



City of Kingston
30 West Main St., Kingston, GA 30145
COUNCIL MEETING – CITY HALL
May 4, 2026 – 7:00 p.m.

Councilmembers in Attendance: Mayor Michael McFarland, Mayor Pro Tem Payton Silvers, Councilman Reggie Applin, Councilwoman Patresha Northgraves, Councilwoman Kate Posey (Absent).

Staff in Attendance: Chief TJ Sosebee, Kelly Ensley, City Clerk, Grayson Brown, Treasurer, Officer Mason Ferrel

Attendees: Twelve (12)

The Regular Session Meeting for May 4, 2026 was called to order by Mayor Michael McFarland at 7:00 pm.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance led by Payton Silvers

Presentation—Patresha Northgraves read the Municipal Clerks Week Proclamation

Approval of Minutes

- Patresha Northgraves made a motion to approve meeting minutes March 30, 2026 work session and Council meeting minutes for April 6, 2026. Payton Silvers seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Sign in to Speak

Eric Nord with Custom Disposal spoke regarding garbage service for the city. Stated there is a 5% fuel surcharge on all invoices at the moment. Will be able to supply front-load dumpsters. Will send a new quote.

Agenda

- Payton Silvers made a motion to approve the agenda. Patresha Northgraves seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- DDA Report—no report at this time
- Chief Sosebee presented the Council with Judge Terry Wheeler's resignation of 26 years of service to the City.
- Payton Silvers made a motion to approve Brad Stephens as new Judge. Reggie Applin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- Payton Silvers made a motion to approve Woods Brothers for Women's History roofing contractor. Patresha Northgraves seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- Payton Silvers made a motion to approve Larry Posey as advisor to the City Zoning Administrator/City Clerk. Reggie Applin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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- Patresha Northgraves made a motion to approve loan agreement with Bartow County. Payton Silvers seconded the motion. Motion was carried unanimously.
- Patresha Northgraves made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2019 Chevrolet 3500. Payton Silvers seconded the motion. Motion was carried unanimously.
- Payton Silvers made a motion to approve Faith Baptist Church to help with the painting and clean-up of Concession stand/bathrooms. Reggie Applin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- Patresha Northgraves made a motion to approve hiring of 8 reserve officers. Payton Silvers seconded the motion. Motion was carried unanimously.

Mayor, Council Comments

Patresha Northgraves announced June 24th BBQ & Blues event, wants to honor Judge Wheeler at event. Thursday, May 7th National Day of Prayer in the Park Gazebo at 6:30 p.m., if rained out it will be held at the Methodist Church.

Mayor thanked everyone for the help from the community. Still a lot of work to do.

Adjournment

Payton Silvers made a motion to adjourn meeting at 7:30 pm. Motion was seconded by Patresha Northgraves. Motion was carried unanimously.

Michael McFarland, Mayor

Kelly L. Ensley, City Clerk

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