

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Baxley City Council was held on November 8, 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; Lt. John Jones, Police; and Shane Crosby, Codes Enforcement.

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

Councilman Varnadore gave the invocation.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion approving the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of October 25, 2016, at 8:30 a.m. This motion was seconded by Councilman Varnadore and carried unanimously.

Carl Hofstadter, the City's Civil Engineer, came before the council thanking them for their business over the years, and stated he is pleased with the success of his local office here in Baxley. He reported the plans are complete for the Fair Street project. This will be a large very tedious project with a lot of disturbance. For example, one of the thing is keeping the Hospital route open. This project will come with some inconvenience to the citizens. Bids should be ready to go out by the first of the year, giving the contractor time to get their spring work lined up. City Manager Baxley stated we will try to have two public hearings to provide information and answer any questions or comments from the public prior to beginning construction.

Councilman Bass made a motion approving the Second Reading/Adoption of an Ordinance annexing property filed on the Estate of Montene H. Morris by Lennox M. Morris, co-executor and Kathy M. Deen, co-executor, requesting the property located on Sammy Lane, Scott Drive and Lawanna Drive, be annexed and establishing a Business Residential (BR-1) Zone in voting district #3. This motion was seconded by Councilman Varnadore and carried unanimously.

Due to additional information needed from the petitioner, Councilman Varnadore made a motion to table this First Reading of an Ordinance rezoning property filed by Silvia Ramos, located at 679 Simpson Drive from the present Industrial (I-1) Zone to a Residential (R-20) Zone in voting district #1 to the next Regular Council Meeting in November. This motion was seconded by Councilman Bass and carried unanimously.

Councilman Bass made a motion to hold a closed session at the end of the meeting to discuss potential acquisition of real estate. This motion was seconded by Councilman Varnadore and carried unanimously.

Councilman Varnadore made a motion to reappoint Shirley Taylor to the Housing Authority Board for the five year term 10/21/2016 – 10/20/2021. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Livingston and carried unanimously.

Council's Report:

1. Mayor Pro Tem Hall attended a CSI meeting.

2. Mayor Pro Tem Hall announced he attended a Development Authority meeting.

City Manager's Report:

1. The Animal Control ordinance is in dire need of updating. A copy of the ordinance was provided for the council to be looking over. In the meantime, the City Manager will be looking at other City's ordinances for possible recommendations.
2. The Tollison Street (LMIG) project is scheduled to begin on November 28. There will be a detour route advertised for two weeks prior to construction and signs placed accordingly.
3. The City purchased a trencher from Ditch Witch. After seeing a demo, it was decided that a larger one was needed which is usually in the upper \$90,000.00 range. We found a larger trencher with low hours and a new hoe attachment for \$41,000.00 a savings of \$22,000.00 dollars from the \$68,000.00 budgeted, and a \$49,000.00 savings from that same machine new.
4. The Farmer's Market is complete, the inspection by USDA have been done and the contractor have been paid in full.

Mayor Pro Tem Hall recessed the regular meeting and called the Closed Session to order.

Mayor Pro Tem Hall reconvened the regular meeting back to order.

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

City Clerk