**KINGSTON CITY COUNCIL**

**KINGSTON, GEORGIA**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**MAY 15, 2017**

The meeting began at 6:10 p.m. In attendance was Mayor Elbert “Chuck” Wise, council members Harold Posey, Mike Abernathy, Payton Silvers and Louise Howell. There were 9 attendees.

The meeting began with Councilman Reverend C.E. Wilkey leading the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

**SIGN IN PERMISSION TO SPEAK**

Billy Cline spoke regarding water on Bradley Trail and the increase of home owners’ insurance because of fire hydrant placement.

Trent Lard spoke also on the Bradley Trail water lines and the possibility of adding it to the USDA Grant proposal.

**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**

Payton Silvers made a motion to approve agenda. The motion was seconded by Louise Howell. Motion was carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL TO ADD BRADLEY TRAIL TO THE USDA GRANT PLANS AND LOAN FOR WATER IMPROVEMENTS**

Trent Lard proposed to repair the Bradley Trail water line, City Council needed to approve Sweitzer Engineering to add Bradley Trail to the USDA Grant plans. Payton Silvers made a motion to add Bradley Trail to the USDA Grant plans. The motion was seconded by Mike Abernathy. Motion was carried unanimously.

**CEMETERY PLOT PRICE INCREASE AND IMPROVEMENTS**

Reverend C.E.Wilkey spoke to City Council to add extra lighting for security at night, 3 extra lights, three 8 foot drainage pipes to be placed to prevent falls and provide proper drainage through cemetery. It was also discussed to increase the price of plots $800 for inside city residents and $1000 for outside residents. Payton Silvers made a motion to get the drainage pipes, lighting and increase cemetery plot prices. The motion was seconded by Mike Abernathy. Motion was carried unanimously.

**CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS LAND PURCHASE**

Payton Silvers made a motion to go into closed session to discuss land purchase at 6:55 p.m. Mike Abernathy seconded the motion.

Motion was made by Harold Posey to return to session at 7:13 p.m.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Louise Howell made a motion to adjourn at 7:15 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