

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Baxley City Council was held on January 22, 2019, at 8:30 a.m., with the following members present: Mayor Tim Varnadore; Councilmembers: Betty Livingston, Adam Thomas, and Santina Fryer.

Mayor Pro Tem Mickey Bass and Councilman Pat Williams were excused.

Other city officials present were: Reid Lovett, City Manager; Reba Cash, City Clerk; Alex Johnson, City Attorney; David Gore, Special Projects Manager; Dale Sapp, Public Works Director; and Chief of Police, James Godfrey.

Keri Crosby Orvin, Development Authority of Appling County, Executive Director; Baxley Appling County Chamber of Commerce, President/CEO was present

County Manager Lee Lewis representing the Appling County Board of Commissioners.

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 January 8, 2020, at 8:30 a.m. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fryer and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion to adopt the Resolution recognizing County Manager Lee Lewis. This motion was seconded by Councilman Thomas and carried unanimously.

Mayor Varnadore opened the floor for comments regarding County Manager Lewis. Mayor Varnadore then expressed his appreciation to County Manager Lewis for his integrity and that he always had the best interest to the City and County. Mayor Varnadore then read the Resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: The success of our communities and the prosperity of our County and City are significantly influenced by the exemplary County Manager throughout the Commonwealth who dedicate their talents of heart and mind to helping ensure that our County and City excel;

WHEREAS: The knowledge, support and skills of Lee Lewis provided our community with a positive impact that will affect generations to come; and

WHEREAS: Lee Lewis was born and raised in Appling County. Mr. Lewis graduated from Appling County High School in May 1996. He was accepted into Middle Georgia College where he completed two (2) years and then transferring to the University of Georgia. He graduated in May 2000 with a bachelor of Business Administration with a focus in Finance from the Terry College of Business; and

WHEREAS: Lee Lewis worked with First Commerce Bank for two (2) years before accepting a position with Sun Trust Bank in Baxley, Georgia as

Financial Service Representative. Six (6) months later, Mr. Lewis accepted the position of Branch Manager. After five (5) years working with Sun Trust Bank, he started a new position with Appling County Board of Commissioners as the Finance Director in June 2008. In November 2008, Mr. Lewis assumed the responsibility of County Manager; and

WHEREAS:

In our complex and rapidly changing County and City, Mr. Lewis laid a foundation for success in developing, collaboration, and communication in our Community; and

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 Lee Lewis their recognition and appreciation of his outstanding service to Baxley and Appling County.

DULY AND UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Baxley held on the 22nd day of January, 2020.

County Manager Lewis stated he felt privileged to service and he hope the co-operation between the city and count continues.

Council Members Report

1. Councilwoman Fryer attended a Downtown Development Authority meeting.

City Manager Report

1. City Manager Lovett informed the Mayor and Council to be aware that the City had to remove trees from the city park next to C & L due to problems with the roots breaking apart the concrete and interfering with wiring.

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

City Clerk