

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Baxley City Council was held on May 10, 2016, at 8:30 a.m., with the following members present: Mayor Steve Rigdon; Councilmembers: Betty Livingston, Mickey Bass, George Skipper and Tim Varnadore.

Excused absences were: Mayor Pro Tem Esco Hall, Jr and Pat Williams

Other city officials present were: Jeff Baxley, City Manager; Alex Johnson, City Attorney; James L. Godfrey, Chief of Police; Reba Cash, City Clerk and Tyler Beach (FBO) with the Baxley Airport.

Steve Simmons representing Baxley News Banner was present.

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

Councilman Varnadore introduced Mr. Calvin Morris, Youth Minister at Christ Community Church, who read a scripture and gave the invocation.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion approving the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of April 26, 2016, at 8:30 a.m. This motion was seconded by Councilman Bass and carried unanimously.

Mayor Rigdon recognized Tyler Beach, (FBO) with the Baxley Airport, who presented a plaque that designated Baxley as a Preferred Airport. The designation came from the Eagle's Nest Project, which is a high school organization that provide students with a unique experience of constructing aircrafts. These aircrafts are then flown to "Sun- N -Fun" to be displayed. Tyler and his father, Glynn Beach, was commended for the job they do at the airport. Beach reported that there were 175 landings at the local airport during the month of Sun-N-Fun.

Councilman Varnadore made a motion approving the Second Reading / Adoption 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 Bass and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion approving the First Reading of an Ordinance rezoning property filed by J. W. Murray, requesting his property located at 223 Bay Street be rezoned from the current Residential (RM-10) to a Professional (P-1) Zone in voting district #5. This motion was seconded by Councilman Bass and carried unanimously.

Councilman Bass made a motion to approve the 2015 Annual Water Quality Report. This motion was seconded by Councilman Varnadore and carried unanimously. City Manager expressed appreciation to Dale Sapp and Janet Dean for a job well done.

Councilman Varnadore made a motion to approve the errors and omissions in the amount of -\$476.05 and the addition of \$2,214.89 to the tax digest. This motion was seconded by Councilman Bass and carried unanimously.

City Manager's Reports:

1. Government week will continue today, May 10, 2016, with the 7th grade Brain Bowl at 10:00 a.m. and tomorrow, May 11, 2016, is the 8th grade Mock City Council, which will be held in the Council Chambers from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
2. The contract for the WWTP Solar site has been signed and clearing has begun.
3. The bid opening for the installation of the solar array at the WWTP is scheduled for June 17, 2016 with the construction to begin July 14, 2016.
4. The drawing for the Farmer's Market parking lot has been sent and now waiting for a reply.
5. Health insurance renewal is June 1st and because of the increase with Coventry/Aetna, the city will be looking at other options that are less expensive. If necessary, we may have to have a called meeting to discuss at a later date.
6. The tile floor is 95% complete at the water park and is now available for reservations.
7. City Manager met with County Manager Lee Lewis and Randy Dixon of Republic Services to discuss commercial solid waste rates. Baxley explained that we are to trying to get a more uniform and lower rate. He said that Mr. Dixon understands our concerns and is to get back with us in the upcoming week.
8. Will meet with the DOT traffic manager from District 5 at 2:00 p.m. on May 11, 2016 concerning our traffic problems at US 341 and Brobston Street. He stated that DOT had sent a proposed right turn only both at Brobston Street and the exit on the north side of the Courthouse's parking lot.

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

City Clerk