

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Baxley City Council was held on February 23, 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, George Skipper and Tim Varnadore.

Councilmember Pat Williams was absent.

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

Steve Simmons representing Baxley News Banner was present.

Duane Mabry representing mybaxley.com 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 Regular Council Meeting of February 9, 2016, at 8:30 a.m. This motion was seconded by Councilman Bass and carried unanimously.

Councilman Bass made a motion approving the minutes of the Called Council Meeting of February 9, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. This motion was seconded by Councilman Varnadore and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion approving the First Reading of the Ordinance to annex property owned by Heath Sellers of Sellers Electrical Contracting, Inc. requesting his property located at 1383 Golden Isles West be annexed and establishing a Business (B-2) Zone. This motion was seconded by Councilman Bass and carried unanimously.

Councilman Bass made a motion approving the First Reading of the Ordinance to rezone property filed by Joseph W. Faircloth, requesting his property located at 803 West Parker Street be rezoned from the current Residential (RM-10) to a Business (B-2) Zone. This motion was seconded by Councilman Varnadore and carried unanimously.

The following sealed bids were publicly opened in the Public Works office on February 19, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. for one (1) Lawnmower:

Knight's Saw	SCAG STT61V-25KBD	\$11,137.00
Appling Motors	KUBOTA ZD 326S-60	\$11,320.00
Appling Motors	KUBOTA ZD 1211-60	\$11,900.00

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion to approve the low bid from Knight's Saw in the amount of \$11,137.00. This motion was seconded by Councilman Varnadore and carried unanimously.

Councilman Bass made a motion to purchase the real estate property for the solar array at the WWTP. The cost was \$5,000 per acre (13.825 acres) plus closing cost for a total of \$70,510.84. This motion was seconded by Councilman Varnadore and carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Hall made a motion to adopt a Resolution recognizing Rachel Missionary Baptist Church as they celebrate their 150th Church Anniversary. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Livingston and carried unanimously.

City Attorney Johnson discussed the summary of changes to the restated Georgia Municipal Association Defined Contribution Plan stating that it complies and all amendments must be approved by the Mayor and Council prior to implementation.

City Attorney Johnson submitted a Draft Ordinance for preconstruction land clearing for the Mayor and Council to look over and study.

Dale Sapp submitted a copy of the Water Audit to the Mayor and Council. Our score is 70.

City Manager's Reports:

1. The line of sight concern at the Simmons and Jones street intersection have been cut corrected.
2. The City will conduct a sealed bid auction on Wednesday, March 09, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. The equipment will be located at the Public Works Department at 148 Copeland Street. A list will be in the Baxley News Banner.
3. Reported on the condition of the Waterworks Park Building: carpet is stained, mildew odor, and the wall sweats. Explain that before we allow anyone to use the facility we ask that they go and inspect for themselves. The carpet needs to be removed and possibly replaced with a non-slip tile.
4. Reminded the Mayor and Council that our GMA annual conference registration is March 15.
5. Commented on the good work relationship between the city and county as they work together clearing the canals. Making it easier to maintain.
6. Reported there are complaints against Republic Services for their fuel surcharges on solid waste commercial bills.

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

City Clerk

