**CITY OF KINGSTON**

**30 West Main St., Kingston, GA 30145**

**COUNCIL MEETING – CITY HALL**

**February 1, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.**

The meeting began at 6:02 p.m. in attendance was Mayor Elbert “Chuck” Wise, council members, Payton Silvers, and Louise Howell, Michael McFarland Louise Young-Harris, Chief T.J. Sosebee and Attorney Brandon Bowen. There was 1 attendee.

The meeting began with Louise Young-Harris leading the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

**SIGN IN PERMISSION TO SPEAK**

Charlie Pecchio spoke about DDA projects.

**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 Payton Silvers. Motion was carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL TO ADOPT BUDGET FOR 2021 AND SIGN RESOLUTION**

Michael McFarland made a motion to approve the 2021 budget and sign the resolution. The motion was seconded by Louise Howell. Motion was carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL TO PURCHASE A NEW POLICE VEHICLE**

Payton Silvers made a motion to approve the purchase of the Ford Police Interceptor. The motion was seconded by Michael McFarland. Motion was carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL TO PURCHASE A BACKHOE AND TRACK HOE OF WATER DEPARTMENT**

Payton Silvers made a motion to table until suitable options are available. The motion was seconded by Michael McFarland. Motion was carried unanimously. (It was suggested the DDA help in finding a grant to aid in the purchase of equipment for maintenance.)

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Mayor Wise commented on the importance of being safe and encourage everyone to wear a mask.

Louise Young-Harris read a Bartow County health department report stating there was an increase of 408 cases in the last week and 7 deaths. Bartow County has had the largest number of deaths during the pandemic.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Payton Silvers made a motion to adjourn at 6:35 p.m. Louise Young-Harris seconded the motion. Motion was carried unanimously.

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