**KINGSTON CITY COUNCIL**

**KINGSTON, GEORGIA**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 19, 2016**

The meeting began at 6:12 p.m. In attendance was Council members Mike Abernathy, Harold Posey and Louise Howell. There were 7 attendees.

The meeting began with Councilman Mike Abernathy leading the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance followed the invocation.

**SIGN IN PERMISSION TO SPEAK**

None

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Harold Posey made a motion to approve previous minutes. The motion was seconded by Louise Howell. Motion was carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Harold Posey made a motion to approve agenda and add limb pick up and cemetery clean up to agenda. The motion was seconded by Louise Howell. Motion was carried unanimously.

**POLICE REPORTS**

Spoke about the theft and apprehension of “bad eggs” in the city. The certified letters to clean up properties. Needles found from Hall Station Rd to Cochran St. Letters to CSX to clean up the overgrown brush and rails. Purchase of another vehicle for the PD, suggests SUV for replacement. To annex the elementary school into the city, 200 ft. on each side of the road needs to be annexed.

**ELECTION AGREEMENT**

Harold Posey made a motion to approve the Election Agreement to have early voting in the City of Cartersville. The motion was seconded by Louise Howell. Motion was carried unanimously.

**FALL FESTIVAL**

John Warren spoke to council to explain the band and sponsorship to help with cost. Harold Posey suggested we check the budget and put off until we know more of funds. No motion was made at this time.

**PURCHASE OF BAT WING MOWER FOR TRACTOR**

Mike Abernathy made a request to purchase a bat wing mower. Louise Howell made a motion to approve the purchase the Batwing mower. The motion was seconded by Harold Posey. The motion was carried unanimously.

**PAVING/GRAVELING OF SPECIFIC CITY AREAS**

Mike Abernathy presented the possibility of graveling the lot at the ball field/park area, paving the loop at the gazebo, City Hall parking lot and the Cemetery roads using SPLOST dollars. Harold Posey suggested to watch SPLOST cash flow and to put off until next agenda on October 3. Louise Howell made a motion to put off for next agenda. The motion was seconded by Harold Posey. Motion was carried unanimously.

**CITY ORDINANCE TO PLACE HOUSE NUMBER SIGNS AT DRIVEWAYS**

Chief Sosebee presented the need to place house number signs at all driveways within the city for Policing and Fire/Rescue purposes. Harold Posey asked Sara Martin to look into an ordinance to place house number signs in yards and the possibility of selling them at City Hall. Louise Howell made a motion to have a house number sign ordinance. The motion was seconded by Harold Posey. The motion was carried unanimously.

**KINGSTON SCHOOL BATHROOMS/GYMNASIUM ACQUIREMENT**

Mike Abernathy presented the superintendent for the Bartow County School system would give the City of Kingston the old gymnasium if the city would build a bathroom at the new Kingston Elementary School. Approval given to get a price for restrooms and to check the old gymnasium thoroughly before the City spends the money on the bathrooms. Harold Posey made a motion to get the prices. Louise Howell seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

**CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION-PERSONNEL/PROPERTY PURCHASE**

Louise Howell made a motion to go into closed session. Harold Posey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. To closed session 7:45 p.m. – return 8:28 p.m.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Louise Howell made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Harold Posey seconded the motion. Motion was carried unanimously.

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Pro Temp Mayor Michael Abernathy City Clerk, Kelly L. Ensley