

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Baxley City Council was held on February 28, 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; Chief of Police James L. Godfrey, and David Gore, Street Supervisor

County Commissioner Chairman Lewis Parker and County Manager Lee Lewis representing the Appling County Commissioners were present.

Steve Simmons representing the Baxley News Banner was present.

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

Mayor Varnadore introduced Calvin Morris, Youth Pastor of Christ Community Church, who gave the invocation.

Chairman Parker and Manager Lewis both spoke expressing their gratitude and appreciation for the great working relationship and friendship between the City and County. While looking forward to building an even stronger bond between the two entities.

Keri Crosby Orvin, also spoke of the great working relationship she has experience with both the City and the County. Keri invited the Mayor and Council to mark the date for the Diamond Jubilee Gala, celebrating the Chamber's 100th year anniversary on Monday, March 19, 2018 from 6 pm – 10 pm at Hardware Pizza of Baxley.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion approving the minutes of the Called Council meeting of February 13, 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 February 14, 2018, at 8:30 a.m. This motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hall and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion approving the Second Reading/Adoption of an Ordinance for rezoning filed by Wade C. Moody, located at 486 South Main Street be rezoned from the current Residential (RM-10) Zone to a Business (B-2) Zone in voting district #5. This motion was seconded by Councilman Bass and carried unanimously.

Councilman Bass made a motion approving the First Reading of an Ordinance adopting an "Environment Conservation, On-Site Sewage Management and Permit" to remain in compliant with the Georgia Planning Act of 1989. This motion was seconded by Councilman Thomas and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion adopting a Resolution authorizing submission of a FY2018 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs and a Fair Housing Resolution. This motion was seconded by Councilman Bass and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion approving the City Manager's recommendation on the 2018 CDBG Grant selecting Alga, Inc as the Administrator and Hofstadter & Associates as the Engineers. This motion was seconded by Councilman Bass and carried unanimously.

Councilman Bass made a motion to set a public hearing date for Tuesday, March 27th, at 6:00 p.m. on a petition for annexation filed by Clarence Morris Jr., located at 75 James Drive be annexed and establishing a Business Residential (BR-1) Zone in voting district #2. This motion was seconded by Councilman Thomas and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion authorizing the Mayor, City Attorney and Staff to sign the necessary documents to complete GDOT contract for an agricultural apron at the Baxley Airport. This motion was seconded by Councilman Bass and carried unanimously.

Mayor's Report

1. Mayor Varnadore announced he attended the ground breaking ceremony held for the Sleep Inn Hotel on Thursday, February 22nd.
2. Mayor Varnadore met with the Area Managers of Republic Service out of Vidalia.
3. Mayor Varnadore reported that he met with the Engineers & Administrators from ALGA and they were looking for perspective sites that would be eligible for CDBG application.
4. Mayor Varnadore announced he visited the Appling County Library and was very impressed with the attentiveness of the staff and retained a Library card for himself.

Council's Report

1. Mayor Pro Tem Hall reported he attended a very successful Black History Banquet and appreciates the continued support shown by our community and it's leaders.

City Manager's Report

1. City Manager Lovett reported that he and the Mayor have been doing extensive research into drainage and have been looking at several future projects to improve the drainage system.
2. City Manager Lovett reported that on February 26, John Nail with Republic Service stopped by and are gearing up for the change over from the City being served out of Broadhurst back to Vidalia.

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

City Clerk