

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Baxley City Council was held on September 13, 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 James L. Godfrey, Chief of Police; and Lynn White, Deputy City Clerk.

Steve Simmons representing Baxley News Banner was present.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Hall gave the invocation.

Councilman Varnadore made a motion approving the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of August 23, 2016, at 8:30 a.m. This motion was seconded by Councilman Bass and carried unanimously.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Hall made a motion adopting a Resolution approving the City of Baxley's FY2017 Budgets. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Livingston and carried unanimously.

### CITY OF BAXLEY'S FY2017 BUDGETS

<b><u>GENERAL FUND</u></b>	
<b>REVENUE</b>	
TAXES	\$2,623,350.00
LICENSES/PERMITS	\$210,200.00
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	\$435,390.00
SALES/SERVICE	\$371,600.00
POLICE COURT	\$110,000.00
MISCELLANEOUS	\$31,140.00
FEDERAL PROGRAMS	\$0
CEMETERY INCOME	\$7,500.00
PRIOR YEAR FUND BALANCE-CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	\$0
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$3,789,180.00</b>
<b><u>EXPENDITURES</u></b>	
GOVERNING BODY	\$115,546.00
CLERK OF COUNCIL	\$67,365.00

MAYOR	\$21,789.00
CITY MANAGER	\$126,702.00
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	\$386,937.00
BETTER HOMETOWN	\$36,100.00
RECORDER'S COURT	\$15,209.00
POLICE DEPARTMENT	\$990,720.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$208,123.00
ANIMAL CONTROL	\$41,683.00
STREET DEPARTMENT	\$1,022,100.00
SANITATION DEPARTMENT	\$371,000.00
PLANNING & ZONING	\$85,111.00
AIRPORT	\$161,795.00
CONTRIBUTIONS	\$14,000.00
CONTINGENCY	\$125,000.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$3,789,180.00</b>
<b><u>UTILITIES</u></b>	
<b>REVENUE</b>	
SALES/SERVICE	\$1,678,300.00
MISCELLANEOUS	\$169,000.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$1,847,300.00</b>
<b><u>EXPENDITURES</u></b>	
SEWER	\$463,226.00
ADMINISTRATIVE	\$98,602.00
WWTP	\$847,394.00
WATER	\$586,502.00
W/S DEBT SERVICE	\$168,336.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>2,164,060.00</b>

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion approving the city manager's recommendation to award the Tollison Street project to Ga Asphalt Producers. Bids were as follows:

- Ga Asphalt Producers           \$ 84, 730.00
- Everett Dykes                   \$132,700.00

This motion was seconded by Councilman Bass and carried unanimously.

Councilman Bass made a motion setting a public hearing date of October 11, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. to hear public comments on the following:

1. An application for annexation filed on the Estate of Montene H. Morris by Lennox M. Morris, co-executor and Kathy M. Deen, co-executor, requesting the property located on Sammy Lane, Scott Drive and Lawanna Drive, be annexed and establishing a Business Residential (BR-1) Zone in voting District #3.
2. An application for zoning amendment filed by Silvia Ramos, located at 679 Simpson Drive from the present Industrial (I-1) Zone to a Residential (R-20) Zone.

This motion was seconded by Councilman Varnadore and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion to approve the errors and omissions in the amount of -\$1,447.27 to the tax digest. This motion was seconded by Councilman Varnadore and carried unanimously.

Councilman Williams made a motion authorizing Mayor Rigdon's execution of a quit claim deed to the County for the Health Department property. This motion was seconded by Councilman Varnadore and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion to approve the recommendation from City Manager concerning the Fire Chief position to appoint Trampis Carter effective September 14, 2016. This motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hall and carried unanimously.

#### Mayor Pro Tem's Report:

1. Mayor Pro Tem Hall reported there is a tenant for the Baxley Bag Building – David Maxwell.

#### City Manager's Report:

1. Thanked City Attorney Johnson for his diligent work on negotiating the warranty language within the Hannah Solar/City of Baxley contract and that the contract should be finalized soon.
2. The Farmer's Market construction has finally begun. Reported that the slab was poured and that the total construction should be completed in 90 days.
3. Thanked all City staff for their excellent work in preparing the 2017 budgets, especially the department heads and CFO. He noted that with the eight employees that primarily worked on the budget, a total of 247 years of experience was shared between them.
4. Shared with Council some of the sales tax projects being considered for the referendum for 2018-2024.
5. Informed the Council on the recent assessment of the divider curtains at the WWTP. Said they were ten years old and would all need to be replaced.

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

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City Clerk