REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Baxley City Council was held on December 13, 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, and Tim Varnadore.

Absent: Councilmember George Skipper.

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

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

Mayor Pro Tem Hall gave the invocation.

Special recognition went out to the Baxley Wastewater Treatment plant employees for an outstanding annual inspection from the Environmental Protection Division. Last week, during their inspection there were no findings and the report concludes that the plant operators are doing a great job in maintaining the facility. The inspected stated that it was one of the best operated plants she had visited. Also, Cristen Floyd, Special Events Coordinator and Keri Crosby, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce and members from the Police, Fire and Public Works Departments were present and were recognized for their hard work during the Winter Wonderland and Christmas in the Park. It was noted that Winter Wonderland may have been the best ever.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion approving the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of November 22, 2016, at 8:30 a.m. This motion was seconded by Councilman Bass and carried unanimously.

Councilman Bass made a motion approving the Second Reading to adopt an ordinance changing the date of meetings of the Mayor and Council to be held on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 8:30 AM. This motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hall and carried unanimously.

Councilman Varnadore made a motion setting a public hearing date for Tuesday, January 10th, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. on an application for rezoning amendment, filed by Harold L. Whitaker and Suzanne W. Deal, requesting the property located at 340 South Main Street, be rezoned from the current Professional (P-1) Zone to a Business (B-2) zone in voting district #5.

Mayor Pro Tem Hall made a motion to approve and authorize Jeff Baxley, City Manager, to sign the services agreement for the City's share with the Heart of Georgia Regional Commission relating to updating the Solid Waste and Comprehensive Plans. This motion was seconded by Councilman Bass and carried unanimously.

Councilman Varnadore made a motion to change the next regular council meeting from Tuesday, December 27, 2016 to Wednesday, December 28, 2016, at 8:30 AM, due to the Christmas holidays. This motion was seconded by Councilman Williams and carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Hall made a motion to hold a closed session at the end of the meeting to discuss personnel and potential litigation. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Livingston and carried unanimously.

City Manager's Report:

- 1. Informed the Mayor and Council of the reception honoring Judge E. M. Wilkes and Karen Lay this Friday, December 16, 2016, at the Jeff Davis County Courthouse.
- 2. Informed the Mayor and Council of an invitation to the swearing in of Sheriff Elect Mark Melton today Tuesday, December 13, 2016, at the Appling County Courthouse Annex.
- 3. Reminded everyone that our Employee Christmas luncheon will be held at the First Baptist Church fellowship hall on Friday, December 23, 2016, at 12 noon.
- 4. Tollison Street (LMIG) project, including resurfacing and widening, has been completed with the exception of stripping.
- 5. Reminded everyone that we will observe our Christmas holidays on Monday & Tuesday, December 26 & 27, 2016.

Mayor Pro Tem Hall presided over the balance of the meeting due to Mayor Rigdon having to leave early. Mayor Pro Tem Hall recessed the regular meeting for the closed session.

Upon completion of the closed session, Mayor Pro Tem Hall reconvened the regular meeting with no action being taken.

There being no further business, Mayor Pro Tem Hall declared the meeting adjourned.

City Clerk	