CITY OF KINGSLAND, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES ● OCTOBER 13, 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 called the Public Hearing to order at 6:00 P.M.

1. Public Hearing

The City Of Kingsland, Georgia has received an application for an alcohol beverage license for the sale of beer, on the premise consumption with food from Cumberland Pizza N Games location 1301 East King Avenue, Kingsland Georgia 31548. Notice is hereby given that a public hearing on this application is scheduled for Monday October 13, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the council chamber at city hall. Anyone desiring to address Mayor and Council regarding the issuance of a license to this establishment may do so at the public hearing. Formal consideration of this application will take place during the regular Council session on Monday October 13, 2014.

Ms. Lola Taylor represented the Patel family who own Cumberland Pizza N Games addressed the Mayor and City Council. Ms. Taylor answered questions and gave a brief summary of the hours of operation, menu and the games that would be available at this family friendly location.

2. Proposal to Discontinue Life Saving EMS Services by the City of Kingsland

Mr. Wesley Liles, 706 East Bay Street addressed the Mayor and City Council. Mr. Liles stated he was not sure how much thought had been given to discontinuing EMS services, but he felt it needs to be seriously looked at and more information should be presented. Mr. Liles stated that the EMS service is excellent in Kingsland.

Ms. Bobbi Chestnut, North Grove Boulevard addressed the Mayor and City Council. Ms. Chestnut voiced her concerns about discontinuing EMS services. Ms. Chestnut stated she has a handicapped child who requires EMS transportation.
Councilman Blount addressed Ms. Chestnut's concerns. Councilman Blount stated that currently the County is providing EMS service; and explained that Kingsland does not respond to 911 calls unless requested. Councilman Blount explained that Ms. Chestnut would still have the same service and the County has added a fourth zone which will give even better coverage. Councilman Blount stated that if the City wants to fund EMS we would be paying for two services.

Councilman Day stated to Ms. Chestnut that her level of service was going to continue. Councilman Day stated that the wording on the Agenda was misleading and he was not sure how it got put in the Agenda that way but he did not appreciate the rhetoric.

Councilman McClain stated he did not feel the wording was misleading; he said the City has a big investment in EMS and there needs to be more studies done.

Councilman Day reported that a great deal of study has already been done.

Mayor Smith stated that the language that was put in the Agenda was a broad statement and not meant to be hurtful to the citizens.

Councilman McClain asked Chief Smith what the study said. Chief Smith stated that the study said to keep a medic unit as a back-up for EMS service. Chief Smith reported that in order to maintain our ISO rating the city would need to have the proper number of people on duty to do the job.

Ms. Kimberly Bell, Woodhaven Road addressed the Mayor and City Council and said you cannot have enough medical personnel on staff. Ms. Bell stated she was never aware that she would have to ask for Kingsland if dialing 911.

Mayor Smith closed the Public Hearing at 6:20 P.M.

II. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME GUESTS

Mayor Smith called the City Council Meeting to order at 6:20 P.M.

III. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Bishop Verdell Griffin, Jr. Gave the Invocation and led the audience in the Pledge to the Flag.

IV. ROLL CALL

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

V. CONSENT DOCKET

Councilman McClain made a motion to amend the Consent Docket.
Under New Business Item # 9 add: Notice to TDS regarding automatic renewal. Councilman Blount seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

RESULT:	**APPROVED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Jim McClain, 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

VI. PRESENTATION

1. Presentation - Rocky Joyner, the Segal Company

Mr. Rocky Joiner with the Segal Company addressed the Mayor and City Council to give an update on the City's pension plan.

Mr. Joiner went over the details of the plan and stated that the plan is in very good shape and the future looks bright.

2. Presentation - Water Tank Maintenance, David Wright-Tank Pro

Mr. David Wright with Tank Pro addressed the Mayor and City Council. Mr. Wright gave a report on his company and the companies impeccable safety record.

