**CITY OF KINGSTON**

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

**COUNCIL MEETING – CITY HALL**

**September 4, 2024 – 2:00 p.m.**

The meeting began at 2:13 p.m. In attendance were council members, Louise Young-Harris, Allen Cochran, Mayor Elbert Wise, Payton Silvers, Kelly Ensley, City Clerk, Attorney Elliott Noll, and Police Chief TJ Sosebee, Sargent Johnathon Cordell. There were twenty (20) attendees.

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

**SIGN IN PERMISSION TO SPEAK.**

Patresha Northgraves spoke regarding Audit findings at last months and asked what was the long term plan to not use the Water fund to keep the General fund afloat.

Ben Carter with Evorra Healthcare introduced himself and company regarding the purchase of White Columns to be a Mental health, substance abuse facility.

Jason Flaig Executive Director of Evorra Healthcare introduced himself.

Mark Harris, Mr. Linder’s (White Columns owner) real estate representative

Ben Thurston Representative of Evorra Healthcare introduced himself.

Steve Jordan asked to the Evorra Healthcare, Ben Carter, “when money runs out for the patient, are they released into the city?’ Mr. Carter states they will have transportation and beds open for indigent care.

Jason Wright spoke regarding the financial problems with the City.

Larry May asked if the contractors will be more efficient.

**APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Payton Silvers made a motion to approve the agenda. Louise Young-Harris seconded the motion. Motion was carried unanimously.

**SPEAKER FROM WHITE COLUMNS**

Thomas Linder spoke thanking the City for their support for the last 11 years and recommended the Evorra Healthcare plan for the property.

**APPROVE HEALTH INSURANCE/CHOOSE PLAN**

Louise Young-Harris made a motion to approve the $500 deductible plan for employees. Payton Silvers seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVE DDA MEMBERS**

Louise Young-Harris made a motion to approve the DDA member changes. Payton Silvers seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MAINTENANCE CONTRACTOR/START DATE**

Payton Silvers made a motion to table hiring the contractor, waiting the attorney to check legalities of using City equipment. Louise Young-Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Mayor Wise thanked everyone for coming.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 3:38 p.m. Payton Silvers made a motion to adjourn. Louise Young-Harris seconded the motion. Motion was carried unanimously.

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