

January 11, 2023 8:30 a.m.

### **MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the Baxley City Council was held on January 11, 2023 at 8:30 a.m., with the following members present: Mayor Tim Varnadore, Mayor Pro Tem Mickey Bass, and Councilmembers: Santina Fryer, Ora Hall, Betty Livingston, Adam Thomas, and Pat Williams.

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

Cole Gardner was present representing the Baxley News Banner.

Councilman Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tim Carlson, Youth Pastor at Christ Community Church, shared a message of thanks and encouragement followed by the invocation.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion approving the minutes of the Called Council Meeting of December 20, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fryer and carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Bass made a motion approving the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of December 28, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hall and carried unanimously.

Mayor Varnadore introduced Appling County's new County Manager, Al Meadows.

Councilwoman Fryer made a motion to approve the second reading/adoption of an ordinance for Application for Rezoning filed by Knicole & Ron Lee, located at 224 Peachtree St., be rezoned from a Residential (R-15) zone to a Business (B-2) zone. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hall and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Hall made a motion to elect Guyton L. "Mickey" Bass as Mayor Pro Tem for 2023. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Livingston. Voting in favor: Fryer, Hall, Livingston, Thomas, and Williams. Bass abstained from voting.

Mayor Pro Tem Bass made a motion appointing Jessica McLellan as City Clerk for 2023. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Livingston and carried unanimously.

Councilman Thomas made a motion appointing Alex Johnson as City Attorney for 2023. This motion was seconded by Mayor Pro tem Bass and carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Bass made a motion appointing Pres Johnson as Municipal Court Judge for 2023. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Livingston and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion to adopt the Depository Resolution for 2023 with the addition of facsimile signature. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hall and carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Bass made a motion to adopt the City of Baxley Purchasing Procedure. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fryer and carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Bass made a motion adopting the Resolution establishing the duties and responsibilities of the City Manager as related to fiscal control procedures of the FY2023 budget and establishing procurement procedures for same. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fryer and carried unanimously.

City Manager Orvin made the recommendation of Carol's Consulting & Grant Management as CDBG Administrator. Councilwoman Fryer made a motion to approve the City Manager's recommendation. This motion was seconded by Councilman Thomas and carried unanimously.

City Manager Orvin made the recommendation of Hofstadter & Associates as CDBG Engineer. Councilwoman Livingston made a motion to approve the City Manager's recommendation. This motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bass and carried unanimously.

## Mayor Varnadore Report:

- Attended the Community Wide Prayer Service on January 9, 2023.
- Attended the Appling County Commissioners meeting, gave the invocation, and signed the SPLOST agreement and January 10, 2023.

### City Manager Report:

- Bay Street has been reopened



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UGA Propel in town today

There being no further business, Mayor Varnadore adjourned the meeting.

City Clerk

Adam Thomas

Leslie P. Williams

Santina Fryer



January 24, 2023 6:00 p.m.

### **MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the Baxley City Council was held on January 24, 2023 at 8:30 a.m., with the following members present: Mayor Tim Varnadore, Mayor Pro Tem Mickey Bass, and Councilmembers: Santina Fryer, Ora Hall, Betty Livingston, and Adam Thomas.

Councilman Williams was absent.

Other city officials present were: City Manager Keri Orvin, City Clerk Jessica McLellan, Chief Jeffery Taylor, Public Works Director Wayne Mullis, David Gore, and Mitchell Wilkerson.

Mayor Pro Tem Bass led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Varnadore gave the invocation.

The meeting was opened for public comment concerning an application for rezoning filed by Lewis Patrick "Candler" Folsom, located at 335 Lackawanna Street, be rezoned from a Residential (R-15) Zone to a Business-Residential (BR-1) Zone.

Angie Potts of 131 Acorn Lane stated she owns adjacent property and has a noise concern.

Patrick Fordham of 524 Holmesville Ave stated he owns adjacent property and has noise, safety, traffic, and property value concerns.

Candler Folsom, the applicant, stated that the location would not be open to the public, was only for maintenance of his own trucks and to house his business and that he has planted trees to provide a sound barrier

After questions from the Mayor, Council, and City Manager were addressed, there were no further comments or business and Mayor Varnadore adjourned the meeting.

Mayor Tim Varnadore

Guyton L. Bass

Adam Thomas

Santina Fryer

Betty Livingston



January 25, 2023 8:30 a.m.

### **MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the Baxley City Council was held on January 25, 2023 at 8:30 a.m., with the following members present: Mayor Tim Varnadore, Mayor Pro Tem Mickey Bass, and Councilmembers: Ora Hall, Betty Livingston, Adam Thomas, and Pat Williams.