VII. GRANTING AUDIENCE TO THE PUBLIC

Mr. John Chestnut, 261 North Grove Boulevard addressed the Mayor and City Council.
Mr. Chestnut stated that he wanted to make the Mayor and Council aware that there is a problem in the city with items being sold in the pawn shops. Mr. Chestnut stated that he has recently had quite a few items stolen from his property and these items have been sold to pawn shops. Mr. Chestnut would like the city to make an ordinance to have Pawn Shops track items after they have been sold; he stated that in the last month four (4) robberies have been committed in his neighborhood and he has been informed that almost every item that is stolen in ninety (90) days it ends up in a pawn shop.
Mr. Chestnut repeated that he would like the city to make an ordinance to have pawn shops track items after they have been sold, we need a better way to help the victims.
Mr. Chestnut thanked the Mayor and Council for their work and stated he would appreciate it if they would look into this program.

Mayor Smith requested Chief Griffis get with the City Manager, Mr. Lee Spell and see if the City Manager can put some kind of Ordinance in place to put more responsibility on these shops if there is not a state statute already.

Mr. Sheldon Shelton, Vice President of Sales and Part Owner of American Tank Maintenance addressed the Mayor and City Council. Mr. Shelton stated that his company is a fairly new company, but their staff has many years of experience to maintain the city's water tanks. Mr. Shelton stated his company currently has 60 contracts in the State of Georgia they are a Georgia based company and they presented the second lowest bid.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

1. APPROVAL OF: RESOLUTION #2014-20: Adoption of FY 2014-2015 Operating Budget

Councilman Blount made a motion to approve the budget that went through the Public Hearings, with a $500.00 employee incentive and leave the Medics still in the budget until the city made a decision on EMS Services. Councilman Day seconded the motion.

Councilman McClain asked for a discussion. Councilman McClain stated he would like to amend Councilman Blount's motion to increase the employee performance incentive to $750.00. Councilman Blount objected to this, stating that Councilman McClain cannot amend his motion, only he can amend his own motion.

Councilman Blount stated that the city's contingency cash allows only thirteen (13) days of operating expenses, and he stated the Council needs to have the fiscal resolve to get those numbers higher. Councilman Blount also stated he is not going to approve a budget that has not gone through a public hearing.

Councilman McClain stated that the employees have been without a raise for five (5) years and the City Manager made a recommendation that would cost only $38,000 and the city can afford it; and he does not think it is out of line to think the people who do the hardest work in the city should have a raise.

Mayor Smith stated he would like to weigh in and stated that over the past five (5) years the employees have hoped for a raise and when you have employees out there day after day in sun and rain we need to find the money to give the employees some financial support.

Councilman McClain stated that close to a million dollars has been chopped out of the budget this year, I am only asking for $38,000.

Councilman Blount stated to be clear my motion does include a raise, but we need to be fiscally responsible with the budget.

Mayor Smith asked for a vote. Councilman Blount -yes, Councilman McClain -no, Councilman Minckler - yes, Councilman Day - yes. Motion carried.

Councilman Day stated he would like the employees to receive the full $500.00 and asked Ms. Filiz Morrow, Finance Director to do this.

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

IX. PLANNING AND ZONING

1. APPLICATION FOR HOME OFFICE – James Curtis Tucker

James Curtis Tucker, 144 Greenacre Circle North is requesting a Home Office Permit for "All Clear Window Cleaning". Zoning is R-1. Planning Commission Recommends Approval.

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

2. APPLICATION FOR RESIDENTIAL BUSINESS – Jennifer Clayton-Gronde

Jennifer Clayton-Gronde, 203 Eagle Blvd is requesting a Residential Business Permit for "Jennifer A. Gronde Motherhood Photography". Zoning is PD/R-1. 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 RESIDENTIAL BUSINESS – Roylanda Brooks

Roylanda Brooks, 221 Brackenfern Way is requesting a Residential Business Permit for "Angel Delights", a cottage food establishment. 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

4. APPROVAL OF: Resolution #2014 Accepting Property

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

5. ACCEPTANCE OF: Warranty Deed

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

X. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion of Proposed Medic Lease Agreement - Mark Crews, Camden County Fire Chief

Chief Mark Crews, Camden County Fire Department addressed the Mayor and City Council. Chief Crews stated that he is very passionate about the paramedicine program, however it should not be a burden to the taxpayers the insurance companies should pay for this service.

