

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Baxley City Council was held on August 9, 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; 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 Rigdon called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Councilman Bass gave the invocation.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion approving the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of July 26, 2016, at 8:30 a.m. This motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hall and carried unanimously.

Councilman Varnadore made a motion approving the minutes of the Called Council Meeting of July 26, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. This motion was seconded by Councilman Williams and carried unanimously.

Chief Godfrey introduced Officer Andrew Britton to the Mayor and Council.

Greg Hudgins reported on the upcoming closing of the Georgia Power facility on October 20, 2016. Payments will no longer be collected at their local office. To meet the needs of their customers, they have many options for payment, including many Authorized Payment Locations (APLs) across the state. APLs offer flexible hours, including nights and weekends and the payment post immediately. Local payment options includes, on their website, inside Harveys Supermarket, Walmart, and Country Convenience Store.

Councilman Varnadore made a motion approving the Second Reading/Adoption of an Ordinance annexing property filed by Yvette D. Shipwash requesting her property located at 112 Wanda Road be annexed and establishing a Residential (R-15) Zone in voting district #4. This motion was seconded by Councilman Bass and carried unanimously.

Councilman Bass made a motion approving the First Reading 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.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion approving the First Reading 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 Varnadore and carried unanimously.

Councilman Bass made a motion approving the First Reading 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 Varnadore and carried unanimously.

Councilman Varnadore made a motion to table naming three (3) nominees for the vacant position to present to the Baxley Hospital Board until the next regular council meeting. This motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hall and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion authorizing the Mayor to execute contract with Appling County Tax Commissioner for collection of both delinquent and future city taxes. This motion was seconded by Councilman Bass and carried unanimously.

Councilman Varnadore made a motion to appoint Shirley Taylor to the Housing Authority Board to fill the unexpired term of Dale Spell. This motion was seconded by Councilman Bass and carried unanimously.

Councilman Varnadore made a motion to adopt a resolution that the City of Baxley has no right, title or interest to the right of way of Sunset Drive as depicted by the accompanying plat. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Livingston and carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Hall made a motion instructing attorney Johnson to prepare a Resolution in support of the Myles Scholarship Fund. This motion was seconded by Councilman Bass and carried unanimously.

City Manager Baxley presented the proposed FY2017 General Fund and Water/Sewer Budgets to the Mayor and Council. Mayor Rigdon, with Council approval, recessed the meeting to 5: 00 later that evening in order to have the budget workshop.

City Manager's Report:

1. Update on the Farmer's Market
2. Announced that the request for the license transfer for Package City will be heard at our next meeting. Stated that the legal requirements (advertisements) had been met.
3. Fire Chief Jim Ammons will be retiring in September.
4. City of Blackshear representatives will be coming to discuss our solar array on August 11, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.
5. Reimbursement has been made from our GEFA loan for the clearing of the land.
6. Noted that the BR-1 zone discussed in recent a public hearing was consistent with the surrounding property.
7. City Manager Baxley thanked the Mayor, Council and all City employees for their acts of kindness during the loss of his mother.

Upon reconvening, City Manager and City Clerk presented the General Fund and Water/Sewer budgets in detail, going through them department by department and line item by line item. Several budget line items were slightly changed from what had been presented. Upon the completion of the workshop, the City Manager will compile the changes discussed to advertise this proposed budgets to public for comment in the upcoming public hearing.

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

City Clerk