



CITY OF KINGSTON
30 West Main St., Kingston, GA 30145
WORK SESSION MINUTES – CITY HALL
April 27, 2026 – 7:00 p.m.

Call Meeting to Order: Mayor Michael McFarland called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. In attendance were council members, Reggie Applin, Kathleen Posey, Payton Silvers (absent), Patresha Northgraves, Mayor Michael McFarland, Kelly Ensley, City Clerk, Grayson Brown, Treasurer, and Police Chief TJ Sosebee. There were three (3) attendees.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor McFarland

Presentation:

Mayor McFarland read National Day of Prayer Proclamation

Sign in to Speak:

No one signed in to speak

Old Business:

1. Read meeting minutes for March 30, 2026 work session; no changes
2. Read meeting minutes for April 6, 2026 Council meeting; no changes
3. Update on Electronic City notification system – Kelly had left a message with Marcus Warren with no reply. Will e-mail for a response
4. Positive Pay for all checking accounts (Bank request) for fraud prevention; additional charges for monthly checking analysis-possibility of changing banks-was suggested in changing banks (Ameris one suggestion)
5. Discuss Roofing contractor for Women's History Museum-checking the warranty; Woods construction would be the better option.

New Business:

6. Maintenance Report-Mayor hired another part-time employee and will be meeting with maintenance to organize the department. Equipment problems; trying to work on being equipped for night calls with vests and flood lights. Mayor has also located a small dump truck for maintenance. Is still looking to purchase a mini excavator.
7. Finance committee Report-Charlie Pecchio stated the County approved the loan; payments start May 2027 \$2000 monthly. At tax time, the homestead exemption will be granted city wide, all citizens will need to apply for homestead exemption the following year.

8. Report/Update from Kevin Cardinal-Charlie Pecchio spoke that Kevin is meeting with the County code inspections and planning. He met with H2O solutions. Has requested information from Brian Fulmer and partner.
9. Discuss appointing Larry Posey as advisor to the City Zoning Administrator/City Clerk-agreement for Mr. Posey's appointment.
10. Discuss possible purchase of tablets or I-Pads for Council and Office-8 Android Tablets with covers were discussed to be added for Council
11. Discuss Gazebo and concession stand repairs-Pastor Dallas has offered to paint concession stand and clean it up. Gazebo we are trying to wait to get other items taken care of.
12. Discuss Reserve Officers-Police department is wanting to hire 8 reserve officers to work with a full-time officer. They would work 8 hours a week, are mandated in the state of Georgia with GA Post certification. They would do courtroom security, transport, child crimes, public relations assistant and Chaplin

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Patresha Northgraves asked about Patrick Singleton's water certification.

Mayor McFarland spoke of the tree removal at City Hall; they will be replaced in the park with plaques.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:14 p.m. meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Michael McFarland

Kelly Ensley, City Clerk