Chief Crews spoke about the Ambulance/Lease Agreement. Chief Crews stated that there is an increase call need for an additional zone and the County voted for a new ambulance and he will hire six (6) additional staffing; however, it will take six (6) months to receive the new ambulance and Camden County is asking to lease Kingsland's ambulances and the County would be responsible for the insurance and other costs associated with it. Chief Crews stated this would benefit all the citizens in the County.

Councilman Day asked Chief Crews if the city removed the Advanced Life Support equipment from the ambulances to put on the fire equipment for our EMTs' and Paramedics, would that be a deal breaker. Chief Crews stated "No."

Councilman McClain asked Chief Crews to share with the Council some of the information from the Consolidation Study. Chief Crews stated that the recommendation from the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) stated that what made the most sense for EMS was to continue to service under one umbrella.

Councilman McClain asked if given the investment that the city has made, doesn't it make sense to find what it would take to get into paramedicine. Chief Crews stated that he has done extensive research on this and the funding is just not there.

Councilman Minckler stated he was concerned about the impact of the Council vote and questioned why the city would lease equipment that is currently being used.

The Mayor asked for a vote. Councilman Blount made a motion to approve the Lease Agreement. Councilman Day seconded the motion. The motion carried. The vote was: Councilman Blount - yes, Councilman McClain - no, Councilman Minckler - no, Councilman Day - yes, Mayor Smith voted no to break the tie, the motion was defeated.

RESULT:	**DEFEATED [2 TO 2]**
MOVER:	Alex Blount, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Charles Grayson Day Jr, City Councilman
AYES:	Blount, Day Jr
NAYS:	McClain, Minckler

2. Discussion and Approval of MOU Fleet Services Management

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

3. APPROVAL OF: Application for an Alcohol Beverage License for the Sale of Beer, on the Premise Consumption with Food from Cumberland Pizza N Games Located At: 1301 East King Avenue, Georgia 31548

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

4. Easements - Harrietts Bluff Road

Councilman Blount made a motion to approve Lee Easement. Councilman Minckler seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
Councilman Minckler made a motion to approve South Easement. Councilman Day seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
Councilman Minckler made a motion to approve the Williams Easement. Councilman Day seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
Councilman Minckler made a motion to approve the North Easement. Councilman Day seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Approval of - Watershed Protection Plan

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

Councilman McClain stated that it appears to be a well thought out wetlands discussion, however, due to the Clean Water Act it could result in legal taking of people's property. Councilman McClain stated there is also a huge cost to the monitoring of the water.

Mr. Bill Coleman, Director of Department of Public Works addressed the Mayor and Council. Mr. Coleman stated that this plan needs to be approved because it is tied into the permit to treat wastewater in our community. Mr. Coleman stated he will be back before Council on the testing costs.

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

6. BID AWARD: Water Tank Maintenance

Council awarded bid to Tank Pro.

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

7. BID AWARD: Asphalt Resurfacing-Project #1

Bid was awarded to Seaboard Construction.

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

8. Reappointment to the Downtown Development Authority (DDA): Ms. Theresa Farrell - Mayor and Council Appointment

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

9. Notice to TDS

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

Councilman McClain stated he would like to make a motion to give a notice to TDS to avoid automatic renewal in order to look at other options. Councilman Minckler Seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

XI. MAYOR AND COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENT

None

XII. ADJOURNED

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 P.M.

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Kenneth E. Smith, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:

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Linda M. O'Shaughnessy, City Clerk