

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Baxley City Council was held on April 12, 2017, at 8:30 a.m., with the following members present: Mayor Steve Rigdon; Mayor Pro Tem Esco Hall, Jr. Councilmembers: Betty Livingston, Pat Williams, George Skipper and Tim Varnadore.

Councilman Mickey Bass was absent.

Other city officials present were: Jeff Baxley, City Manager; Reba Cash, City Clerk; Alex Johnson, City Attorney, and Chief of Police James L. Godfrey.

Steve Simmons representing Baxley News Banner was present.

Mayor Rigdon called the regular council meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Councilwoman Livingston gave the invocation.

Councilman Varnadore made a motion approving the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of March 22, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. This motion was seconded by Councilman Williams and carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Hall made a motion approving the First Reading of an Ordinance annexation petition filed by Sandra Morris, located at 1247 and 1283 Golden Isles West, be annexed and establishing a Business (B-2) Zone in voting district #6. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Livingston and carried unanimously.

Councilman Varnadore made a motion setting two public hearing date for Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. on applications for:

1. An annexation filed by Kenneth and Sue Bass, located at 1873 Blackshear Highway, be annexed and establishing a Residential (R-15) Zone in voting district #3.
2. A rezoning filed by Francisco Segura, requesting the property located at 96 West Weaver Street, be rezoned from the current Residential (RM-10) Zone to a Business (B-2) Zone in voting district 1.

This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Livingston and carried unanimously.

The following three names were submitted for the Hospital Board vacancy, as follows:

Jesse Alderman – nominated by Tim Varnadore  
Carrol Banton – nominated by Dr. Esco Hall, Jr.  
Reginald Fedrick – nominated by George Skipper

Mayor Pro Tem Hall made a motion that these names be submitted to the Hospital Board. This motion was seconded by Councilman Varnadore and carried unanimously.

### Council Member's Report

1. Councilman Varnadore thanked the Council for all of their prayers during his recent illness.
2. Councilman Varnadore, Councilwoman Livingston and Mayor Pro Tem Hall expressed their appreciation for the Crime Victim Awareness ceremony last night and noted that it went very well.

### City Manager's Report

1. Manager Baxley informed the Council that our health plan renews on June 1<sup>st</sup> with the possibility of a 15% increase. In order to get accurate repricing from competing carriers each employee is asked again to update the details of their health assessment.
2. Manager Baxley informed the Council the he met with a company that does grease trap inspections and said this could be a much needed service to the city. He stated that grease in our sewer system is a tremendous problem that needs to be addressed.
3. Manager Baxley informed the Council that we have renewed the General Liability and Workers Compensation Insurance and in both cases the premiums were less.
4. The Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday morning, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at the Water Works Park.
5. Manager Baxley informed the Council that the Fair Street updates can be found on the City's website and everything is going as planned.

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

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City Clerk