

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Baxley City Council was held on March 22, 2017, 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, David Gore, Street Supervisor and Chief of Police James L. Godfrey.

Greg Hudgins representing Georgia Power Company was present.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Hall gave the invocation.

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

Pam Williams, Appling County Educator, along with three students (Aurora Taylor, Jessica Donate, and Maria Garcia) who were members of the Junior Statesman, were recognized. Ms. Williams explained the function of the Junior Statesman and how they had visited several organizational and governmental entities' meetings to better understand what they do and the needed leadership skills to do it.

Chief Godfrey introduced newly hired Officer Nicholas Williamson

Councilman Varnadore made a motion to setting a public hearing date of April 11, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. to hear public comments on a petition for annexation 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 Councilman Bass and carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Hall made a motion for City Manager Baxley to proceed with the necessary steps of making the intersection of Copeland Street and Tippins Street a four way stop. This motion was seconded by Councilman Livingston and carried unanimously.

City Manager Baxley inform the council that the following have agreed to serve an additional three year term as members of the Hospital Board; Graham Floyd, Jesse Alderman and Jeffrey Simmons, two of which are City appointees. He stated that if the City resubmitted these two names for consideration, that two additional names per position would need to be submitted as well.

Council Member's Report

1. Mayor Pro Tem Hall attended the NLC in Washington D.C. and all went well.

City Manager's Report

1. Manager Baxley thanked the Mayor and Council for attending the Fair Street informational meeting showing their support. The purpose of the meeting was to hopefully answer questions the citizens had concerning this project. Civil engineers Carl Hofstadter and John Fry, as well as representatives from Sikes Bros.(contractor) attended the meeting. The attendance was great and the process was explained step by step.
2. Manager Baxley stated that the SPLOST referendum passed with 81% of the votes. He stated its passage was critical to the City.
3. Manager Baxley thanked Keri Crosby, Chamber Director, David Gore, Street Supervisor and James Godfrey, Police Chief for their work during the Baxley Tree Trek Run.

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

City Clerk