

Kingston residents outraged after city council votes to fire police chief

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KINGSTON, Okla. (KXII) - At Tuesday's meeting, Kingston residents were outraged after city council members voted to terminate Police Chief Kasey Cox.

"Honestly if I had the answers, I wouldn't have the questions that I do," Cox said. "I don't think this spawns from one incident. I think it starts over a long period of time."

Cox said the rift between him and the council has been there for a while.

"I've been trying to turn this department around for a long time," Cox said. "It's going to take time, and it's going to take several small steps. I feel like I was not granted the necessities and the authority to be able to do my job."

At Tuesday's meeting, the council gave one reason for the termination - insubordination.

Casey said there's only one formal write-up on his record.

"It was stated in a council meeting that it was hearsay because they heard I said I would not use the time clock, that's the reason," Cox said. "With their own system, it shows I did use the time clock."

Mayor Sarah Jones declined News 12's request for comment.

Cox said he's hurt. Not for himself, but for his community.

"That's what's killing me is I believe that they think that they're hurting me," he said. "You're hurting the community that I swore to protect and serve."

Cox said he's still not done fighting for them.

"I have faith that I instilled enough respect and trust into the to the guys that will be staying that they will do that while I'm temporarily gone," Cox said. "Because yes, I will be fighting this."

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