



BAXLEY CITY COUNCIL
Regular Council Meeting
Council Chambers

August 23, 2023
8:30 a.m.

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Baxley City Council was held on August 9, 2023 at 8:30 a.m., with the following members present: Mayor Tim Varnadore, Mayor Pro Tem Mickey Bass, and 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, Investigator Anthony McNeal, John Thomas Kimbrel, and Mitchell Wilkerson.

Cole Gardner was present representing the Baxley News Banner.

Members of the public were present.

Councilman Thomas led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Varnadore gave the invocation.

Councilwoman Hall made a motion approving the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of August 9, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fryer and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion approving the minutes of the Budget Workshop of August 9, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hall and carried unanimously.

Councilman Gore made a motion to approve the second reading of an annexation ordinance for Nariel Roblero Berduo for property located at 146 Norman Circle be annexed establishing an RM-10 zone in voting district 6. This motion was seconded by Councilman Thomas and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Fryer made a motion to approve the proposed list of roadways for the Speed Ordinance for the City of Baxley from the Georgia DOT. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hall and carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Bass made a motion to table "Discuss/Approve proposals for the purchase of a Grapple Truck" to gather more information. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Livingston and carried unanimously.

Councilman Gore made a motion to buy-out the currently leased 2018 backhoe in the amount of \$55,564.00. This motion was seconded by Councilman Thomas and carried unanimously.

Reports:

Mayor Varnadore:

- Welcomed the Summerall family for their gathering to be held September 24-27.
- Commended Public Works Director Wayne Mullis for his interview with WTOC concerning the Rick Gage Crusade to be held September 17-20 at Jimmy Swain Stadium.

City Manager Orvin:

- With the help of UGA the City is applying for a no-match grant thru the Georgia Forestry Commission to replace/add trees at City Hall and Downtown.
- LMIG evaluation is underway
- Water meter software updated and did not interface properly with billing software so water bills will be late going out.
- Public Hearing September 29 on annexations and budget



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There being no further business, Mayor Varnadore adjourned the meeting at 8:47 a.m.


City Clerk