



CITY OF KINGSTON
30 West Main St., Kingston, GA 30145
COUNCIL MEETING – CITY HALL
November 10, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.

The meeting began at 6:19 p.m. Louise Young-Harris leading invocation and pledge. In attendance were council members, Kathleen Posey, Payton Silvers, Louise Young-Harris, Mayor Elbert Wise, Kelly Ensley, City Clerk, Attorney Bobby Walker and Chief TJ Sosebee. Absent was Allen Cochran. There were seventeen (17) attendees.

SIGN IN PERMISSION TO SPEAK

None

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Louise Young-Harris made a motion to approve previous minutes. Payton Silvers seconded the motion. Motion was carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Louise Young-Harris made a motion to approve the agenda. Payton Silvers seconded the motion. Motion was carried unanimously.

DDA UPDATE

Charlie Pecchio spoke of the successful Trunk or Treat. Christmas parade on December 5th and a decorating party to decorate the Christmas bush. Event is 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Parade line up at 5:00 p.m. at Michael McFarlands and decorate tree at 5:00 p.m. Keep Matt Fowler in prayers.

AUDIT PRESENTATION FROM CHRISTIAN HATCH

Christian Hatch presented the 2024 Audit to Council with no findings. In 2024 the city was able to pay existing debt. Still need to address lack of revenue.

2026 BUDGET PROPOSAL; FOR REVIEW AND SET BUDGET HEARING

Rick Hartley spoke regarding the 2026 budget. Went over summaries. Stated possible property taxes needs to be collected. Payton Silvers made a recommendation to push the 2026 budget. Attorney Bobby Walker stated they needed to go ahead with the Budget hearing. Mayor Wise announced a work session for 5:00 p.m. for the work session and a motion was made by Payton Silvers to hold the budget hearing on Monday, November 24, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. Seconded by Louise Young-Harris. Motion was carried unanimously.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Wise recognized Veterans in the meeting; there were 3 attending. Payton Silvers asked everyone to remember Allen Cochran. Mayor Wise thanked Auditor, Accountant and the visiting Attorneys for the Public hearing for attending and the presentations.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:53 p.m. Payton made a motion to adjourn. Louise Young-Harris seconded the motion. Motion was carried unanimously.

Mayor Elbert "Chuck" Wise, Jr.

Kelly Ensley, City Clerk