



CITY OF KINGSLAND, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES • JULY 14, 2014

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 Smith opened the Public Hearing at 6:00 P.M. No one voiced any concerns. The Public Hearing was closed at 6:03 P.M.

1. Alcohol License/ Ops Pizza: the City of Kingsland, Georgia Will Conduct a Public Hearing -

For the purpose of considering the application for the sale of beer/wine liquor, on-premise consumption with food, from "OPS Pizza Kitchen and Cafe" located at 1378 Boone Street, Kingsland, Georgia 31548

II. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME GUESTS

Mayor Smith called the regular scheduled meeting to order at 6:03 P.M.

III. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

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

IV. 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

V. 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

VI. PRESENTATION

1. Achievement Award

Commissioner Jimmy Starline presented the City of Kingsland with an achievement award. This was presented by the National Association of Counties and Camden County included the City of Kingsland in this award "Achieving Success through City-County Collaboration"

2. The Coalition for a Better Community Annual Civility Awards: Dave Southern, Elias Dalton Frazier, Tonya Rosado

Ms. Elaine Powierski, with the Coalition for a Better Community addressed the Mayor and City Council. Ms. Powierski stated she was there to give the annual civility awards. Ms. Powierski reported that two of the recipients were from Kingsland. Receiving the awards were Mr. Elias Dalton Frazier and Ms. Tonya Rosado.

Mr. Elias Frazier received the student award and he was nominated by Ms. Rachael Baldwin. Ms. Powierski stated that Elias is a good student, he is active in sports, he reaches out to all of his classmates and he is a strong voice to teens regarding the use of alcohol.,

Mr. Jim Wells presented Ms. Tonya Rosado with her award. Tonya received the employee award. Mr. Wells stated that Tonya's efforts are known county wide and her work benefits the entire area. Mr. Wells said that Tonya spearheaded the effort to get Oprah Winfrey and the BBC to choose Kingsland as "Lovetown USA". He also reported that Tonya has put together a great staff and they assist with all of the larger events in the area.

VII. GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC

The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) addressed the Mayor and Council. Mr. Rick Hardenbrook, Mr. Karon Ivery and Mr. Chad Hartley from the Georgia Department of Transportation were present to answer questions regarding their solutions to the intersection of Route 17 and Route 40.

The Department had no permanent solution, however they were able to do a little tweaking and expect that will alleviate most of the problem. Mr. Hartley stated that for commercial traffic traveling East bound, making a right turn onto Route 17 they

recommend that channel markers are installed and the department will refurbish the edge line. For those traveling North it is recommended that the North bound area pull the stop mark back so it will allow for a wider turning radius and this hopefully will miss the property located in the South West corner.

Mayor Smith thanked the Georgia Department of Transportation for working with the City of Kingsland to resolve this problem.

Mr. Jay Moreno of St. Marys, Georgia addressed the Mayor and City Council. Mr. Moreno stated he bought an investment property at 302 Greenacres Drive in Kingsland. Mr. Moreno stated that a neighboring home has a total of nine (9) vehicles parked in his front yard each evening. Mr. Moreno stated he brought this situation to Mr. Lee Spell, City Manager and was happy to report it is being discussed this evening. Mr. Moreno stated that Councilman McClain sent him a copy of the City of Savannah's Ordinance Policy regarding vehicles and recreational vehicles; and he stated that Savannah does not allow unregistered cars or vehicles on personal property.

Mr. Ken Kessler, Planning and Zoning Director addressed the Mayor and Council and stated the City already has an Ordinance in place that does address those issues.

Mr. Moreno requested that the Mayor and City Council look at the City's Ordinance and he hoped they would make changes to it.

Mr. Ken West of Westco General Contracting addressed the Mayor and City Council about the problem with the drainage at Wolfbay Circle. Mr. West complained that he has received three letters from the City of Kingsland asking him to trespass on private property to fix the drainage issue. Mr. West also stated he has been advised by three separate attorneys that he would be trespassing.

Mr. West stated that this is an example of a resident doing the wrong thing regarding the drainage issue. Mr. West stated that the city has ordered him to stop working on building houses. Mr. West stated he would like this issue resolved, this was caused by the residents and it is beyond his control.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

1. APPROVAL OF: CCBOE - SRO Agreement 2014-2015

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

Councilman Blount made a motion to approve this agreement and have Mr. Spell work earlier next year with the Board of Education so the City will be able to have a zero cost balance. Councilman Minckler seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

2. APPROVAL OF: Bid Award for Refinancing Fire Station

Ms. Filiz Morrow, Director of Finance addressed the Mayor and City Council. Ms. Morrow went over the options of the two low bids, BB&T and Ameris Bank which would improve our cash flow by \$18,000.00 or we can continue with the current loan which will be paid off in six and one half years (6 1/2); if that is the case Ms. Morrow stated the Council would need to reject the bid and keep the financing of the fire station as is.

