**KINGSTON CITY COUNCIL**

**KINGSTON GEORGIA**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**JULY 11, 2016**

The meeting began at 6:04 p.m. In attendance was Mayor Pro Tem Chuck Wise, Council members Harold Posey, Louise Howell, and Mike Abernathy. There were 8 attendees.

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

**SIGN IN PERMISSION TO SPEAK**

Scott Pilcher spoke regarding water pressure on his property at 1343 Kingston Hwy letting Council know his water pressure is better and has not lost any since repair. Thanked Council for the quick response.

Pastor Sanford Lawrence of Set Free Ministries spoke regarding a new addition to their church 16’ x 34’ fellowship hall and office. Chuck Wise made a motion to approve the addition.

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Harold Posey made a motion to approve the agenda as is. The motion was seconded by Mike Abernathy. The motion was carried unanimously.

**WHITE COLUMNS WATER SERVICE LINE**

Brandon Bowen explained when the water line was installed at White Columns; it was installed on neighboring property; Easement approval for property usage to be submitted to City Hall for properties involved.

**CALL FOR SPECIAL ELECTION**

Brandon Bowen spoke regarding Special Election to be set for General Election in November. With qualification period July 25 thru July 27 at 4:30 p.m. and qualification fee. Louise Howell made the motion to set the special election and qualifying fees. The motion was seconded by Mike Abernathy. The motion was carried unanimously.

**WATER DEPOSIT ACCOUNT USAGE**

Accounting firm of Amos, Maney and Payne has asked that the city use the Water Deposit Account to show water deposits made and refunds paid back to customers out of this account. No vote needed on the matter. Approved to go ahead and use.

**SAMPLES TO BE TAKEN THROUGH TOWN**

Chuck Wise spoke regarding Rick Bundy, Water Engineer stated there will be several water samples taken throughout town, requested that the community cut back on our water usage. Chuck Wise authorized a new pump needed for a backup pump at a cost of $500 then also filters that cost and additional $1200. The need for an emergency plan for the city’s water system to help if we have a system failure. Also, was requested for a new test kit at $350.

**USDA PROJECT DELAYED PAYMENT**

John Sweitzer provided two invoices for the Vulnerability Assessment and Emergency Response Plan that was not paid in 2011 by previous mayor Dexter Jones. Brandon Bowen to see if SPLOST will pay for these open bills. No vote made at this time.

**CITY ADMINISTRATOR**

Harold Posey spoke of needing a City Administrator. Someone qualified to work on issues our City has, including a treasurer, to combine city administrator and treasurer. To see what an administrator would or could do for the City of Kingston. Mike Abernathy wants to look at the cost of and change the job description for a City Administrator. Brandon Bowen suggested the GLGA.org website to view part time city administrators. Work session for this matter to be Monday, July 18, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

**FALL FESTIVAL**

Request for proposal (RFP) was presented to the Council to have closed bids for someone to set up and organize the Kingston Fall Festival set for November 5, 2016. Approved, no vote at this time.

**MUTUAL AID AND ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT**

Signatures of Council Members and Pro Temp Mayor to sign and return to Bartow County. Louise Howell made a motion for Mayor Pro Temp to sign. Seconded by Mike Abernathy. The motion carried unanimously.

**CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL ISSUES**

Mike Abernathy made a motion to go into closed session. Louise Howell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. To closed session 7:30 p.m. – return 8:05 p.m.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

New vehicle for the city to be delivered July 14th.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Harold Posey made a motion to adjourn at 8:14 p.m. Mike Abernathy seconded the motion. Motion was carried unanimously.

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Pro Tem Mayor Chuck Wise City Clerk, Kelly L. Ensley