



CITY OF KINGSTON
30 West Main St., Kingston, GA 30145
WORK SESSION MINUTES – CITY HALL
May 26, 2026 – 7:00 p.m.

Call Meeting to Order: Mayor Michael McFarland called the meeting to order at 6:58 p.m. In attendance were council members, Kathleen Posey, Payton Silvers, Patresha Northgraves, Mayor Michael McFarland, Reggie Applin (absent) Kelly Ensley, City Clerk, Grayson Brown, Treasurer, and Police Chief TJ Sosebee. There were two (2) attendees.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Payton Silvers

Presentation: No presentation

Sign in to Speak: No one signed in to speak

Old Business:

1. Read over meeting minutes for April 27, 2026 work session; no changes
2. Read over meeting minutes for May 4, 2026 Council meeting; no changes
3. Update on Electronic City notification system; Kelly Ensley stated we have downloaded Everbridge, uploaded our city contacts and have a training session with Marcus Warren on Wednesday, May 27th.
4. Update on switching to Ameris for banking; the city will be saving money from bank fees, positive pay and check scanner based on the balances on all accounts. Wire transfers into the accounts will be \$20 per incoming transfer. Ok to change banks

New Business:

5. Maintenance Report-Mayor McFarland updated on the sale of old city equipment and getting the equipment we have working serviced. The City of Cartersville donated a police car to the City. The police Tahoe is in the garage to repair the skip in the motor.
6. Finance committee Report-Charlie Pecchio met with Jarrod Roberts with Bartow County Board of Assessors and calculated and estimated percentage to collect for mileage rate of 5.7% to collect and estimated \$300,000. Homestead exemption will be given to everyone for this year. Has to be voted on at the August 3rd City Council meeting. The public meeting schedule is July 9th at 10:00 a.m.; July 16th at 7:00 p.m.; and July 20th at 5:00 p.m.
7. Report/Update from Community Development-Kevin Cardinal spoke of a 25-acre solar farm on Hwy. 293. Meeting with Lamont Kiser of Bartow County Water department regarding sewage. Improvements on 293 and issues regarding Kingston Park subdivision.
8. Discuss appointing Code Enforcement Officer position-Chief Sosebee announced the Code Enforcement Officer position will change in July. It was suggested we have someone 2 days a month; possibly share with another City or with the County.

9. Discuss Custom Disposal garbage proposal-Payton Silvers asked if they would be willing to do a 3 year contract with the City and have no price increase until after the 3rd year. Also, City clerk to check on the fee for an additional garbage can.
10. Discuss new Water Operator-Jon Holland submitted a proposal to the city to do water testing and EPD reporting of City's water system. It was suggested he do 4 site visits a month.
11. Discuss Annexation of 4 lots on School St.-Kelly Wilkey has requested to have his 4 properties on School St. to be annexed into the city.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Patresha Northgraves asked about 2 Amigos monthly taxes; no payment at this time

Chief Sosebee hired 2 reserve officers

Mayor McFarland gave a parking lot update; it will be completed after the rain.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:47 p.m. meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Michael McFarland

Kelly Ensley, City Clerk