Councilwoman Fryer was excused.

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

Cole Gardner was present representing the Baxley News Banner.

Councilman Thomas led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilwoman Hall gave the invocation.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion approving the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of January 11, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hall and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Hall made a motion to approve the first reading/adoption of an ordinance for Application for Rezoning filed by Lewis Patrick "Candler" Folsom, located at 335 Lackawanna Street, be rezoned from a Residential (R-15) Zone to a Business-Residential (BR-1) Zone. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Livingston and carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Bass made a motion to set a public hearing for February 21, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. for an annexation petition filed by Greg & Robin Wainwright, located at 160 Forest Avenue, be annexed establishing a Residential (R-15) Zone. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hall and carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Bass made a motion to adopt the TIA Resolution. This motion was seconded by Councilman Thomas and carried unanimously.

City Manager Report:

- Attended Region 9 Legislative Event

- Bay Street Project & Sidewalk are complete

- Chamber hosting Coffee & Conversation Friday at 8:30 at City Hall

There being no further business, Mayor Varnadore adjourned the meeting.

City Clerk

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Santina Fryer

Betty Livingston



February 8, 2023 8:30 a.m.

### **MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the Baxley City Council was held on February 8, 2023 at 8:30 a.m., with the following members present: Mayor Tim Varnadore, Mayor Pro Tem Mickey Bass, and Councilmembers: Santina Fryer, Ora Hall, Betty Livingston, Adam Thomas, and Pat Williams.

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

Cole Gardner was present representing the Baxley News Banner.

Other members of the public were present.

Councilwoman Livingston led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Thomas gave the invocation.

Councilwoman Hall made a motion approving the minutes of the Called Council Meeting of January 24, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Livingston and carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Bass made a motion approving the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of January 25, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fryer and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Hall made a motion to approve the second reading/adoption of an ordinance for Application for Rezoning filed by Lewis Patrick "Candler" Folsom, located at 335 Lackawanna Street, be rezoned from a Residential (R-15) Zone to a Business-Residential (BR-1) Zone. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Livingston and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion to set a public hearing for March 7, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. for an annexation petition filed by Circle F Farms LLC & Circle F Farms Meat Processing LLC, located at 342 Azalea Road, be annexed establishing an Industrial (I-1) Zone. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fryer and carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Bass made a motion to set a public hearing for March 7, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. for an annexation petition filed by Joe & Marie Kostovick, located at 2115 Blackshear Hwy, be annexed establishing an Residential (R-15) Zone. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hall and carried unanimously.

Mayor Varnadore announced the Appling County Commissioners will hold a called meeting Monday, February 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Ag Center concerning SPLOST.

There being no further business, Mayor Varnadore adjourned the meeting.

Mayor Tim Varnadore

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February 21, 2023 6:00 p.m.

### **MINUTES**

The called meeting of the Baxley City Council was held on February 21, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., with the following members present: Mayor Tim Varnadore, Mayor Pro Tem Mickey Bass, and Councilmembers: Ora Hall, Betty Livingston, and Adam Thomas.

Councilman Pat Williams and Councilwoman Santina Fryer were excused.

Other city officials present were: City Manager Keri Orvin, Chief Jeffery Taylor, David Gore, and Mitchell Wilkerson.

Councilwoman Livingston led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Pro Tem Bass gave the invocation.

The meeting was opened for public comment concerning an application for annexation filed by Greg & Robin Wainwright, located at 160 Forest Avenue, be annexed establishing a Residential (R-15).

There being no comments or further business and Mayor Varnadore adjourned the meeting.

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Mayor Tim Varnadore

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Adam Thomas

Santina Fryer

Betty Livingston



February 22, 2023 8:30 a.m.

### **MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the Baxley City Council was held on February 22, 2023 at 8:30 a.m., with the following rnembers present: Mayor Tim Varnadore, Mayor Pro Tem Mickey Bass, and Councilmembers: Ora Hall, Betty Livingston, Adam Thomas, and Pat Williams.

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

Cole Gardner was present representing the Baxley News Banner.

Other members of the public were present.

Councilwoman Santina Fryer was excused.

Councilwoman Hall led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Thomas gave the invocation.

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

Artiffany Stanley with the Georgia Municipal Association gave a presentation awarding Dr. Esco Hall with the Lifetime Service Award. This award is given to individuals who serve in local government for at least 35 years. A commemoratory plaque was presented to Dr. Hall's family. Several individuals shared memories and expressed appreciation.

