CITY OF KINGSLAND, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES ● SEPTEMBER 8, 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

1. City of Kingsland FY 2014-2015 Operating Budget

Mayor Smith opened the Public Hearing at 6:00 P.M.

Mrs. Mounsey of 831 E. Hilton Avenue, Kingsland addressed the Mayor and City Council. Ms. Mounsey stated that after reading in the paper about the overspending of the travel budget she wanted to know where the money comes from when the travel budget is overspent. Ms. Mounsey stated if your overspending your budget how can the tax payers expect you to manage the city's budget.

Councilman Blount stated this item is on the Agenda for discussion tonight. Councilman Blount explained that if a member went to more training than the other members the extra money would come out of a pool from Administration.

Ms. Filiz Morrow, Financial Director explained that as long as the Administrative Budget is not over budget than the money is there to pay for the training.

No one else came forward.

The Public Hearing closed at 6:05 P.M.

II. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME GUESTS

Mayor Smith called the regular scheduled meeting to order at 6:06 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 E Smith Sr	Mayor
Alex Blount	Mayor Pro Tem
Jim McClain	City Councilman
Daniel Minckler	City Councilman

Charles Grayson Day Jr City Councilman

V. CONSENT DOCKET

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Jim McClain, City Councilman
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. GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. Al Crace, County Administrator, Charlton County addressed the Mayor and City Council. Mr. Crace thanked the Mayor and Council for their support in working together.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. ADOPTION OF: Ordinance #2014-05

An Ordinance to Amend Articles XII and VI of Ordinance #2002-08 Titled "The Kingsland Zoning and Land Development Ordinance"

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

Councilman McClain asked for a summary of what the Ordinance involves.

Mr. Ken Kessler, Director of Planning and Zoning addressed the Mayor and City Council and stated he is trying to streamline and bring the Ordinance up to date. Mr. Kessler went over the changes.

Councilman McClain made a motion to table this item until the next meeting because he needed more time to evaluate it. Councilman Blount seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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VIII. PLANNING AND ZONING

1. APPLICATION FOR HOME OFFICE - Marcie Montgomery

Marcie Montgomery, 118 Pine Bluff Blvd West is requesting a Home Office Permit for "MicroManagement Solutions, LLC", a business consulting, social media, CRM, information management service. Zoning is R-1. 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

2. APPLICATION FOR HOME OCCUPATION – Chris Woolard

Chris Woolard, 161 Huntington Dr is requesting a Home Occupation Permit for “Chris Woolard Enterprises” offering yard services and inflatables. Zoning is R-1. No one was present to represent Mr. Woolard at Planning Commission Meeting, he received a letter concerning the necessity of someone being present. Planning Commission Recommends denial.

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

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion Of: Elected Official's Travel Policy

Councilman Blount stated he asked to have this put on the Agenda because he wanted to have a discussion and come up with a collaborative plan on why the Mayor and City Council travel and have a better budget apparatus in place.

Councilman McClain stated that he has been a little confused with the budget on travel; he stated he can go through his budget in a heart beat. Councilman McClain said he recently found out about a class in Reno, Nevada regarding the EMS/Paramedicine and he feels the city needs to find a way to start accommodating these classes.

Councilman Day stated he is all for another layer of oversight; he felt the Council would do the city a better service with a more open and transparent policy. Councilman Day stated that he believes they have a situation where it is easy to misconstrue the loosely defined policy and he felt the Council needs to bring it under a watchful eye.

Councilman Minckler stated that approval at the Council level gives transparency at this level and would be prudent and a good way of operating for city officials.

Councilman Minckler also stated when he was elected he was state mandated to attend Newly Elected Officials Training and that one course put him over his budget.

2. 1139 : APPROVAL OF: Fire Equipment Exchange - Charlton County

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

3. Selection Of: Bond Counsel-Epic Project

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

Councilman Blount stated that we have had some research done by our city attorney and I could not find anything that separates these folks.

Councilman McClain asked Ms. Filiz Morrow, Director of Finance and Mr. Darren Harper, Planning Director, JDA to explain how the list of five (5) attorneys stack up and who in their opinion would they recommend.

Ms. Morrow stated in her opinion she would be most comfortable working with Mr. McCrae.

Mr. Darren Harper stated that he spoke with the city attorney, Mr. Coppage after he did the research and explained that the project is more than a TAD project, there are multiple layers. Mr. Harper said he agrees with Ms. Morrow and believes that Mr. McCrae did a great job on the city's behalf with the Developer's Agreement and he has done a lot of economic development in this state. Mr. Harper reiterated that Mr. McCrae is very familiar with this project and he gave the Council a very strong contract.

Councilman Day asked if there was any negotiating on his rate.

Mr. Spell, City Manager stated that by the time we bring a new attorney up to date that will exhaust the money saved.

Mr. Harper stated that the project is in Atlanta and any attorney would be required to travel to Atlanta and would incur traveling costs; Mr. McCrae is in Atlanta. Mr. Harper also stated that a big part of this program is having someone who understands all of the components and how they work together; Mr. McCrae has 35 to 40 years of dealing with this. Mr. Harper stated that he felt Mr. McCrae would welcome working with our city attorney.

Mayor Smith stated that they all have the numbers in front of them and are they in agreement that they would like better rates.

Councilman McClain asked if they could get a package price. Ms. Morrow explained they could not in this case.

Mayor Smith asked if anyone had spoken with the developers.

Councilman McClain made a motion to table this item until the next meeting. Councilman Day seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

X. MAYOR AND COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENT

None

XI. ADJOURNED

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:41 P.M.

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Kenneth E. Smith, Sr., Mayor

Attest:

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Linda M. O'Shaughnessy, City Clerk