

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Baxley City Council was held on April 25, 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, and Adam Thomas.

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 and Chief of Police James L. Godfrey.

Chairman Lewis Parker, and County Manager Lee Lewis were present on behalf of the Appling County Board of Commissioners.

Dr. Scarlett Copeland, Superintendent of Appling County School System was present.

Keri Crosby Orvin, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce was present.

Jamie Gardner representing the Baxley News Banner was present.

Chairman Parker gave the invocation.

State Representative Greg Morris was present to give the Mayor and Council updates from the general assemble. He explained that several study committees are taking time to review a variety of topics such as: rural development broadband, healthcare, HB 887 funds of equalization, HB 402 Comprehensive Planning for right-of ways, distracted driver law effective July 1st and school security funds that will be coming down soon. Mr. Morris assured the council that all of these topics are taken seriously and every effort is in the best interest of all citizens.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion approving the minutes of the Called Council meeting of April 10, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. This motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hall and carried unanimously.

Councilman Bass made a motion approving the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of April 11, 2018, at 8:30 a.m. This motion was seconded by Councilman Thomas and carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Hall made a motion approving the Second Reading / Adoption of an Ordinance annexing property filed by Jeannette & Randall King, located at 1193 Zoar Road be annexed and establishing a Residential (R-12) Zone in voting district #6. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Livingston and carried unanimously.

Councilman Bass made a motion approving the Second Reading / Adoption of an Ordinance annexing property filed by James and Angela Gibbs., located at 582 Russell Road, be annexed and establishing a Business Residential (BR-1) Zone in voting district #3. This motion was seconded by Councilman Thomas and carried unanimously.

Councilman Bass made a motion approving the 2017 Annual Water Quality Report, as presented. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Livingston and carried unanimously.

Mayor's Report

1. Mayor Varnadore meet with the Heart of Appling County.
2. Mayor Varnadore signed a Proclamation for the Pine Forest Garden Club.
3. Mayor Varnadore attended a Development Authority Meeting.
4. Mayor Varnadore announced the Crime Victim Memorial Ceremony will be Tuesday, May 1st at the Appling County Sheriff's Complex.
5. Mayor's Prayer Breakfast is May 3 from 6:30-6:45 held at First Baptist Church.
6. National Day of Prayer is May 3 at 6:00 p.m. and the Annex building on Tippins St.

City Manager's Report

1. Manager Lovett invited the Mayor and Council to Administrative Professional luncheon, Thursday, April 26, 2018
2. Manager Lovett announced the annual Kiwanis Golf tournament in Alma today at 1:00 p.m.
3. Manager Lovett reported the updates on the city's software with QS/1 is coming along very well.
4. Manager Lovett reported a meeting with the Department Heads to discuss a new work order software system presentation.
5. Manager Lovett informed the Council that Government Week is upon us:
 - Last Tuesday he will be spoke to the entire 7th grader preparing them for the Brain Bowl on May 8th.
 - Wednesday May 9th he will meet with 6th graders about Mayors Essay
 - Thursday May 10th he will be speaking to the 8th graders about Council meetings preparing them for the upcoming mock City council meetings.
 - May 18th will be the Mock City Council Meeting.

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

City Clerk