



CITY OF KINGSTON
30 West Main St., Kingston, GA 30145
COUNCIL MEETING – CITY HALL
June 2, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.

The meeting began at 5:58 p.m. Mayor Elbert Wise leading invocation and pledge. In attendance were council members, Allen Cochran, Kathleen Posey, Payton Silvers, Louise Young-Harris (Absent), Mayor Elbert Wise, Kelly Ensley, City Clerk, Attorney Elliot Noll, and Police Chief TJ Sosebee, Rick Hartley, Accountant. There were seven (7) attendees.

SIGN IN PERMISSION TO SPEAK

Patresha Northgraves asked what the plan was to get the City out of financial trouble?

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Payton Silvers made a motion to amend previous minutes to attach an explanation of why Kate Posey voted no on the Final plat approval for Phase Four of Kingston Park. Kate Posey seconded the motion. Motion was carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Payton Silvers made a motion to approve the agenda. Allen Cochran seconded the motion. Motion was carried unanimously.

DDA UPDATE

Patresha Northgraves spoke about the June 7th BBQ & Bean bags Event cancelled due to lack of competitors. Next Event will be Kingston Police Night out on August 23rd

RICK HARTLEY ACCOUNTANT DISCUSSION

Rick Hartley discussed the City is going through the 2024 Audit at this moment. The City is changing the accounting software from Quick books (not a good fit for government accounting) to Fast fund. Fast fund will be able to show better numbers of budgeted to actual. Will be looking at all fees the City charges and what it costs to run the city. Monthly financial reports will be put on the City website around August 2025.

APPROVAL OF INGERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH BARTOW COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Payton Silvers made a motion to table until the County has reviewed the CSX quit claim deed from 2004 and to put City hall and parking lot into the City's name. Kate Posey seconded the motion. Motion was carried unanimously.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Wise thanked everyone for coming; Rick Hartley for his help and Mrs. Northgraves for her comments and help.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:17 p.m. Payton made a motion to adjourn. Kate Posey seconded the motion. Motion was carried unanimously.

Mayor Elbert “Chuck” Wise, Jr.

Kelly Ensley, City Clerk