

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Baxley City Council was held on May 10, 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, George Skipper and Tim Varnadore.

Councilman Pat Williams was absent.

Other city officials present were: Jeff Baxley, City Manager; Reba Cash, City Clerk; Alex Johnson, City Attorney; Janet Dean, Public Works Secretary, 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.

Mayor Pro Tem Hall gave the invocation.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion approving the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of April 26, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. This motion was seconded by Councilman Bass and carried unanimously.

Keri Crosby, Executive Director of the Appling County Chamber of Commerce, introduced the following 6th grade students from ACMS, who read their "If I Were Mayor" Essays, they were as follows: Breia Janey Deloach, Whitney Beecher, and Moranda Patel.

Councilman Varnadore made a motion approving the First Reading of an Ordinance annexing property filed by Kenneth and Sue Bass, located at 1873 Blackshear Highway, be annexed and establishing a Residential (R-15) Zone in voting district #3. This motion was seconded by Councilman Bass and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion setting a public hearing date of June 6, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. to hear public comments on a petition for annexation filed by Dora Ogden Mann, located at 267 Russell Road, be annexed and establishing a Business Residential (BR-1) Zone in voting district #3. This motion was seconded by Councilman Varnadore and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion approving the 2016 Annual Water Quality Report, as presented. This motion was seconded by Councilman Varnadore and carried unanimously.

Councilman Bass made a motion to approve one new water/sewer discount application submitted by Willie M. Simmons. This motion was seconded by Councilman Varnadore and carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Hall made a motion to nominate Alberta King for the Appling County Library Board to replace Carol Edgy. This motion was seconded by Councilman Varnadore and carried unanimously.

Councilman Bass made a motion to amend the General Fund Budget to authorize the purchase of a push camera in the street department in the amount of \$14,470.00. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Livingston and carried unanimously.

City Manager's Report

1. Manager Baxley informed the Council that the Brain Bowl is tomorrow, May 11th at 10:00 a.m. if anyone would like to come.
2. Mock City Council meeting went well; there were three groups that participated, each group had the same agenda with great responses. Manager Baxley thanked the Board of Education, Dr. Campbell and Assistant Principal Hayes and the School Staff for their assistance with the Government Week.
3. Manager Baxley informed the Council that we need to review our policy concerning utility extension. Requesting service beyond our limits. Our existing policy works well in some situation but not in others. In the upcoming weeks he hopes to provide a draft policy for consideration.
4. We are in the process of closing out the solar array project at the WWTP.
5. Manager Baxley thanked Keri Crosby for coordinating Government Week.

Mayor's Report

1. Reminded the Council of the Peace Officers Memorial Day, Thursday, May 18, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.
2. Thanked everyone that came out and supported the Mayor's Day Prayer Breakfast.

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

City Clerk