Councilman Blount made a motion to reject the bids and stay with the current financing. Councilman Day seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

3. Middle School Road Name Change

Councilman Blount made a motion to bring this item back to the floor. Councilman Minckler seconded the motion.

Councilman Minckler stated that the Middle School Road name change was tabled because he requested time to see what the cost would be associated with the name change.

Councilman Day asked Mr. Lee Spell the City Manager if he had actual numbers on this. Mr. Lee Spell, City Manager stated that it would cost the city an additional \$1,000.00 per intersection.

Councilman Minckler said due to cost that he was unwilling to change the name of the road.

Councilman Day seconded the motion.

The motion carried.

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

IX. PLANNING AND ZONING

1. APPLICATION FOR HOME OFFICE - Ann Hoskins

Ann Hoskins, 249 Hedge St is requesting a Home Office Permit for “Heavenly Sent’s Cleaning Service” a janitorial service for real estate customers. Zoning is R-5. Planning Commission Recommends Approval.

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER: Alex Blount, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER: Daniel Minckler, City Councilman
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2. APPLICATION FOR HOME OFFICE - Laura Stevens

Laura Stevens, 106 Huntington Dr is requesting a Home Office Permit for “Coastal Cleaning Services,” a carpet cleaning firm. All equipment is stored in a van. Zoning is R-1. Planning Commission Recommends Approval.

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

3. APPLICATION FOR REZONING - Liberty Bishop

Liberty Bishop, is requesting rezoning of 1.98 acres (Tax Parcel K20-02-001) on West King Ave from R-1 residential to I-L (light industrial) to establish a landscaping service. Bishop Landscaping is a 7-year old business currently located on Harrietts Bluff Road that has grown to 7 small trucks and needs a new home to serve as a meeting place for employees, a showcase for the business, and a service point for vehicles. Mr. Bishop presented a plan for how he plans to use the property once he acquires it. Mr. Crummey, an adjacent resident expressed concern about noise especially during non-business hours. Planning Commission Recommends Approval.

Mr. Ken Kessler, Planning and Zoning Director addressed the Mayor and City Council and stated that Mr. Crummey spoke with him this week and he is not opposed to the rezoning.

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

4. Discussion/Approval - NUISANCES - Parking in Residential Areas

Councilman Blount stated that he would be happy to hear what everyone's thought are but stated that some items may create more problems than they solve. Councilman Blount stated that the City does not want to create more issues with being too specific.

Councilman Blount stated that he would like to do the due diligence before moving on this.

Councilman McClain stated that he is concerned when he goes into some neighborhoods in the City and he sees homes with 5 junk cars, it does not help the neighborhood. Councilman McClain stated some of the things that he came up with using the Savannah Ordinance is the removal of inoperable or unlicensed vehicles.

Mr. Ken Kessler, Planning and Zoning Director stated that the city currently has an ordinance that does not allow unregistered vehicles to be parked on property. Mr. Kessler stated you must see the unregistered vehicle from the street and no commercial vehicles, boats, RV's should be in front yard.

Councilman Blount stated he has concerns if someone has a landscape vehicle parked in his property how we would handle this. Councilman Blount stated we need to clearly define what we are talking about. Councilman McClain stated that they are on the right tract and have something to work with and would like to keep the discussion going.

RESULT: NO ACTION TAKEN

X. NEW BUSINESS

1. Amendment - Chamber Lease Agreement

Mr. Lee Spell, City Manager addressed the Mayor and Council and stated that the Chamber of Commerce's lease was approved at last City Council Meeting, however, the Chamber informed Mr. Spell that they would need to have the lease amended and remove the item regarding the Chamber paying for water, and electrical.

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

2. APPROVAL OF: Liquor License for OPS Pizza Kitchen and Cafe Located at 1378 Boone Street, Kingsland for the Sale of Beer, Wine and Liquor on Site with Food.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Alex Blount, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER: Daniel Minckler, City Councilman
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3. ADOPTION OF: Resolution #2014-17: Welcome Center Bond Modification

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

4. APPROVAL OF: Employee Handbook Revisions

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

XI. MAYOR AND COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENT

There were none

XII. ADJOURNED

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

The City Council Meeting adjourned at 7:02 P.M.

Kenneth E. Smith, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda M. O'Shaughnessy, City Clerk