



CITY OF KINGSLAND, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES • JULY 28, 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

1. Mr. Howard Davis of Davis and Sons Enterprises addressed the Mayor and City Council.

Mr. Davis stated he has already spoken with Mr. Ken Kessler, Director of Planning and Zoning about this issue, but wanted to bring it to the attention of the Mayor and Council.

Mr. Davis stated that many people have been asking to bring back the Turkey Shoot it has been a tradition. It would be held at 130 Scrubby Bluff Road on weekends, Friday and Saturday from 6:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. from the first weekend in October until the weekend before Thanksgiving.

Mr. Davis stated he is not asking for a commitment tonight, just wanted it to be taken into consideration.

2. Ms. Davis, Director of Music Ministries, United Methodist Church addressed the Mayor and City Council. Ms. Davis stated that her youth choir has limited funds and fundraising is necessary; and she feels that a turkey shoot will be a family friendly event in Kingsland and hopes it would be considered.

3. Ms. Kathy Passarella, Wolfbay Circle addressed the Mayor and City Council. Ms. Passarella stated she is coming before Council for an update on the drainage situation at Wolfbay.

Mayor Smith asked Mr. Lee Spell, City Manager for an update. Mr. Spell stated that Mr. West has been issued no more permits. Mr. Spell stated that the City has not accepted the easement and yet Mr. West claims he gave it up. Mr. Spell stated that the City Attorney is involved now and speaking with Mr. West's attorney.

Councilman Blount asked if we can fix it. Councilman McClain stated he feels the City has an obligation to get this fixed.

Ms. Passarella stated she is tired of getting the run around and would like this problem solved.

Councilman Day asked Mr. Spell how long before we can get a response. Mr. Spell stated he is waiting to hear from the City Attorney with answers.

4. Mr. Troy Hooper with the Downtown Development Authority addressed the Mayor and City Council and invited everyone to the public market that begins this Saturday.

5. Ms. Dori Brink, 106 Princeton Place, Kingsland, Georgia addressed the Mayor and City Council. Ms. Brink came before the Council with concerns over the tire slashing that has occurred at 22 homes in Maycreek.

Ms. Brink was advised by Mayor Smith that he is very aware and efforts are being made and some arrest have been made, but it is an on-going police investigation so he cannot speak about the details.

Ms. Brink asked if the City would have a police officer come to the neighborhood to work with them, she is concerned that some of the neighbors will take matters into their own hands.

Councilman Blount assured Ms. Brink that Chief Griffis would have someone send someone to work with them.

VI. PRESENTATION

I. Mr. Joel Hanner

Mr. Joel Hanner with the Camden Partnership addressed the Mayor and City Council. Mr. Hanner elaborated on the many successes of the Partnership this past year and thanked the City of Kingsland for their past support.

Mr. Hanner stated that a testament to the support of the community was the cooperation of the City of Kingsland with the move to the North Center in June.

Mr. Hanner stated there is still a lot of work to do and the Partnership again needs the City's help. Mr. Hanner requested a donation of \$15,000.00 that was provided last year and if possible an additional \$10,000.00.

II. Mr. Terry Laman

Mr. Terry Laman, Sales Director of Tel Plus Communications, Inc. addressed the Mayor and City Council. Mr. Laman stated that while working with Kingsland Cable and the local college it came up that the City of Kingsland may be looking to make changes that would drive savings. Mr. Laman supplied a power point presentation on the merits of his company.

Mayor Smith asked if his company would be able to bring in other Georgia stations. Mr. Laman stated, yes, absolutely.

Councilman McClain stated he liked the sounds of this information and it would make us more efficient.

Councilman Day asked how long this process would take.

Mr. Laman stated between 40 and 45 days.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Memorandum of Understanding Between City of Kingsland and Kingsland Tourism Authority

Memorandum of Understanding between City of Kingsland and Kingsland Tourism Authority for the GDECD FY 2015 Tourism Product Development Grant.

- This grant will be facilitated through the City for financial accountability and will be coordinated through shared efforts by the CVB Director and the Economic Development Director

- Tourism Product Development Grant applications are due on July 31, however, projects will not start until October 1. Therefore, if the grant match request is not approved in the City's FY2015 budget then the program will be cancelled without penalty. A grant budget request has been submitted, and no grant awards will be accepted without that budget approval.

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: Letter of Support for New Access Point Funding for McKinney Community Health Center.

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

3. APPROVAL OF: Ordinance #2014-04: an Ordinance to Amend Ordinance #2003-23, "Licensing the Distribution and Sale of Alcoholic Beverages and Liquors, Malt Beverages and Wines in the City of Kingsland, Georgia

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: Telecommunications Audit Engagement

Mayor Smith stated this item is for discussion purposes not approval.

Mr. Jim Hilty, Spy Glass Group, LLC addressed the Mayor and City Council to speak about his company. Mr. Hilty stated the company is out of Cleveland and they are purely auditors.

Mr. Hilty stated that the firm would go over all of the cities information and find ways for the city to save money. The company would recover funds and improve rates that the city is currently paying.

Mr. Hilty stated that no fees are due until after the study is done and the city sees all of the historical recovery and the rates are improved.

Councilman Blount asked Mr. Hilty about the transition from Alltel if there is 6 months left on the city's agreement would the city be obligated to Mr. Hilty's company for 12 months, can this be tailored down.

Mr. Hilty replied yes it can be and has been tailored down.

IX. MAYOR AND COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENT

Councilman Day stated that school will be starting and asked everyone to please be on the lookout for the children.

Councilman Blount stated that on a personal note today is his 13th. Anniversary.

X. ADJOURNED

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

Kenneth E. Smith, Sr., Mayor

Attest:

Linda M. O'Shaughnessy, City Clerk