REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Baxley City Council was held on August 23, 2016, at 8:30 a.m., with the following members present: Mayor Pro Tem Esco Hall, Jr.; Councilmembers: Betty Livingston, Mickey Bass, Pat Williams, George Skipper and Tim Varnadore.

Mayor Steve Rigdon was absent.

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

Steve Simmons representing Baxley News Banner was present.

Greg Hudgins representing Georgia Power Company was present.

Mayor Pro Tem Hall called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Councilman Varnadore gave the invocation.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion approving the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of August 9, 2016, at 8:30 a.m. This motion was seconded by Councilman Varnadore and carried unanimously.

Councilman Bass made a motion approving the Second Reading/Adoption of an Ordinance annexing property filed by David Neil Price, requesting his property located at 58 Heath Street, be annexed and establishing a Residential (R-15) Zone in voting district #3. This motion was seconded by Councilman Varnadore and carried unanimously.

Councilman Varnadore made a motion approving the Second Reading/Adoption of an Ordinance annexing property filed by Arnold Davis, requesting his property located at 1974 Jekyll Road, be annexed and establishing a Business Residential (BR-1) Zone in voting district #3. This motion was seconded by Councilman Bass and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion approving the Second Reading/Adoption of an Ordinance annexing property filed by Laglinda J. Jackson, requesting her property located at 439 MLK Drive, be annexed and establishing a Business Residential (BR-1) Zone in voting district #3. This motion was seconded by Councilman Bass and carried unanimously.

Councilman Williams made a motion approving the application to transfer distilled spirits, beer and wine license from owner Charles Napier to Monica Wilson (new owner) of Package City (A&N, LLC) located at 150 Luckie Street, Suite F. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Livingston and was passed by three to two votes. Those voting in favor: Livingston, Skipper and Williams. Those opposing were Bass and Varnadore.

Councilman Williams made a motion approving the application to sell (Package Beer and Wine) at Jumping Jacks located at 376 West Parker Street owned by Snehal S. Patel (new owner). This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Livingston and was passed by three to two votes. Those voting in favor: Livingston, Skipper and Williams. Those opposing were Bass and Varnadore.

Councilwoman Livington made a motion setting a public hearing date of September 6, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. to hear public comments on the City's Proposed FY2017 Budgets. This motion was seconded by Councilman Varnadore and carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem's Report:

1. Mayor Pro Tem Hall requested Creosote Road be added to the street paving list.
2. Mayor Pro Tem Hall read a thank you letter from City Manager Baxley relating to the death of his mother.
3. Mayor Pro Tem Hall reported that he presented the resolution to the Myles Family Scholarship Fund ceremony held August 20, 2016, and that there were approximately 20 scholarship recipients.
4. Mayor Pro Tem Hall attended a Development Authority meeting.

City Manager's Report:

1. The City of Baxley's Current 2016 Tax Digest and 5 Year History has been advertised in the banner. The millage rate will officially be set at our regular council meeting on September 27, 2016.
2. Announced that in December, Georgia Power will begin replacing the street lights with LED lights, which are smaller but will put off more light.
3. Application for Fire Chief has been advertised in house and that those interested have until Friday at 4:00 p.m. to submit. Replacing Fire Chief Jim Ammons who will retire in September.
4. A Pre-construction meeting is set for Thursday at 11:00 a.m. with Hannah Solar, Greenavations, and the City. Hopefully the notice to proceed will be given.
5. The Farmer's Market construction has begun, and should be completed in 90 days.

There being no further business, Mayor Pro Tem Hall declared the meeting was adjourned.

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City Clerk