Mayor Pro Tem Bass made a motion to approve the first reading/adoption of an ordinance for Application for Annexation filed by Greg & Robin Wainwright, located at 160 Forest Avenue, be annexed establishing a Residential (R-15). This motion was seconded by Councilman Thomas and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion to approve the bid/purchase of a wastewater treatment plant pump from GWI in the amount of \$42,705 as recommended by City Manager Orvin. This motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bass and carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Bass made a motion to approve the bid to build three corporate hangars in the amount of \$915,646 from Commercial Metal Buildings as recommended by CROY and City Manager Orvin. This motion was seconded by Councilman Thomas and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Hall made a motion to approve the bid/purchase of a 2020 V8 12 passenger van for prison detail in the amount of \$37,468 as recommended by City Manager Orvin. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Livingston and carried unanimously.

City Attorney Johnson discussed the new districting maps drawn up by the Georgia Legislative Office of Reapportionment. Mayor Pro Tem Bass made a motion to allow Mayor Varnadore, City Manager Orvin, and City Attorney Johnson to proceed with the means necessary to have new maps adopted. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Livingston and carried unanimously.

### Reports:

### Mayor Varnadore:

- o Thanked everyone for their concern during his illness.
- He, Councilwoman Hall, Councilwoman Fryer, and City Manager Orvin attended the Building Dedication Service of the Pentecostal Miracle Deliverance Church.

### City Manager Orvin:

 Attended the Propel meeting in Athens on February 7 & 8 concerning strategic planning and downtown development.

There being no further business, Mayor Varnadore adjourned the meeting.

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March 7, 2023 6:00 p.m.

### **MINUTES**

The called meeting of the Baxley City Council was held on March 7, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., with the following members present: Mayor Tim Varnadore, Mayor Pro Tem Mickey Bass, and Councilmembers: Ora Hall, Betty Livingston, and Adam Thomas.

Councilman Pat Williams and Councilwoman Santir a Fryer were excused.

Other city officials present were: City Attorney Alex Johnson, City Clerk Jessica McLellan, Chief Jeffery Taylor, David Gore, and Mitchell Wilkerson.

Mayor Varnadore led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

The meeting was opened for public comment concerning an application for annexation filed by Circle F Farms LLC & Circle F Farms Meat Processing LLC, located at 342 Azalea Road, be annexed establishing an Industrial (I-1) Zone.

There were no questions or comments.

The meeting was opened for public comment concerning an application for annexation filed by Joe & Marie Kostovick, located at 2115 Blackshear Hwy, be annexed establishing a Residential (R-15) Zone.

There were no questions or comments.

There were no further questions, comments, or business and Mayor Varnadore adjourned the meeting.

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March 8, 2023 8:30 a.m.

### **MINUTES**

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

Cole Gardner was present representing the Baxley News Banner.

Councilwoman Livingston led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Pro Tem Bass gave the invocation.

Councilwoman Hall made a motion approving the minutes of the Called Council Meeting of February 21, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Livingston and carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Bass made a motion approving the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of February 22, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hall and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Fryer made a motion to approve the second reading/adoption of an ordinance for Application for Annexation filed by Greg & Robin Wainwright, located at 160 Forest Avenue, be annexed establishing a Residential (R-15). This motion was seconded by Councilman Thomas and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Hall made a motion to approve the first reading/adoption of an ordinance for Application for Annexation filed by Circle F Farms LLC & Circle F Farms Meat Processing LLC, located at 342 Azalea Road, be annexed establishing an Industrial (I-1) Zone. This motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bass and carried unanimously.

Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve the first reading/adoption of an ordinance for Application for Annexation filed by Joe & Marie Kostovick, located at 2115 Blackshear Hwy, be annexed establishing a Residential (R-15) Zone. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hall and carried unanimously.

### Reports:

Mayor Varnadore:

o Attended Baxley Fire Department Training on March 4th

City Manager Orvin:

- o Attended SPCCA Meeting
- Van for prison detail should be ready for service next week
- o Propel made a presentation for the Legislative Commission

There being no further business, Mayor Varnadore adjourned the meeting.

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Mayor Pro Tem Bass was excused.

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

Cole Gardner was present representing the Baxley News Banner.

Other members of the public were also present.

Councilman Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Thomas gave the invocation.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion approving the minutes of the Called Council Meeting of March 7, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hall and carried unanimously.

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

Councilwoman Hall made a motion to approve the second reading/adoption of an ordinance for Application for Annexation filed by Circle F Farms LLC & Circle F Farms Meat Processing LLC, located at 342 Azalea Road, be annexed establishing an Industrial (I-1) Zone. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Livingston and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Fryer made a motion to approve the second reading/adoption of an ordinance for Application for Annexation filed by Joe & Marie Kostovick, located at 2115 Blackshear Hwy, be annexed establishing a Residential (R-15) Zone. This motion was seconded by Councilman Thomas and carried unanimously.

