

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Baxley City Council was held on April 24, 2019, 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; Dale Sapp, Water Supervisor, Wayne Mullis, Crew Chief; Chief of Police James L. Godfrey and Miranda Tanner, Special Event Coordinator.

Keri Crosby Orvin, Executive Director of the Appling County Chamber of Commerce, and Dale Atkins, retiring Development Authority Director

Noah Gardner representing the Baxley News Banner was present.

Councilman Thomas gave the invocation

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion approving the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of April 10, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fryer and carried unanimously.

Mayor Varnadore introduced two students Carsen Morris (Mayor for a Day); and Caitlyn Fowler (City Manager for a Day) both are members of the Junior Statesman. These students had the opportunity to spend quality time at City Hall, having firsthand experience of the City's every day operations. Mayor Morris wrote and signs a Proclamation, and he attended a Development Authority Meeting with Mayor Varnadore. City Manager Fowler had the pleasure of meeting our State Senator Blake Tillery, who asked some very interesting questions as she answered him with a smile of confidence. She also studied the City Charter and Revenue/Expenditures Reports. Georgia Cities Week April 21 – 27 is an opportunity to celebrate community achievement while recognizing students, volunteers and employees.

Councilman Bass made a motion approving the Resolution as Mayor Varnadore read to Dale Atkins, retiring from The Development Authority.

RECOGNIZING SERVICE OF DALE ATKINS

- WHEREAS: Dale Atkins has served as Executive Director of The Development Authority of Appling County for 26 years; and
- WHEREAS: During his career he has located or expanded over 40 industries and secured over 23 million dollars in funding for industry and infrastructure growth in Appling County; and
- WHEREAS: The Appling County Revolving Loan Fund being created and industrial real estate holdings were expanded to over 100 acres and three additional parks; and
- WHEREAS: Atkins has served as Chairman of the Southeast Georgia Regional Development Authority; and
- WHEREAS: Atkins has established favorable relationships with state and regional agencies and developers, keeping Baxley and Appling

County in the minds of people seeking to locate industries in Georgia

THEREFORE:

By the Mayor and Council of the City of Baxley, at a regular meeting duly assembled, that the Mayor and Council hereby extend to Dale Atkins their recognition and appreciation of his outstanding service to Baxley and Appling County and best wishes for a happy and productive retirement.

DULY AND UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Baxley held on the 24th day of April, 2019

This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fryer and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion approving the 2018 Annual Water Quality Report, as resented. This motion was seconded by Councilman Bass and carried unanimously.

Councilman Bass made a motion to set a public hearing date for Tuesday, May14, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. on a petition for annexation filed by Robert and Lynn Carter, located at 361 Satilla Church Road, be annexed and establishing a Residential (R-12) Zone in voting district #4. This motion was seconded by Councilman Thomas and carried unanimously.

Councilman Bass made a motion to accept the Insurance Proposal for General Liability renewal bid to Rentz & Rentz Insurance Agency due date May1, 2019: Bids as follow

Rentz & Rentz Insurance Agency	\$61,617.00
South Georgia Insurance Associates	\$63,369.00

This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fryer and carried unanimously.

Mayor's Report

1. Mayor Varnadore acknowledges Councilmembers Williams and Fryer April's Birthday celebrations.
2. Mayor Varnadore attended the 2019 Law Enforcement and First Responder Expo.
3. Mayor's Prayer Breakfast is May 2 from 6:30-6:45 held at First Baptist Church.
4. Mayor Varnadore attended the Easter Egg Hunt at the water park, it went very well with a great turnout.

Council's Report

1. Councilwoman Fryer completed two classes (Ethics and Conflict Resolution) in Athens.

City Manager's Report

1. City Manager Lovett and Keri Crosby Orvin announced the upcoming "Off to the Races GALA, Derby Style" which will be on April 25th2019.
2. City Manager Lovett and Dale Sapp announced the promotion of Wayne Mullis, Crew Chief.

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

City Clerk