**KINGSTON CITY COUNCIL**

**KINGSTON, GEORGIA**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**November 11, 2019**

The meeting began at 6:00 p.m. in attendance was Mayor Chuck Wise, Louise Young-Harris, and Louise Howell, Larry Posey, Payton Silvers, Brandon Bowen City and John Sweitzer. There were 15 attendees.

The meeting began with Payton Silvers leading the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

**SIGN IN PERMISSION TO SPEAK**

Roxie Pritchett spoke to announce her resignation with the Kingston Downtown Development.

Charlie Pecchio spoke regarding of replacing Roxie and Larry Posey beginning January 2020.

Jason Wright spoke regarding improvements to the ballfield and items donated to the City from other businesses.

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**USDA WATER IMPROVEMENT UPDATE-JAMES CAMPBELL**

James Campbell with Sweitzer Engineering spoke of the USDA Water Improvements stating the contractor is one quarter of completion of valve replacement and sleeves. Said the contractor is going at a good pace and is pleased with their progress.

**APPROVAL OF ANNEXATION AND ZONING APPLICATION**

No appeared speak for or against the Zoning application. Payton Silvers made a motion to approve the annexation and zoning application for Shirley Abernathy at 725 Kingston Hwy. 293. The motion was seconded by Louis Young-Harris. Motion was carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL TO SET DATE/TIME FOR BUDGET HEARING**

Payton Silvers made a motion to set November 21, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. for the budget hearing. The motion was seconded by Louise Howell. Motion was carried unanimously.

**DISCUSSION OF WATER SHUT OFF AND HOURS OF RECONNECT 8:30 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.**

It was discussed to inform the citizens that when their water is shut off for non-payment; their water will not be paid until their bill payment has been met and turn on is only through working hours of Monday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. No one should be requesting an employee to turn their water on after working hours.

**DISCUSSION OF EMPLOYEE BONUS**

It was requested from Mayor Wise to give each employee a $100 bonus for Christmas. Payton Silvers stated he saw no problem with the Mayor giving the employees a bonus, it was to his discretion. Mayor stated he wanted to inform Council.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Mayor Wise asked John Sweitzer to speak regarding the pump station on Turner St. 20 psi is health department requirement and the only way to solve the problem on Turner St. is to put a booster-pump station on Turner St. to serve 6 to 10 homes between Turner St., MLK Jr. St., and Ron St.

Larry Posey Spoke regarding “Triple 11 Day” the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month was when the war ended. Several people from Kingston served in the war and he will be doing research on the matter.

Louise Young-Harris Thanked the Veterans and the Women’s History Center for all their work for the Veterans Day Celebration. Also, she thanked Kelly and Paula for keeping up with the City’s Facebook account.

Louise Howell and Mayor Wise Thanked everyone for attending the Council Meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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