Councilman Thomas made a motion to appoint Natalie Wiggins Orvin to a new 4 year term on the Downtown Development Board as suggested by the DDA. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Livingston and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Fryer made a motion to approve the proposed Reapportionment Timeline with an amended public hearing date and setting the date as April 18, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. This motion was seconded by Councilman Thomas and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Hall made a motion to set a public hearing date of April 18, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. on an annexation petition filed by Veronica Gordon, located at 113 Donnie Lewis Lane, be annexed establishing a Residential (RM-10) Zone. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fryer and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion to set a public hearing date of April 18, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. on an annexation petition filed by Emma B. Surrency, located at 131 Old Ben Carter Road, be annexed establishing a Residential (R-20) Zone. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hall and carried unanimously.

Wayne Canady asked about completion timelines for the sewer project and water tank project. Mayor Varnadore stated that both projects are still under the engineering phase and they hope to receive a timeline soon.

### Reports:

### Mayor Varnadore:

April 11, 2023 at 6:00 pm is the District 9 GMA meeting which will be held at the golf course in Hazlehurst. He encouraged all council members to attend.

### Councilwoman Fryer:

- DDA Food Truck Festival was held Saturday and was a success.
- o Commended Public Works on their assistance with sewer issues this past weekend.

### City Manager Orvin:

- Announced that Jeff Baxley will be receiving the Golden Eagle Award for community service from the Boy Scouts during a ceremony to be held March 28, 2023.
- o Road closure due to Bay Street storm drain repair.



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o Wind damage at airport during storm. Thanked local businesses for their assistance.

Public Works Director Wane Mullis:

o Storm Water Pipe repair by Pine Lodge Hotel should be completed today.

There being no further business, Mayor Varnadore adjourned the meeting.

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April 12, 2023 8:30 a.m.

### **MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the Baxley City Council was held on April 12, 2023 at 8:30 a.m., with the following members present: Mayor Tim Varnadore, Mayor Pro Tem Bass, and Councilmembers: Santina Fryer, Ora Hall, Betty Livingston, Adam Thomas, and Pat Williams.

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

Cole Gardner was present representing the Baxley News Banner.

Other members of the public were also present.

Councilman Williams led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilwoman Fryer gave the invocation.

Councilwoman Hall made a motion approving the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of March 22, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. This motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bass and carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Bass made a motion to set a public hearing for May 2, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. on an Application for Annexation filed by Avery & Summer Ryals, located at 1449 Hatch Pkwy N, be annexed establishing an Business (B-2) zone. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Livingston and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion to set a public hearing for May 2, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. on a rezoning petition filed by Little White Lies LLC, located at 66 Anthony Street, be rezoned from a Residential (RM-10) zone to a Business (B-2) zone. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fryer and carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Bass made a motion to set a public hearing for May 2, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. on a rezoning petition filed by Carolyn Lightsey, located at 1131 Zoar Road, be rezoned from a Residential (R-20) zone to a Residential (RM-10) zone. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fryer and carried unanimously.

City Manager Orvin presented the Council with information regarding an opportunity to purchase two used 2017 Chevrolet Tahoes from the Georgia Department of Public Safety for the Baxley Police Department. She recommended approving the purchase on Tahoe #1 for \$16,350.00 and Tahoe #2 for \$19,750.00. Councilwoman Livingston made a motion to approve City Manager Orvin's recommendation. This motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bass and carried unanimously.

### Reports:

### Mayor Varnadore:

- Announced that Councilman Williams had received a certificate for his contributions to the National Law Enforcement Memorial Fund.
- o Brunswick Judicial Circuit will hold Crime Victim Memorial Service April 24th at 5:30 p.m.
- o Attended the District 9 GMA meeting in Hazlehurst
- City Manager Orvin has set up monthly meetings with Hofstadter and Associates for project updates
- o Mayor's Prayer Breakfast will be held May 4th at 6:30 a.m. at Baxley Church of God

### Councilwoman Fryer:

 Attended the Library Trustee Board meeting and stated that our local library receives an average of 1,000 visitors per month

### City Manager Orvin:

- o Introduced Economic Development Director John Henry
- Thanked County Manager Meadows and Brooks Johnson for the county's assistance with a pipe project last week
- Luckie Street will open today, Bay Street will be closed to replace pipe. Projected completion is two weeks.
- Wastewater Treatment Plant pump being replaced today
- o Chamber Gala is April 27th
- Sending out surveys concerning the Pine Forest and Oakridge project
- o Reminded Council of Public Hearings April 18th at 6:00 p.m.

