



BAXLEY CITY COUNCIL
Regular Council Meeting
Council Chambers

January 10, 2024
8:30 a.m.

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Baxley City Council was held on January 10, 2024 at 8:30 a.m., with the following members present: Mayor Tim Varnadore, Mayor Pro Tem Mickey Bass, Councilmembers: Santina Fryer, Betty Livingston, David Gore, Adam Thomas, and Ora Hall.

Other city officials present were: City Manager Keri Orvin, City Attorney Alex Johnson, City Clerk Jessica McLellan, Public Works Director Wayne Mullis, Chief Jeffery Taylor, John Thomas Kimbrel, and Mitchell Wilkerson.

Cole Gardner representing Baxley News Banner was present.

Members of the public were present.

Mayor Varnadore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Thomas gave the invocation.

Recently elected District 6 Councilman David Gore, District 5 Councilwoman Betty Livingston, District 2 Councilwoman Ora Hall, and District 1 Councilwoman Santina Fryer were sworn in by Marsha Thomas, Clerk of Appling County Superior Court.

Mayor Varnadore welcomed Emmitt Noland of Congressman Buddy Carter's Office.

Councilwoman Fryer made a motion approving the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of December 27, 2023. This motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bass and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Hall made a motion approving the second reading of an ordinance for annexation filed by Paul R. Hall and Pearlle Hall for property located at 46 Jerome Street be annexed establishing an R-12 zone in voting district 2. This motion was seconded by Councilman Gore and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion to appoint Guyton L "Mickey" Bass as Mayor Pro Tem for 2024. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hall and carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Bass made a motion to appoint Jessica McLellan as City Clerk for 2024. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Livingston and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Fryer made a motion to appoint Alex Johnson as City Attorney for 2024. This motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bass and carried unanimously.

Councilman Gore made a motion to appoint Pres Johnson as Municipal Court Judge for 2024. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Livingston and carried unanimously.

Councilman Thomas made a motion to adopt the Depository Resolution for 2024. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hall and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion to adopt a resolution establishing the duties and responsibilities of the City Manager as related to fiscal control procedures of the FY2024 budget and establishing procurement procedures for same. This motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bass and carried unanimously.

City Manager Orvin explained that the previous employee retirement plan ended in 2014 and an ordinance will need to be passed to amend and restate so all City Council are on the same plan. Mayor Pro Tem Bass made motion to approve the first reading of an ordinance to amend and restate the Retirement Plan of the City of Baxley, Georgia. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fryer and passed unanimously.

City Manager Orvin explained that the State is requiring an inventory be taken of all lead/copper piping. She recommended the low bid from 120 Water for \$19,556.34 plus field investigation costs to complete the project. Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve the City Manager's recommendation. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fryer and passed unanimously.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion to authorize City Manager Orvin to open a 2024 SPLOST account with existing signers. This motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bass and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Hall made a motion to approve the MLK Parade Application. This motion was seconded by Councilman Gore and carried unanimously.

Reports:



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- Councilwoman Fryer
 - o She, Councilman Gore, and City Attorney Johnson attended the Sheriff's Prayer Service
 - o Announced she has been selected to serve on GMA Children and Youth Advocacy Group
- City Manager Orvin
 - o Maintenance on water tower in Park East is complete
 - o Well at Health Department being Repaired
 - o Dredging has begun again
 - o Point repair needed on Ivy Street

There being no further business, Mayor Varnadore adjourned the meeting at 8:52 a.m.

City Clerk