

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Baxley City Council was held on October 11, 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, Mickey Bass, and Tim Varnadore.

Councilman George Skipper was absent due to being hospitalized and was excused by the Mayor.

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

Councilman Elect Adam Thomas was present.

Steve Simmons representing Baxley News Banner was present.

Rusty Lovett representing Hofstader and Association was present.

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

Councilman Varnadore gave the invocation.

Councilman Varnadore made a motion approving the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of September 27, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. This motion was seconded by Councilman Bass and carried unanimously.

City Manager gave a quick introduction of Supervisor Rusty Lovett with Hofstader and Associates who gave an update on the Fair Street project. Sikes Brothers are continuing to progress through the construction of the new and improved Fair Street. They have encounter a few obstacles with the recent storm that caused some delay, but Sikes have increased their manpower to get back on schedule. On occasion the water system had to be cut off from time to time as new connections are made. The sewer system is approximately 75% complete. Mr. Lovett stated that by November 1st the construction will begin to take shape with new sidewalks and curb and gutter. Lastly, he commended the residents on Fair St. for their continued patience and understanding. Manager Baxley informed the Mayor and Council that updates can be found on the City of Baxley's website.

Councilman Varnadore made a motion approving the First Reading of an Ordinance annexing property filed by NJO Investments LLC, Jordan and Natalie Orvin, located at 69 Peach Lane, be annexed and establishing a Residential (R-12) Zone in voting district #5. This motion was seconded by Councilman Bass and carried unanimously.

Councilman Bass made a motion to reappoint Wm. Terry Turner to the Housing Authority Board, term 10/20/17 – 10/19/21. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Livingston and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion approving the purchase of one new patrol units. After reviewing the bids, Chief of Police James Godfrey, recommended that we purchase (1) Dodge Charger from Woody Folsom Auto Group of Baxley, for the bid price of \$21,435.00. Buying local requires no additional delivery charges and the servicing of the car will be more convenient. Councilwoman Livingston made a motion to accept the Chief's recommendation to purchase one new Dodge Charger from Woody Folsom Auto Group for \$21,435. Her motion was seconded by Councilman Varnadore, and carried unanimously.

Bids on the 2018 police unit received were as follows:

Woody Folsom Auto-Group: Baxley	2018 Dodge Charger V-6	\$21,435.00
Ginn Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge:Covington	2018 Dodge Charger V-6	\$20,457.00
Akins Ford-Dodge Sales: Winder GA (State Contract)	2018 Dodge Charger V-6	\$22,351.90
AllanVirgil Ford: Morrow, GA (State Contract)	2018 Ford Interceptor V-6	\$22,856.00
	2018 Ford Interceptor/suv V-6	\$25,679.00

Councilman Bass made a motion approving a contract with Hannah Solar for the maintenance and monitoring of the array at City Hall at a cost of \$1,500.00 annually. This motion was seconded by Councilman Varnadore and carried unanimously.

City Manager's Report

1. Manager Baxley reported that he and David Gore met this past Friday with Republic Services representatives, including Randy Dixon, with continued concerns about some inconsistencies with the garbage pickup and our expectations in them being corrected.
2. Manager Baxley reported that the city has purchased 600 used 90 gallon trash containers and the City of Baxley emblems have been ordered.
3. Manager Baxley informed the Mayor and Council that the recently approved rate increase for water and sewer services will be implemented in October's (this month's) billing.
4. Manager Baxley reminded the Council of the upcoming Planning Retreat at Jekyll Island to be held on October 26th.
5. Manager Baxley stated the limb and leaves pickup is going well and that we have, for the most part, completed our initial route around the City and will now concentrate on some of the debris that's on the ROW, but not in front of anyone's home or business.

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

City Clerk