## City Attorney Johnson:

- o Working with Codes Enforcement on unsightly/overgrown property letters
- Reapportionment process is going thru "Home-Rule Route"
- Working on T-Hangar and TIA projects



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County Manager Meadows and Mayor Varnadore commended each other on the County & City's ability to work together.

There being no further business, Mayor Varnadore adjourned the meeting.

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April 18, 2023 6:00 p.m.

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The called meeting of the Baxley City Council was held on April 18, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., with the following members present: Mayor Tim Varnadore, Mayor Pro Tem Bass, and Councilmembers: Santina Fryer, Ora Hall, Betty Livingston, and Adam Thomas.

Councilman Pat Williams was excused.

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

Cole Gardner was present representing the Baxley News Banner.

Other members of the public were also present.

Mayor Pro Tem Bass led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Varnadore gave the invocation.

The meeting was opened for public comment concerning an application for annexation filed by Veronica Gordon, located at 113 Donnie Lewis Lane, be annexed establishing a Residential (RM-10) Zone.

There were no comments.

The meeting was opened for public comment concerning an application for annexation filed by Emma B. Surrency, located at 131 Old Ben Carter Road, be annexed establishing a Residential (R-20) Zone.

There were no comments:

The meeting was opened for public comment concerning City Voting Districts Reapportionment.

City Manager Orvin noted that the Census is conducted every 10 years and that the Office of Reapportionment drafted the map.

City Attorney Johnson noted that the US Supreme Court requires there be equal representation across the districts within 5% difference.

Councilwoman Fryer asked when the new map will be valid. Mayor Varnadore stated that according to the calendar May 18, 2023.

Sherry Shavers (163 San Marco Drive) asked why changes were made to district 2 and 3. Mayor Varnadore explained that the districts were disproportionate and population had to balance which is now within 1%.

Sheila Bowen (75 Cleve White Road) asked were the numbers based on voters or population. Mayor Varnadore stated that the numbers are based on the 2020 Census population.

Sheila Bowen (75 Cleve White Road) asked how people are counted on the Census and how it is advertised. Mayor Varnadore and City Manager Orvin explained how the 2020 Census was advertised and counted locally in a variety of ways.

Mae Frances Joyner (731 MLK Avenue) asked if individuals are not counted as a citizen for 10 years. Mayor Varnadore stated that if an individual did not participate in the 2020 Census that he/she will not be counted until 2030 provided they participate in the 2030 Census.

City Manager Orvin explained that the Census does not determine whether a citizen can vote. If someone lives or moves into one of the City districts and are registered to vote he/she may participate in the City's election.

Sheila Bowen (75 Cleve White Road) asked how they can volunteer for the next Census. Mayor Varnadore explained that the next Census will be in 2030 and that information will be widely advertised as the time draws closer.

There being no further comments, questions, or business, Mayor Varnadore adjourned the meeting.

Mayor Tim Varnadore

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April 26, 2023 8:30 a.m.

### **MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the Baxley City Council was held on April 26, 2023 at 8:30 a.m., with the following members present: Mayor Tim Varnadore and Councilmembers: Santina Fryer, Ora Hall, Betty Livingston, and Adam Thomas.

Mayor Pro Tem Mickey Bass was excused.

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

Cole Gardner was present representing the Baxley News Banner.

Other members of the public were also present.

Mayor Varnadore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Thomas gave the invocation.

Mayor Varnadore announced the passing of Councilman Pat Williams. Councilwoman Fryer made a motion to relieve Councilman Williams of his duties. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Livingston and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion approving the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of April 12, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. This motion was seconded by Councilman Thomas and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Hall made a motion approving the minutes of the Called Council Meeting of April 18, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Livingston and carried unanimously.

Campbell O'steen of Harris & Company presented the FY2022 audit reports and explained their findings.

Councilwoman Hall made a motion to approve the first reading of an ordinance for annexation filed by Veronica Gordon, located at 113 Donnie Lewis Lane, be annexed establishing a Residential (RM-10) Zone. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Livingston and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Fryer made a motion to approve the first reading of an ordinance for annexation filed by Emma B. Surrency, located at 131 Old Ben Carter Road, be annexed establishing a Residential (R-20) Zone. This motion was seconded by Councilman Thomas and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion to approve an Application to Parade or Assemble filed by Wanda D. Stone/Appling County Ministerial Alliance to be held Saturday, May 6, 2023. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fryer and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Fryer made a motion to approve a resolution for budget amendment for the ARPA Fund. This motion was seconded by Councilman Thomas and carried unanimously.

