

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Baxley City Council was held on June 14, 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: Reba Cash, City Clerk; Alex Johnson, City Attorney; James L. Godfrey, Chief of Police and Shane Crosby, Codes Enforcement Officer.

Steve Simmons representing Baxley News Banner was present.

Mayor Rigdon 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 May 24, 2016, at 8:30 a.m. This motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hall and carried unanimously.

Sheriff elect Mark Melton stated he plans to work collectively with the city and county in every capacity, so we're headed in the same direction. He stated, he's glad to be in a place where the city and the county works well together and he thanked the council for their continued support.

Auditor Terry Spivey presented the City's 2015 audit.

Keri Crosby, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce, discussed the Appling Leads which is a nine month adult leadership program developed through a partnership between the Baxley-Appling County Chamber of Commerce and the J. W. Fanning Institute at the University of Georgia. This program targets individuals ages 18 and up who represent all segments of the community, have demonstrated commitment to Appling County and those that have a sincere interest in serving the community as a leader. She stated the application deadline is Friday, July 15, 2016 and they are hoping to receive 12-17 participants.

Councilman Bass made a motion to hold a Called Meeting on July 12, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. for the primary purpose of holding a Public Hearing for 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 Varnadore and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion to re-schedule the regular meeting date of Tuesday, June 28, 2016, to be held on Thursday, June 30, 2016 due to a conflict of the GMA Annual Convention in Savannah. This motion was seconded by Councilman Bass and carried unanimously.

City Manager's Reports:

1. Bids for the Solar Array at the WWTP are due by this Friday. There were five bidders that pre-qualified. Greenavations Power, LLC, as per contract, will be handling the bid.
2. The thirteen acres that we purchased for the Solar Array has been cleared and grubbed, raked and harrowed, as per bid process. The contractor has been paid in full.
3. The Farmer's Market is now being advertised for bids. Deadline is Thursday, June 30th, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. Plans and specs are available at City Hall.
4. The fountain out front has developed a very large leak and is now down for repairs and some revamping. We plan to have the lighting replaced, as well as some of the pumps, that haven't worked in years. Should look nice. We used the sewer-vac truck to clean it, which made it far easier.
5. Some of the recent plantings (periwinkles) downtown have not fared so well and are going to be replaced by the contractor. It seems their failure was due to stress of transplanting, rather than lack of water. Shouldn't cost us anything additional.
6. We recently sent a draft contract to County Attorney Bob Highsmith to review as it pertains to us moving forward with contracting with Tax Commissioner Debra Carter to collect both delinquent and current year City taxes.

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

City Clerk