**KINGSTON CITY COUNCIL**

**KINGSTON, GEORGIA**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**April 1, 2019**

The meeting began at 6:05 p.m. in attendance was Mayor Elbert “Chuck” Wise, council members, Payton Silvers, and Louise Howell, Larry Posey, Louise Young-Harris and City attorney Zack Moore. There were 8 attendees.

The meeting began with Mayor Wise leading the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

**SIGN IN PERMISSION TO SPEAK**

Charlie Pecchio spoke regarding the re-establishing the Kingston Downtown Development Authority

Ernestine Young-Jones spoke of the dangers of the retaining pond behind White Columns, its dangers to health and safety.

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Louise Howell made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Louise Young-Harris. Motion was carried unanimously.

**1ST READ ORDINANCE TO RAISE COUNCIL PAY**

Mayor Wise Read the Ordinance of the City Council of Kingston Amending the Charter of the City of Kingston Relating to Compensation and Expenses; Increasing the salaries of the Mayor, Councilmembers, and Mayor Pro Tem.

**USDA UPDATE FROM SWEITZER ENGINEERING-JOHN SWEITZER**

John Sweitzer gave an update on the USDA water and GEFA loans. Requested that council to a contingency approval to start accepting bids when the loans are approved after May 20th. Payton Silvers made a motion to give a contingency approval for bids when all approvals are made. The motion was seconded by Louise Young-Harris. Motion was carried unanimously.

**METROPOLITAN NORTH GEROGIA WATER PLANNING DISTRICT AUDIT – ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED**

Information was given to Council to inform them and the community of needed improvements to the City’s ordinances, restrooms, sewage mapping, etc.

**CLOSED SESSION – DISCUSS PURCHASE OF PROPERTY**

At 6:30 p.m. Payton Silvers made a motion to go into closed session to discuss purchase of property. The motion was seconded by Louise Young-Harris. Motion was carried unanimously. At 6:39 p.m. council re-opened meeting.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Payton Silvers brought up a property owner at 411 and Hardin Bridge Road wanting to be annexed into the City. Suggested we get more police officers part-time. All Council thanked all employees of the City for their continued efforts.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Louise Howell made a motion to adjourn at 6:52 p.m. Payton Silvers seconded the motion. Motion was carried unanimously.

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Mayor Elbert “Chuck” Wise, Jr. City Clerk, Kelly L. Ensley