### Reports:

### Mayor Varnadore:

- o Mayor's Prayer Breakfast will be held May 4th at 6:30 a.m. at Baxley Church of God
- Thanked Public Works and the Police Department for their assistance with Beautification Day.

### City Manager Orvin:

- o Baxley Beautification day was held last Saturday with approximately 50-60 participants.
- o Hofstadter monthly meeting tomorrow.
- Luckie Street should be open end of this week and project completed by end of next week.
- o Attended Connection Resilient Community meeting in Athens.
- Will have meeting with Senator Ossoff's office.
- o Announced Administrative Professional's Day and thanked staff.

There being no further business, Mayor Varnadore adjourned the meeting.

Harry Tim Varnadore

City Clerk



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May 2, 2023 6:00 p.m.

### **MINUTES**

The called meeting of the Baxley City Council was held on May 2, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., with the following members present: Mayor Tim Varnadore, Mayor Pro Tem Bass, and Councilmembers: Santina Fryer, Betty Livingston, and Adam Thomas.

Councilwoman Ora Hall was excused.

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

Other members of the public were also present.

Councilwoman Livingston led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilwoman Fryer gave the invocation.

The meeting was opened for public comment concerning an application for annexation filed by Avery & Summer Ryals, located at 1449 Hatch Pkwy N, be annexed establishing a Business (B-2) Zone.

There were no comments.

The meeting was opened for public comment concerning an application for rezoning filed by Little White Lies, located at 66 Anthony Street, be rezoned from a Residential (RM-10) Zone to a Business (B-2) Zone.

City Attorney Johnson asked the owners if they would have an issue with the Council granting a Variance to allow for the business in the present zoning should they so choose. The owners did not have a problem with a Variance being granted instead of rezoning.

There were no further comments.

The meeting was opened for public comment concerning an application for rezoning filed by Carolyn Lightsey, located at 1131 Zoar Road, be rezoned from a Residential (R-10) Zone to a Residential (RM-10) Zone.

Councilman Thomas asked why the rezoning was requested. City Manager Orvin stated the applicant would like to put a mobile home at that location and present zoning does not allow.

Other Business: Mayor Varnadore gave notice to the Council that a Special Election is required to fill the vacant seat of District 6. The plan is for the Special Election to run congruent with the November Election. However, due to the length of the vacancy the Council will need to appoint someone from that district to temporarily fill the position for the remainder of 2023 or until a newly elected Councilmember is sworn in. The elected councilmember will serve the remaining term for District 6.

There being no further comments, questions, or business, Mayor Varnadore adjourned the meeting.

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May 10, 2023 8:30 a.m.

### **MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the Baxley City Council was held on May 10, 2023 at 8:30 a.m., with the following members present: Mayor Tim Varnadore, Mayor Pro Tem Bass, and Councilmembers: Santina Fryer, Ora Hall, Betty Livingston, and Adam Thomas.

Councilwoman Santina Fryer was excused.

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

Cole Gardner was present representing the Baxley News Banner.

Other members of the public were also present.

Mayor Pro Tem Bass led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilwoman Hall gave the invocation.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion approving the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of April 26, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. This motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bass and carried unanimously.

Councilman Thomas made a motion approving the minutes of the Called Council Meeting of May 2, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Livingston and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Hall made a motion to approve the second reading of an ordinance for annexation filed by Veronica Gordon, located at 113 Donnie Lewis Lane, be annexed establishing a Residential (RM-10) Zone. This motion was seconded by Councilman Thomas and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Hall made a motion to approve the second reading of an ordinance for annexation filed by Emma B. Surrency, located at 131 Old Ben Carter Road, be annexed establishing a Residential (R-20) Zone. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Livingston and carried unanimously.

Mayor Varnadore notified the Council that three nominations are needed at the next council meeting for the Appling County Hospital Authority.

Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve the renewal of Work Detail Agreement with the Georgia Department of Corrections. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Livingston and carried unanimously.

Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve Resolution for CDBG application concerning sewer improvements. This motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bass and carried unanimously.

City Manager Orvin presented the FY2023 6 month Budget Comparisons to the Council noting that the budget is currently operation within the 50-60% range.

Councilwoman Hall made a motion to call for a Special Election for the District 6 on November 7, 2023 seat and to notify the Board of Elections. This motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bass and carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Bass made a motion to nominate David Gore as District 6 Councilmember (to be sworn in in June) for the remainder of 2023 contingent upon his retirement from the City of Baxley. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Livingston and carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Bass made a motion to approve the first reading of an ordinance for annexation filed by Avery & Summer Ryals, located at 1449 Hatch Pkwy N, be annexed establishing a Business (B-2) Zone. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hall and carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Bass made a motion to approve the first reading of a variance to operate a day spa to Little White Lies, located at 66 Anthony Street. This motion was seconded by Councilman Thomas and carried unanimously.

Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve the first reading of an ordinance for rezoning filed by Carolyn Lightsey, located at 1131 Zoar Road, be rezoned from a Residential (R-10) Zone to a Residential (RM-10) Zone. This motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bass and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion to approve the first reading of the ordinance concerning reapportionment. This motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bass and carried unanimously.



May 10, 2023 8:30 a.m.

### Reports:

### Mayor Varnadore:

- o Attended the 100th birthday party of Gertrude Gamble and presented a proclamation to
- Attended the graduation ceremony for the first Take Flight Aviation Class of 22 graduates.
   Thanked Ashley Tyree, Pastor Lamar Lee, and member of Baxley Church of God for a successful Mayor's Prayer Breakfast.

### City Manager Orvin:

- o Luckie Street/Bay Street project coming to a close.
- o Police vehicles received.
- Live survey concerning Oak Ridge/Pine Forest available for residents.
   Attend a successful Chamber Gala.
   Reminded of Peace Officers Memorial May 15th and 11:00 a.m.

There being no further business, Mayor Varnadore adjourned the meeting.

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May 24, 2023 8:30 a.m.

### **MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the Baxley City Council was held on May 24, 2023 at 8:30 a.m., with the following members present: Mayor Tim Varnadore, Mayor Pro Tem Bass, and Councilmembers: Santina Fryer, Ora Hall, Betty Livingston, and Adam Thomas.

Other city officials present were: City Manager Keri Orvin, City Attorney Alex Johnson, City Clerk Jessica McLellan, Chief Jeffery Taylor, and John Thomas Kimbrel.

Cole Gardner was present representing the Baxley News Banner.

Councilwoman Livingston led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Varnadore gave the invocation.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion approving the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of May 10, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. This motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bass and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Hall made a motion to approve the second reading of an ordinance for annexation filed by Avery & Summer Ryals, located at 1449 Hatch Pkwy N, be annexed establishing a Business (B-2) Zone. 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 a variance to operate a day spa to Little White Lies, located at 66 Anthony Street. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Livingston and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion to approve the second reading of an ordinance for rezoning filed by Carolyn Lightsey, located at 1131 Zoar Road, be rezoned from a Residential (R-10) Zone to a Residential (RM-10) Zone. This motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bass and carried unanimously.

Councilman Thomas made a motion to approve the second reading of the ordinance concerning reapportionment. This motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bass and carried unanimously.

City Manager Orvin announced that due to very large equipment issues that Atlantic Recyclers informed her that the City should seek alternative options for debris removal. Councilwoman Hall made a motion to mutually dissolve the contract with Atlantic Recyclers and seek alternatives. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Livingston and carried unanimously.

### Reports:

Mayor Varnadore:

- Attended the Peace Officer Memorial. Commended Chief Taylor and all those involved for a successful event.
- o Thanked everyone involved with the "Virusky House" fire.

## City Manager Orvin:

- o Attended the Peace Officer Memorial.
- o Attended ribbon cutting for Woody Folsom Meat Processing.
- Held Food Truck event on May 13, 2023.
- o Met with UGA concerning Downtown Renaissance Project last week.

There being no further business, Mayor Varnadore adjourned the meeting.

City Clerk



June 14, 2023 8:30 a.m.

### **MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the Baxley City Council was held on June 14, 2023 at 8:30 a.m., with the following members present: Mayor Tim Varnadore, Mayor Pro Tem Bass, and Councilmembers: Santina Fryer, Betty Livingston, David Gore, and Adam Thomas.

Councilwoman Ora Hall was excused

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

Cole Gardner was present representing the Baxley News Banner.

Members of the public were present.

Mayor Varnadore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Thomas gave the invocation.

Mayor Varnadore welcomed appointed Councilmember David Gore who was sworn in on June 13, 2023.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion approving the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of May 24, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fryer and carried unanimously.

Mayor Varnadore congratulated David Gore on his retirement from the City of Baxley and presented him with a Resolution. Mayor Pro Tem Bass made a motion to approve the resolution. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Livingston and carried unanimously. Councilwoman Livingston, Public Works Director Wayne Mullis, and retired City Manager Jeff Baxley all spoke highly of David Gore's work ethic.

