

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Baxley City Council was held on September 27, 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; James L. Godfrey, Chief of Police; Shane Crosby, Codes Enforcement and Trampis Carter, Fire Chief.

Steve Simmons representing Baxley News Banner was present.

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

Councilman Varnadore gave the invocation.

Councilman Bass made a motion approving the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of September 13, 2016, at 8:30 a.m. This motion was seconded by Councilman Varnadore and carried unanimously.

DeAnna Rudd, Executive Director of the Baxley Housing Authority gave a financial report for the Housing Authority. She also presented the Mayor with a check for the city in the amount of \$23,211.05 in lieu of taxes.

Councilman Varnadore made a motion approving the Resolution to James S. Ammons for 29 years of service to the City of Baxley's Fire Department. This motion was seconded by Councilman Bass and carried unanimously. City Manager Baxley, Mayor and Councilmembers made comments congratulating Jim on his retirement and his 29 years of service.

Councilman Bass made a motion adopting a Resolution setting the City's 2016 Millage Rate at 5.8. This motion was seconded by Councilman Varnadore and carried unanimously.

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the City of Baxley has adopted a budget for the coming year; and

**WHEREAS**, it is incumbent upon the Mayor and Council to establish a 2016 Ad Valorem Rate.

**BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that 2016 taxable property within the corporate limits of the City of Baxley be levied upon a rate of \$ 5.8 per \$ 1,000.00 being a tax rate of 5.8 mills for general operation and maintenance of the City. The millage rate would have been 24.638 mills \$ 24.64 per \$1,000.00 for taxable property but for local option sales tax revenues and millage reduction, which allows for a rollback of 18.835 mills local option sales tax.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the taxing authority of the City of Baxley shall levy and collect property taxes as aforesaid.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion adopting the Resolution approving the City of Baxley's Amended FY2016 General Fund and Water/Sewer Revenue Fund Budgets. This motion was seconded by Councilman Varnadore and carried unanimously. Resolution as follows:

<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>APPROVED FY2016 BUDGET</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS BUDGET</b>	<b>AMENDED FY2016 BUDGETS</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>	\$3,864,188.00	-\$36,303.00	\$3,827,885.00
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
Governing Body	\$121,400.00	-\$2,000.00	\$119,400.00
Clerk of Council	\$85,472.00	-\$27,590.00	\$57,882.00
Mayor	\$29,810.00	-\$1,034.00	\$28,776.00
City Manager	\$132,975.00	+\$520.00	\$133,495.00
Financial Administration	\$433,572.00	-\$93,872.00	\$339,700.00
Special Events	\$35,900.00	0	\$35,900.00
Recorder's Court/Judge	\$14,787.00	-\$500.00	\$14,287.00
Police Department	\$1,053,657.00	-\$69,468.00	\$984,189.00
Fire Department	\$209,018.00	-\$2,815.00	\$206,203.00
Animal Control	\$42,723.00	-\$19,719.00	\$23,004.00
Street Department	\$949,800.00	+\$34,900.00	\$984,700.00
Sanitation Department	\$325,000.00	+\$41,500.00	\$366,500.00
Planning & Zoning	\$85,710.00	-\$10,721.00	\$74,989.00
Airport	\$205,864.00	-\$13,104.00	\$192,760.00
Contributions	\$13,500.00	+\$252,600.00	\$266,100.00
Contingency	\$125,000.00		0
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$3,864,188.00</b>	<b>-\$36,303.00</b>	<b>3,827,885.00</b>

<b>WATER/SEWER REVENUE</b>	<b>APPROVED FY2016 BUDGET</b>	<b>AMENDEMENTS BUDGET</b>	<b>AMENDED FY2016 BUDGETS</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>	\$ 1,778,450.00	+\$108,400.00	\$1,886,850.00
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			

Sewer	\$ 457,399.00	+\$22,964.00	\$480,363.00
Administrative	\$ 89,574.00	+\$6,877.00	\$96,451.00
WWTP	\$ 992,285.00	+\$81,557.00	\$1,073,842.00
Water	\$ 587,417.00	+\$2,000.00	\$589,417.00
W/S Debt Service	\$ 168,336.00	0	\$168,336.00
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 2,295,011.00</b>	<b>+\$113,398.00</b>	<b>\$2,408,409.00</b>

Councilman Bass made a motion adopting a Resolution modifying the WWTP solar facility financing with GEFA. This motion was seconded by Councilman Varnadore and carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem's Report:

1. Mayor Pro Tem Hall reported he attended a ground breaking ceremony for the new Senior Center located at the corner of East Allen Street and Jr High Drive.

City Manager's Report:

1. Informed the Council on the upcoming Planning Retreat at Jekyll in October.
2. City Manager received a petition with ten signatures to install speed bumps on Ivey Street.
3. City administration has recently participated in a demonstration with our current vendor for a software upgrade for City Hall. Hopes to have a recommendation to the Council by late October.
4. The Farmer's Market construction is moving right along. The building will be dried in by the end of this week. The Tourism Board is supporting the Farmer's Market and working on providing some of the technology needs.

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

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City Clerk