

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Baxley City Council was held on February 13, 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 Santana Fryer.

Other city officials present were: Reid Lovett, City Manager; Reba Cash, City Clerk; Alex Johnson, City Attorney; David Gore Street Supervisor and Chief of Police James L. Godfrey.

Members of the news media present were: Noah Gardner representing the Baxley News Banner and Cody Huddleston representing WBYZ 94.5 Radio Station.

Councilwoman Fryer gave the invocation

Councilman Bass made a motion approving the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of January 23, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. This motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hall and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion approving the recommendation from City Manager Lovett regarding the Solid Waste Contract which states the current price with Republic Services will remain the same, with no increase in cost until the end of this year at which point it will be sent out for proposal. This motion was seconded by Councilman Bass and was carried unanimously.

Councilman Bass made a motion setting a public hearing date for Tuesday, March 5, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. on a petition for annexation filed by Margarita Lepe located at 214 Palmetto Circle, be annexed and establishing a Business Residential (BR-1) Zone in voting district #2. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fryer and was carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion setting a public hearing date for Tuesday, March 5, 2019, at 6:05 p.m. on a petition for annexation filed by South Georgia Tae Kwon Do located at 1329 Hatch Parkway North, be annexed and establishing a Business (B-2) Zone in voting district #2. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fryer and was carried unanimously.

Councilman Bass made a motion adopting a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute documents pertaining to "Authorization to Accept GDOT Contract for Costs Associated to Design Airport Paving Rehabilitation. This motion was seconded by Councilman Thomas and was carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Hall made a motion increasing annexation application to Thirty-Five dollars, and Rezoning or Variance application to One Hundred Fifty dollars for the purpose of covering the cost incurred by the city to include advertising. This motion was seconded by Councilman Bass and was carried unanimously.

Councilman Bass made a motion to seek proposal bids for upgrading the existing drainage structures at the Omega Cemetery approximately 200 feet of drain pipes and to include resurfacing of the access roads. This motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hall and carried unanimously.

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

Councilman Bass made a motion authorizing the City Manager and City Attorney to negotiate with Enterprise Fleet Management on the potential contract's language and coverage with the option of leasing government vehicles, and report back to the Mayor and Council. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fryer and carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Hall made a motion appointing Councilwoman Fryer, Miranda Tanner and Nidia Garcia to serve on this year's 2020 Census committee. This motion was seconded by Councilman Bass and was carried unanimously.

Mayor's Report

1. Mayor informed the Council the drainage on North Main Street behind Qwik Chic is completed and a special thanks to David Gore and his crew.

Council's Report

1. Councilwoman Fryer announced she attended the Mayor's Day Conference in Atlanta.
2. Councilman Thomas announced he's completed another class with GMA.

City Manager's Report

1. City Manager Lovett announced that the Poor Robin Ext. LMIG project is complete. A big thanks to David Gore and Hayden Rozier for their hard work.
2. City Manager Lovett informed the Mayor and Council that he will be speaking at the Lions Club February 18, 2019 at 6:00pm
3. City Manager Lovett explained the First Net/ATT testing with phone coverage in our City and County.

City Attorney's Report

1. City Attorney Johnson announced the Tractor supply easement is complete.

Mayor Varnadore excused the public and recessed the Regular Meeting.

Mayor Varnadore called the closed session to order to discuss potential litigation.

There being no action taken in the closed session.

Mayor Varnadore called the regular meeting back to order.

Mayor Varnadore announced that the Employee Appeal Hearing will be held March 25, 2019 in the City Council chambers.

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

City Clerk