



BAXLEY CITY COUNCIL
Regular Council Meeting
Council Chambers

May 22, 2024
8:30 a.m.

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Baxley City Council was held on May 22, 2024 at 8:30 a.m., with the following members present: Mayor Tim Varnadore, Mayor Pro Tem Mickey Bass, Councilmembers: Santina Fryer, Ora Hall, Betty Livingston, Adam Thomas, and David Gore.

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

Cole Gardner representing Baxley News Banner and Campbell O'Steen with Harris & Company were present.

Mayor Varnadore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Thomas gave the invocation.

Campbell O'Steen with Harris & Company presented the City of Baxley FY2023 Audit.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion approving the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of May 8, 2024. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fryer and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Hall made a motion approving the minutes of the Called Council Meeting of May 16, 2024. This motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bass and carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Bass made a motion to approve the second reading of an ordinance to have the City's fees coincide with O.C.G.A. Section 33-8-8, which will decrease annual flat fee to \$40.00 for insurance companies transacting business within the city. This motion was seconded by Councilman Thomas and carried unanimously.

Councilman Gore made a motion to approve the renewal of Work Detail Agreement with the Georgia Department of Corrections. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Livingston. City Attorney Johnson expressed concerns about the agreement, but stated that this is the standard contract. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Fryer made a motion to approve the first reading of an ordinance for an annexation application filed by Bryan Twiggs for property located at 155 JP Morris Drive be annexed establishing a residential (R-20) zone. This motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bass and carried unanimously.

Councilman Gore made a motion to approve the first reading of an ordinance for a rezoning application filed by Aubrey Michael & Karen L. Wheeler for property located at 901 W. Parker Street be rezoned from a residential (RM-10) zone to a business (B-2) zone. This motion was seconded by Councilman Thomas and carried unanimously.

Reports:

- Mayor Varnadore
 - o Attended Peace Officers Memorial
- Councilman Gore
 - o Congratulated the ACHS Baseball Team for being runner-up in the State Championship
- City Manager Orvin
 - o Yard Debris Truck will be delivered soon
 - o Solar Array repairs are underway
 - o Georgia Rural Water will be conducting a Water Rate Study

Councilwoman Hall made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Livingston and carried unanimously.

Mayor Varnadore recessed the Regular Meeting and entered into Executive Session at 8:51 a.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Bass made a motion to close Executive Session and resume the Regular Meeting. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Livingston and carried unanimously.

Mayor Varnadore closed Executive Session and resumed the Regular Meeting at 8:58 a.m.

Mayor Varnadore announced that no action was taken during Executive Session, informational only.

There being no further business, Mayor Varnadore adjourned the meeting at 8:59 a.m.


City Clerk