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: Day	vid T. Gore has served the City of Baxley for thirty-six (36) years, having been hired
in (	October 1982 and serving until April 1999, and then being hired again in October

2004 until his retirement in June 2023; and

WHEREAS: David served under five city managers, four mayors and various Council members, using

his expertise and skills for the betterment of the City of Baxley; and During his tenure, the City experienced a great deal of growth in services, capital

WHEREAS: improvements, and efficiency due to quality leadership and attention to detail in the

Public Works Department; and

WHEREAS: David kept records and managed various special projects, including LMIG, paving,

drainage and other infrastructure improvements; and

He worked closely with local civic groups on various community events including the WHEREAS:

Baxley Tree Fest, Hot Air Balloon Festival, Smoketember Fest BBQ Cookoff along with the city's annual events including Winter Wonderland, Splash in the Park, the City Easter Egg Hunt, many community parades and other events for the betterment of the citizens of

the City of Baxley; and

WHEREAS. David developed and nurtured good working relationships with his fellow professionals at the county

level, as well as City employees, each of whom he valued; and

WHEREAS: David has chosen to retire effective June 13, 2023, leaving a legacy of unquestioned

integrity, ethics and honor, to himself and the City, together with its employees, citizens

and businesses; and

David T. Gore has always acted in the best inverests of the Public Works Department and the City of Baxley, with utmost respect for the citizens served by the city; and WHEREAS:

THEREFORE: By the Mayor and Council of the City of Baxley, in regular meeting duly called and

assembled, that the Mayor and Council hereby express to David T. Gore their recognition and appreciation of his outstanding service over the past thirty-six years to the Mayors, Council Members, citizens and businesses of Baxley and Appling County. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be presented to David T. Gore

for a personal record of this recognition.

DULY AND UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council

of the City of Baxley held on the 14th day of June, 2023.

John Nail with Ryland Environmental gave an annual update. He introduced Tony who manages the Baxley office. Both commended the City on a good working relationship.

Councilwoman Fryer made a motion approving an Application to Parade or Assemble file by Larry Rayner on behalf of Ernest Parker Rec Fun, Concerned Citizens of Appling Co to be held Monday, January 19, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. This motion was seconded by Councilman Thomas and carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Bass made a motion to set a public hearing date of July 11, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. for an annexation petition filed by Phyllis D. Perry for property located at 212 & 260 Arbor Drive be annexed establishing an RM-10 zone in voting district 6. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Livingston and carried unanimously.



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Councilwoman Livingston made a motion to set a public hearing date of July 11, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. for an annexation petition filed by Allison Lott Murray for property located at 646 Old Blackshear Road be annexed establishing an R-15 zone in voting district 3. This motion was seconded by Councilman Thomas and carried unanimously.

City Manager Orvin presented the need of moving forward with a solution to yard debris pick-up. The three options are: lease a truck, purchase a truck, or outsource. Attorney Johnson stated that due to this being an emergency situation that the Council could vote to allow the Mayor and City Manager to proceed on behalf of the City the best way possible. Councilman Thomas made a motion to this effect. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fryer and carried uananimously.

### Reports:

Mayor Varnadore:

o The Appling County Board of Health adopted its new budget

City Manager Orvin:

- o Employees participated in a team building exercise presented by Satilla & Georgia EMC
- Need more input from citizens regarding Oak Ridge/Pine Forest project
- Monthly meeting with Hofstadter next week
- o TIA Bid opening last week for Brobston, Bay, and Azalea
- o Airport Hangar project underway

There being no further business, Mayor Varnadore adjourned the meeting.

City Clerk



June 28, 2023 8:30 a.m.

### MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Baxley City Council was held on June 28, 2023 at 8:30 a.m., with the following members present: Mayor Tim Varnadore, Mayor Pro Tem Bass, and Councilmembers: Santina Fryer, Betty Livingston, David Gore, and Ora Hall

Councilman Adam Thomas was excused

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

Cole Gardner was present representing the Baxley News Banner.

Members of the public were present.

Councilman Gore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilwoman Fryer gave the invocation.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion approving the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of June 14, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. This motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bass and carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Bass made a motion to accept the bid of \$423,960.39 from Georgia Asphalt Producers for TIA 2 Band 1 Project which includes Azalea Drive, Bay Street, and North Brobston Street. This motion was seconded by Councilman Gore and carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Bass made a motion to investigate and follow through with the necessary process to make changes to the Downtown Development Authority reappointment and term expiration dates at the advice of City Attorney Johnson. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hall and carried unanimously.

### Reports:

### Mayor Varnadore:

o Attended GMA

### Councilman Gore:

o He & Councilman Thomas attended the grand re-opening of the EMS building

### City Manager Orvin:

- o Attended GMA
- o Met with Allison Lamb concerning Georgla Cities Week in the schools
- Downtown Development Board had training

There being no further business, Mayor Varnadore adjourned the meeting at 8:40 a.m.

City Clerk