



CITY OF KINGSTON
30 West Main St., Kingston, GA 30145
COUNCIL MEETING – CITY HALL
August 4, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.

The meeting began at 6:03 p.m. Louise Young-Harris leading invocation and pledge. In attendance were council members, Allen Cochran, Kathleen Posey, Payton Silvers, Louise Young-Harris, Mayor Elbert Wise, Kelly Ensley, City Clerk, Police Chief TJ Sosebee, Sargent Jonathan Cordell. There were sixteen (16) attendees.

SIGN IN PERMISSION TO SPEAK

Patresha Northgraves asked what the plan was for Kingston and finances for the future?

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Payton Silvers made a motion to approve previous minutes. Kate Posey 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.

DDA UPDATE

Patresha Northgraves spoke about the August 3rd event for the police with Touch a truck, Vendors, Cruse in. Trying to get the kids involved with the police department. Trunk or treat event October 25th and the December 5th Winter festival and parade.

POLICE REPORTS

Chief Sosebee presented Sargent Cordell with a 4 year appreciation/service award. Mason Ferrel was pinned as a new officer. He will be in a 12 week training program with Sargent Cordell. Chief Sosebee requested the Council approve the surplus bid sale of outdated police vehicles; 1 Chevrolet Tahoe, 1 Crown Victoria and 4 Dodge chargers. Louise Young-Harris made a motion to add the approval of the surplus bid sale of the police vehicles to the agenda. Payton Silvers seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE HIRING OF GRAYSON BROWN

Payton Silvers made a motion to approve hiring Grayson Brown. Kate Posey seconded the motion. Motion was carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION FROM JOSEPH KIRK ELECTIONS SUPERVISOR

Joseph Kirk spoke regarding City elections and municipal polling post; at the County's expense. Requested the council to add to agenda and approve Joseph Kirk and Kelly Ensley to publicize a notice 2 weeks before the election to move city elections to Kingston Baptist Church. Kate Posey made a motion to add to the agenda for the notice to move City elections. Payton Silvers seconded the motion. Motion was carried unanimously.

EMPLOYEE INSURANCE RENEWAL

Payton Silvers made a motion to approve the 80/60 500 Insurance plan. Louise Young-Harris seconded the motion. Motion was carried unanimously.

DISCUSS MAINTENANCE BUILDING

Visit shop building within the County and begin getting bids on a new building.

APPROVAL OF POLICE CAR SURPLUS BID SALE

Louise Young-Harris made a motion to approve the surplus bid sale of outdated police vehicles 1 Chevrolet Tahoe, 1 Crown Victoria and 4 Dodge Chargers. Kate Posey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

AUTHORIZE JOSEPH KIRK AND KELLY ENLEY TO PUBLICIZE NOTICE OF CHANGING CITY ELECTION POLLING PLACE TO KINGSTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Payton Silvers made a motion to authorize Joseph Kirk and Kelly Ensley to publicize a notice of changing the City election polling place to Kingston Baptist Church. Louise Young-Harris seconded the motion. Motion was carried unanimously.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Wise thanked everyone for coming also Thanked Mason Ferrel and Sargent Cordell for their service to the City.

Payton Silvers reminded everyone school starts Wednesday, August 6th ; Election qualifying starts August 18th thru 22nd. Qualifying information and forms is on the City website.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:48 p.m. Payton made a motion to adjourn. Louise Young-Harris seconded the motion. Motion was carried unanimously.

Mayor Elbert "Chuck" Wise, Jr.

Kelly Ensley, City Clerk