

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Baxley City Council was held on November 14, 2018, at 8:30 a.m., with the following members present: Mayor Tim Varnadore; Mayor Pro Tem Esco Hall, Jr. Councilmembers: Betty Livingston, Mickey Bass, Pat Williams, Adam Thomas and Santina Fryer.

Other city officials present were: Reid Lovett, City Manager; Reba Cash, City Clerk; Alex Johnson, City Attorney; David Gore, Street Supervisor; and John Jones, Police Lieutenant.

William and Noah Gardner representing the Baxley News Banner.

Councilman Thomas gave the invocation

Councilman Bass made a motion approving the minutes of the Called Council meeting of October 23, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. This motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hall and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion approving the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of October 24, 2018, at 8:30 a.m. This motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hall and carried unanimously.

Mr. Stanley and Mrs. Sandra Brobston appeared before the Mayor and Council to show appreciation to the City for approving an agreement, regarding the deed of their park property be transferred and maintained by the City. Mayor Varnadore expressed his appreciation to the Brobston's for their love for the city and donating this property known as Brobston Park.

Councilman Bass made a motion approving the Second Reading/Adoption of an Ordinance on a petition filed by Shaun White, requesting the property located at 1750 Ben Carter Road, be rezoned from the current Business Residential (BR-1) to a Residential (RM-10) Zone in voting district 2. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fryer and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion to hold a closed session at the end of this meeting to discuss potential litigation / acquisition of real estate. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fryer and carried unanimously.

Mayor's Report

1. Mayor Varnadore attended a Board of Health meeting to discuss the new budget.
2. Mayor Varnadore proclaimed November 8 and the Bicentennial Tee Shirt day.
3. Mayor Varnadore thanked the men and women for their service on Veteran's Day.

Council's Report

1. Councilwoman Fryer attended two GMA meeting one in Macon and one in McRae.
2. Councilwoman Fryer announced her mentoring program is housed at the city gym.
3. Mayor Pro Tem Hall stated that the two candidate for Governor (Kemp and Abrams) made stops in Baxley.
4. Mayor Pro Tem Hall attended the National League of Cities in Los Angeles.

City Manager's Report

1. City Manager Lovett commended the Street and Police department heads and staff for their hard work on the Bicentennial festival this weekend. The workmanship displayed by the city and county staff made the festival a huge success, pulling long hours and keeping our visitors safe.
2. City Manager Lovett reported that the Library board is seeking a replacement and asked if the council could make a nomination at the next meeting.
3. City Manager Lovett announce that the new software are coming along well and he hopes to share some reports with the council very soon.
4. City Manager congratulated Steve Spell as an Equipment Operator II.

Mayor Varnadore recessed the regular meeting and called the Closed Session to order.

Mayor Varnadore reconvened the regular meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Hall made a motion to proceed with condemnation of the property behind Sleep Inn, if necessary for the location of city utilities. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fryer and carried unanimously

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

City Clerk