman
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. PRESENTATION

1. Appreciation Plaque Presentation

To the City of Kingsland from the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation

Ms. Angela McManigal from the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation thanked the City of Kingsland for their generous donation from the car show proceeds. Ms. McManigal presented the city with a plaque.

VI. GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Charlie Smith, Jr., Chairman of the Joint Development Authority addressed the Mayor and City Council and stated that on behalf of the authority he would like to thank the city leaders for providing the North Center to all of the Economic entities and thanked the Mayor and Council for their leadership and cooperation.

Pastor Matthew Pettus of Lake Jordan Blvd. addressed the Mayor and City Council and stated that recent events that have taken place in our community have him concerned; he said we have a good community that is growing and it concerns him when he sees division. Pastor Pettus stated he would like the City Council and the Mayor to know that the fire department and the police department do a great job. Pastor Pettus commended the Mayor and City Council and said they have always done a great job and he hopes they will continue to keep everyone informed, Pastor Pettus stated he believes a lot of the problems are coming from outside of Camden County and they want to bring division here. Pastor Pettus stated he would continue to do his job and he believed in the power of prayer and would continue to pray for everyone.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

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

Councilman Blount made a motion to bring the Lease Agreement back to the floor. Councilman Minckler seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The lease agreement was approved. Councilman Blount made a motion to approve Councilman Minckler seconded the motion.
The motion carried unanimously.

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

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. APPROVAL OF: Royal District Market

The Kingsland Downtown Development Authority voted at their June 5, 2014 board meeting to resume having the Royal District Market on Saturdays. The Board seeks the approval from City Council to have the market at the Kingsland Depot Pavilion and grounds.

Councilman McClain asked what brought the idea for the Royal District Market back. Ms. Trish Jared, Manager of the Downtown Deveopment Authority stated it was brought up at the last Down Town Authority Meeting and interest had been expressed in revising the market. Ms. Jared said that the pavilion would provide structure to the vendors.

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

2. APPROVAL OF: CCBOE - SRO Agreement: Contract Agreement for School Resources Officers FY 2014-2015

Councilman Blount made a motion to postpone this item because he would like to speak with the Board of Education regarding the City's shortfall. Councilman Day seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

3. APPROVAL OF: Bid Award for Refunding Bond for Welcome Center

Councilman McClain made a motion for discussion. Councilman Day seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Filiz Morrow, Finance Director went over the market conditions and spoke about the risks involved in each of the submissions. Ms. Morrow stated the Ameris Bank submitted a loan modification which would cost the city the least amount of money. Councilman Minckler asked Ms. Morrow when was the loan modification submitted? Ms. Morrow stated a few weeks before the bid opening. Ms. Morrow stated that Merchant Capital had the least risk but it would take a considerable amount of work and time to apply for the loan.
Ms. Morrow stated if the Council was going to approve Ameris Bank they would first have to reject Merchant Capital.

Mayor Smith called for a motion.

Councilman McClain made a motion to reject Merchant Capital. Councilman Blount seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman McClain made a motion to approve Ameris Bank, loan modification. Councilman Day seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Jim McClain, City Councilman
SECONDER:	Charles Grayson Day Jr, City Councilman
AYES:	Blount, McClain, Minckler, Day Jr

4. APPROVAL OF: Bid Award for Financing Curb-Tender FE Garbage Truck

Councilman Blount made a motion to discuss. Councilman Day seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ms. Filiz Morrow stated that the Finance Department was recommending the 5 year loan at the rate of 1.85% from BB&T via GMA.

Councilman Blount made a motion to approve BB&T. Councilman Day seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

5. APPROVAL OF: Bid Award for Financing Dual-Purpose Rescue Engine/Pumper

Councilman McClain made a motion for discussion. Councilman Blount seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Councilman McClain addressed the Mayor and fellow City Council Members to voice his objection to the bid process and the costs. Councilman McClain asked that the Mayor exercise his veto powers on this Agenda item.

Councilman McClain stated he had concerns that the bid specifications were too specific and other companies were not able to bid on this.
Councilman McClain felt a better option would be a used rescue engine that would sell for $100,000.00 as opposed to a new engine for over $500,000.00 Councilman McClain also had concerns that employees would not receive a pay raise again if this money is spent.

Councilman Day stated that Chief Peeples and his men went through a long process of what works for them and the department has kept and maintained their fleet for a very long time; they are professionals, trained and experienced and whatever they put in the bid, they need.

Mayor Smith stated he has concerns about the impact buying this truck would have on salary increases for the employees.

Ms. Morrow stated that this was approved at the last meeting and the information on how it would be paid.

Councilman Blount made a motion to approve the bid award to BB&T via GMA. Councilman Day seconded the motion. The vote was: Blount - yes, McClain - no, Minckler - yes, Day -yes, Motion was approved.

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

6. APPROVAL OF: Bid Award for Refinancing Fire Station

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

7. ADOPTION OF: Resolution #2014-14: Resolution Accepting Property

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

8. ACCEPTANCE OF: Warranty Deed, Between Soncel, Inc and the City of Kingsland

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

9. ADOPTION OF: Resolution #2014-15: Resolution Accepting Easements

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

10. ACCEPTANCE OF: Easement from Soncel, Inc. to the City of Kingsland

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

11. APPROVAL OF: Resolution #2014-16 Resolution Accepting Easements

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

12. ACCEPTANCE OF: Easement from Soncel, Inc. to the City of Kingsland

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

13. DISCUSSION OF: Donation of Land - Parcel 082-001B, 00825-001C

City Manager Mr. Lee Spell stated that this item is for discussion. Mr. Spell asked if the Board wanted to move forward with donating the land and forgiving the taxes.

Mr. Ken Kessler, Planning and Zoning Director stated that the area will be used by the Public Service Authority (PSA) for recreation and a park area. The property will come to the City of Kingsland from Camden County.

Councilman Blount asked if the city would continue to own this land and asked if the city would be able to deed this property over to the PSA.

Mayor Smith stated if it does come to the city the process is in place that would allow the city to turn this land over to PSA and the city would not incur any debt, expenses or liability, PSA is ready to accept it.

IX. MAYOR AND COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENT

Councilman McClain stated that he enjoyed the Georgia Municipal Conference in Savannah. Councilman McClain said that he took a law class there that was very beneficial and he reported that future business permits that fill out the e-verify only need to do this one time, it is no longer required year after year.

Ms. Trish Jared reminded everyone about the DCA meeting on Tuesday, June 24, 2014 from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

X. ADJOURNED

Councilman Day made a motion for adjournment. Councilman Blount seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:07 P.M.

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Kenneth E. Smith, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:

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Linda M. O'Shaughnessy, City Clerk