

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Baxley City Council was held on January 23, 2019, at 8:36 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; and Chief of Police James L. Godfrey.

Jan Crosby representing WBYZ 94.5 Radio Station was present

Members of the public present were Pam Williams and Junior Statesman.

Councilman Thomas gave the invocation

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion approving the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of January 9, 2018, at 8:30 a.m. This motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hall and carried unanimously.

Pam Williams, Appling County Educator, along with students of the Junior Statesman, were recognized. Ms. Williams explained the function of the Junior Statesman and how they had visited several organizational and governmental entities' meetings to better understand what they do and the needed leadership skills to do it.

Mayor Pro Tem Hall made a motion approving the Second Reading / Adoption of an Ordinance on a petition filed by J.E. Holland Properties requesting the property located on Beach Road, be rezoned from the current Single Family Residential (R-12) Zone to a Multi-Family Residential (RM-10) Zone in voting district 6. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fryer and carried unanimously.

Councilman Bass made a motion setting \$35.00 as the amount for qualifying fees for the upcoming City of Baxley's General Election to be held November 5th, 2019. Councilmembers in district # 1, 2 and 5 are up for re-election this year. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Livingston and was carried unanimously.

Councilman Bass made a motion to hold a closed session at the end of this meeting to discuss potential litigation. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hall and carried unanimously.

Councilman Bass made a motion to authorizing the City Manager to negotiate with Republic Service on our annual rates for the second extended term with all references in the CPI agreement regarding the new trash rates and explore all options. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fryer and carried unanimously.

Mayor's Report

1. Mayor informed the Council that in our last council meeting, we approved the transfer of an alcohol license which did not change ownership. The original license is still active with no changes.

Council's Report

1. Mayor Pro Tem Hall attend the MLK parade and the Grand Marshall was Ms. Almaree Miller. The Banquet for Ms. Miller was prepared by her children.
2. Mayor Pro Tem Hall announced the Black History Banquet will be held in February.
3. Councilwoman Fryer announced she participated in the MLK parade and the attendance was great.
4. Councilwoman Fryer announced she will be attended the Mayor's Day Conference in Atlanta

City Manager's Report

1. City Manager Lovett announced the contract with Republic is in negotiations because of Republic Services requesting a substantial increase.
2. City Manager Lovett echoes the comment about the non-transferring of the alcohol license.
3. City Manager Lovett announced he is the preliminary stages for a potential Sewer expansion project in the Oak Ridge and Pine Forrest Sub-divisions.

City Attorney's Report

1. City Attorney Johnson announced the Tractor supply easement is still under negotiation.

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.

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

City Clerk