



CITY OF KINGSTON
30 West Main St., Kingston, GA 30145
WORK SESSION MINUTES – CITY HALL
March 30, 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, Patresha Northgraves, Mayor Michael McFarland, Kelly Ensley, City Clerk, Grayson Brown, Treasurer, Police Chief TJ Sosebee and John Sweitzer. There were seven (7) attendees.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Councilman Payton Silvers lead

Presentation:

No presentation

Sign in to Speak:

Brian Fulmer spoke regarding the zoning of 10 lots from light industrial to residential. Turned in plat in January. Asked if the 10 lots would fall into the 4.2 minor subdivision in the Subdivision and Community development ordinance. Kate Posey stated the 30-day moratorium was in place, and we needed to wait on the attorney to approve the changes in Appendix A. Payton Silvers stated with the subdivision ninety five percent (95%) completed, the city could be sued.

Marty Mulinix with the Kingston Women's History was available regarding the roofing bids.

Old Business:

1. Read meeting minutes for February 23, 2026 work session; no changes
2. Read meeting minutes for March 2, 2026 Council meeting; no changes
3. Update on Electronic City notification system – Payton Silvers will reach out to Marcus Warren; Kelly, City Clerk will get a list of customer phone information from the water and garbage system.
4. Maintenance Report-Mayor and Reggie Applin to meet. Mayor to meet with maintenance workers.
5. Finance committee Report-Charlie Pecchio stated the city needed to revise the 2026 property taxes. Said 2028 would be the earliest to collect property taxes due to needing to go through the legislative process. Kelly explained that the city should not have to do that, the city collected taxes in the past.
6. Discuss Proposal from Kevin Cardinal-proposed to act as the Community Development Director-has an agreement down up where the city will pay him when the city starts making money. The city is to develop a payment structure depending on the city's growth.

7. Discuss changing online, credit card and checking payments to Gov Card through Evolv-a payment system that will accept all types of payments and will cost the customer less. Includes web hosting at a low cost.
8. Discuss positive pay for all checking accounts (Bank request) for fraud prevention-United Community Bank has requested the city place positive pay on all banking accounts to prevent fraud. Kelly to request information from other municipalities on this request and inquire about their banking institution.
9. Discuss City Fees list-presented a list of fees the city charges and can charge for review. Payton Silver requested a change in the cemetery ordinance to prevent non-Kingston residents from purchasing all lots left in the cemetery. Also to include regarding ash remains.
10. Discuss parking lot paving-presented a proposal to repave parking lot, restripe, new cement curb stops, and new handicap parking markings and signs.
11. Discuss Updating Moratorium for water connection from City limits toward Rome on Hwy. 293; with Sweitzer Engineering-John Sweitzer suggested the city to renew the moratorium for Hwy. 293 due to water pressure issues. To possibly renew within 180 days.
12. Discuss Roofing contractor for Women's History Museum-Women' History Museum presented roofing proposals; was suggested to check with David Woods to get an additional quote.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Flagpole update-Mayor McFarland to work with Captain Jared Warren with the Fire Department to get the pole fixed.

Reggie Applin stated downtown needs attention with trimming.

Payton Silvers said ditch next to small gazebo needs to be cleaned out and cut.

Kate Posey announced Decoration Day in the civil war section is April 26th and would like the entire cemetery cut and weeded.

Kate Posey also proposed adding to the agenda for Monday that Larry Posey be an advisor to the City Clerk and Zoning board. To help with training etc.

Mayor McFarland asked to bring up all items in a work session-don't ask to add in the meeting.

Mayor McFarland is also looking to purchase items for maintenance.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:11 p.m. meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Michael McFarland

Kelly Ensley, City Clerk