

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Baxley City Council was held on January 26, 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, 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.

Councilwoman Livingston gave the invocation.

Councilman Bass made a motion approving the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of January 12, 2016, at 8:30 a.m. This motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hall and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion approving the Called Council Meeting of January 12, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. This motion was seconded by Councilman Varnadore and carried unanimously.

Two newly hired police officers were introduced: Justin Gray and Stuart Boyer

Councilman Bass made a motion approving the first reading of an Ordinance annexing property filed by Juan J. Diaz as owner and Tobias Montano as tenant under contract to purchase, located at 770 Harry Street establishing a Business Residential (BR-1) Zone in voting district #4. This motion was seconded by Councilman Varnadore and carried unanimously.

Councilman Varnadore made a motion approving the first reading of an Ordinance to rezone property owned by Joel Gregory Herrin located at 549 Tippins Street from the present Residential (RM-10) to a Business (B-2) Zone. This motion was seconded by Livingston and carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Hall approved the application to sell (Distilled Spirits for Consumption on Premises only) at Dick's Wings & Grill located at 895 South Main Street owned by Robert Wiggins, Jr. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Livingston and was passed by four to two votes. Those voting in favor: Hall, Livingston, Skipper and Williams. Those opposing were Bass and Varnadore.

Councilwoman Livingston approved the application to sell (Package Beer and Wine) at Flash Foods, LLC located at 601 South Main Street owned by Stephen J. Lattig (new owner). This motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hall and was passed by four to two votes. Those voting in favor: Hall, Livingston, Skipper and Williams. Those opposing were Bass and Varnadore.

### Council Report

1. Mayor Pro Tem Hall requested that City Attorney prepare an ordinance to regulate certain requirements for clearing land for development purposes.
2. Mayor Pro Tem Hall reported on his recent Development Authority meeting that all went well and they may have a possible prospect.

### City Manager's Report

1. Reported that we have closed on land needed for solar array at the WWTP. There were a total of 13.825 acres at \$5,000 per acre equaling \$69,125.00. With all related closing cost, total was \$70,510.84.

2. Discussed project on East side of Brobston Street. We are now ready for Alex to prepare the deeds. Project estimated at \$140,000 which can be funded a variety of ways.
3. Discussed possibly putting up "Right Turn Only" sign at Dean/341, as well as a few other streets to help eliminate traffic accidents and improve the flow of traffic. Also, discuss increasing fines for violators at these intersection.
4. The City still has an issue at the corner of Simmons and Jones Streets where a shrub needs to be cut back or removed. We have offered to do the removal. The City attorney has a letter ready to send to the owner to explain the liability involved.
5. Reminded everyone of The Chamber Banquet tonight at the Baxley Church of God. It starts at 6:00 p.m. with a reception hosted by AT&T. The Banquet starts at 7:00 p.m.

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