

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Baxley City Council was held on November 22, 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, George Skipper and Tim Varnadore.

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

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

Councilman Bass gave the invocation.

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

Councilman Bass made a motion approving the purchase of three patrol units. One unit is to replace the one involved in a wreck and was totaled and the other two units were budgeted for replacement. The bids received were as follows:

Woody Folsom Ford	2017 Ford Interceptor	\$22,840.00
Woody Folsom Dodge	2017 Dodge Charger	\$22,947.00
Brannen Motor Company	2016 Ford Interceptor	\$23,615.00
Hinesville Ford	2016 Ford Interceptor	\$24,100.00
Hardy Chevrolet	2017 Chev Caprice	\$26,245.00

After reviewing the bids, Chief of Police James Godfrey, recommended that we purchase (1) Ford Interceptor from Woody Folsom Ford for the price of \$22,840.00 to replace the wrecked unit. He also recommended that we purchase (2) Dodge Chargers as replacements from Woody Folsom Dodge for the bid price of \$22,947.00 each. This motion was seconded by Councilman Varnadore to accept the bid recommendation from Chief Godfrey and carried unanimously.

Councilman Varnadore made a motion to hold a closed session at the end of the meeting to discuss potential litigation concerning personnel. This motion was seconded by Councilman Williams and carried unanimously.

Councilman Bass made a motion approving the First 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 Councilman Bass and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion to approve and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the GEFA loan modification agreement changing the completion date to September 1, 2017. This motion was seconded by Councilman Bass and carried unanimously.

Council's Report:

1. Mayor Pro Tem Hall attended a NLC summit in Pittsburg.

City Manager's Report:

1. City Manager Baxley reported he had researched several cities' animal control ordinances and discovered that a lot of them were pretty much like ours. He did site several did not allow tethering as a means of containment, as well as didn't recognize any type of electronic devices (invisible fences) as being legal containment either. He said definitions greatly varied relating to livestock and permitted animals ranging from potbellied pigs, chickens or laying hens, horses, etc. Stated that some allowed chickens, but prohibited roosters. Said he would continue reviewing ordinances and may have some recommendations and/or options for consideration at a later date.
2. Reminded that the Tollison Street (LMIG) project, including resurfacing and widening, to begin on Monday, November 28, 2016.
3. Informed the Mayor/Council that the new Department of Labor laws regarding overtime rules (salaried employees) had been addressed with all affected employees and that provisions have been put in place to remain compliant.
4. Remind everyone we will be closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday & Friday, November 24 & 25, 2016.
5. Reminded everyone about Christmas in the Park on Wednesday, November 30, 2016.
6. Reminded everyone about Winter Wonderland on Saturday, December 3, 2016.
7. 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.
8. Reminded everyone that we will observe our Christmas holidays on Monday & Tuesday, December 26 & 27, 2016.
9. The rezoning request for 679 Simpson Drive that had been tabled a couple of times needs to remain that way until we hear from the petitioner. He stated that if we do not hear something soon, we could make a decision one way or the other.

Mayor Rigdon recessed the regular meeting and called the Closed Session to order.

Mayor Rigdon reconvened the regular meeting with no action being taken.

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

City Clerk