

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Baxley City Council was held on April 26, 2016, at 8:30 a.m., with the following members present: Mayor Steve Rigdon; Mayor Pro Tem Esco Hall, Jr. Councilmembers: Betty Livingston, Mickey Bass, Pat Williams, George Skipper and Tim Varnadore.

Other city officials present were: Jeff Baxley, City Manager; Alex Johnson, City Attorney; Chief of Police James L. Godfrey; Reba Cash, City Clerk and Cristen H. Floyd, Special Events Coordinator.

Steve Simmons representing Baxley News Banner was present.

Mayor Rigdon called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Hall gave the invocation.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion approving the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of April 12, 2016, at 8:30 a.m. This motion was seconded by Councilman Bass and carried unanimously.

Councilman Varnadore made a motion approving the minutes of the Called Council Meeting of April 19, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. This motion was seconded by Councilman Williams and carried unanimously.

Mayor Rigdon turned the presentation portion over to Cristen Floyd. She explained that since GMA is no longer doing the "If I were Mayor" contest, we are locally using different topics for the essays that will be judged on the local level. The theme for this year's essay is to, "Discuss what your favorite attribute of Baxley is and why? What do you believe is Baxley's biggest challenge or problem and how you would work to improve that?" She introduced the following 6th grade students who read their essays, they were as follows: Team 6-1 Leah Kersey & Teacher Haley Black; Team 6-3 Annabell Norris & Teacher Kim Curry; Team 6-2 & Overall Winner Karson Stone & Teacher Sue Hayes. The Overall Winner, Karson Stone, was presented with a \$50 prize. The students, teachers and parents essay luncheon will be held today at City Hall at noon. She reminded the Mayor and Council that we will have our usual "Brain Bowl" and "Mock City Council Meetings," as well as Career Day at the park.

Councilman Bass made a motion approving the Second Reading/Adoption of the Ordinance to rezone property filed by Joseph W. Faircloth, requesting his property located at 803 West Parker Street be rezoned from the current Residential (RM-10) to a Business (B-2) Zone. This motion was seconded by Councilman Varnadore and carried unanimously.

Councilman Varnadore made a motion approving the First Reading of an Ordinance to annexing property owned by Elmer Ampuero and Alicia S. Cerdan, requesting their property located at 571 Patterson Road, be annexed and establishing a Residential (R-20) Zone in voting district #6. This motion was seconded by Councilman Williams and carried unanimously.

Councilman Bass made a motion to approve the low bid from R & A Branch Farms \$16,500.00 for the clearing and grubbing of approximately twelve (12) acres of land fronting Howard Brannen road adjacent to the City's WWTP, contingent upon proof of insurance. Four different bidders responded and their bids are as follows:

Alex Ramirez	\$45,000.00
Price Construction	\$28,365.00
J. W. Oliver Construction	\$25,000.00
R & A Branch Farms	\$16,500.00

This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Livingston and carried unanimously.

City Manager's Reports:

1. April 27, 2016, Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. Joint City County meeting with Republic Representative in the city council chambers regarding the commercial rates for solid waste.
2. May 2, 2016 the floors at the water park should be completed with a non-slip ceramic tile.
3. May 2, 2016 meeting with Elementary schools for Career Day from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
4. May 3, 2016 speaking at the Fine Art Building with all of the 7th grade students at 9:00 a.m.
5. May 3, 2016, meeting with the 8th graders about the upcoming Mock City Council.
6. May 9, 2016, Monday at 6:00 p.m. Public Hearing on J. W. Murray rezoning.
7. May 10, 2016, we will be having the 7th grade Brain Bowl at 10:00 a.m. right after council meeting.
8. May 11, 2016 is the 8th grade Mock City Council which will be in the city council chambers from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
9. Apologized for the spraying that was done on right of way adjoining residential properties. He stated it was done in error and will not happen again. Stated the chemical sprayed is a retardant and should not kill the grass, but rather stunt its growth.

There being no further business, Mayor Rigdon declared the meeting was adjourned.

City Clerk