

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Baxley City Council was held on May 24, 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.

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.

Greg Hudgins representing Georgia Power Company was present.

Paul Smith representing Edward D. Jones & Co., L.P. was present.

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

Councilman Bass gave the invocation.

Councilman Varnadore made a motion approving the minutes of the Called Council Meeting of May 9, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. This motion was seconded by Councilman Williams and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion approving the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of May 10, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. This motion was seconded by Councilman Bass and carried unanimously.

Chief Godfrey introduced newly hired Officer Kyle Wynn.

Councilman Varnadore made a motion approving the Second Reading/Adoption of an Ordinance annexing property filed by Kenneth and Sue Bass, located at 1873 Blackshear Highway, be annexed and establishing a Residential (R-15) Zone in voting district #3. This motion was seconded by Councilman Bass and carried unanimously.

Council Member's Report

1. Councilman Varnadore, Mayor Pro Tem Hall, and Mayor Rigdon commended Chief Godfrey for doing a good job with the Peace Officers Memorial Ceremony.

City Manager's Report

1. Manager Baxley reported that we had not received any reported damages from the high winds and heavy rainfall from the night before. Greg Hudgins, with Ga. Power, noted that they were fortunate as well
2. Manager Baxley stated, that in regard to the utility extension policy, that the City should never receive less than what the normal water/sewer tap and impact fees would have been if the services had been readily available.

3. He also commended Chief Godfrey and Sheriff Melton for their hard work in organizing the Peace Officers Memorial Ceremony.
4. Reminded everyone that June is almost here and we will soon begin the budget process as well as commented on the costs of a new dump truck and options we may have with the purchase of a new backhoe.
5. Congratulated Reba Cash on becoming a certified city clerk.

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

City Clerk