

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Baxley City Council was held on July 10, 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, Adam Thomas, Pat Williams, and Santina Fryer.

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 Supervisor, and Chief of Police James L. Godfrey.

Laura Crozier representing the Baxley News Banner was present.

Councilwoman Fryer gave the invocation

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion approving the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of June 26, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. This motion was seconded by Councilman Bass and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion approving the Second Reading / Adoption of an Ordinance on a petition filed by Seven Rivers R C & D, located at 119 Sunshine Drive, be annexed and establishing a Residential (RM10) Zone in voting district #1. This motion was seconded by Councilman Livingston and carried unanimously.

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

Mayor Varnadore proposed a Resolution Reactivating and Appointing Members of the Downtown Development Authority of Baxley; Council are asked to submit potential names to be appointed to serve by the next regular meeting.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Baxley by Resolution adopted September 14, 1982 created the Downtown Development Authority of Baxley (the "Authority"), pursuant to the Georgia Downtown Development Authorities Law (O.C.G.A. §36-42-1, *et. seq.*) (the "Act") for the purpose of revitalizing and redeveloping the central business district of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has maintained its registration and active status with the Department of Community Affairs and Secretary of State, but has not been active as an organization for a number of years; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council deem it to be in the continued best interests, needs, public good and general welfare of the citizens and taxpayers of the City and State to have an active Downtown Development Authority; and

WHEREAS, the terms of all of the last-appointed members of the Authority have expired so it is necessary to appoint new members;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Baxley, in regular meeting duly called and assembled, that the need for and benefits of a Downtown Development Authority continue to exist in the City of Baxley; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the following persons, duly qualified pursuant to O.C.G.A. §§36-42-4 and 36-42-7, are appointed as members of the board of directors of the Authority for the terms set forth:

FURTHER RESOLVED, that all successor directors shall be appointed for four year terms; and
FURTHER RESOLVED, that the aforesaid directors, and their successors in office, shall have all the rights and responsibilities set forth in the Act; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the persons holding the following positions shall serve as ex-officio directors of the Downtown Development Authority of Baxley, with the right to participate in meetings of the directors but not having the right to vote:

City Manager

County Manager

Executive Director of the Development Authority of Appling County.

*4 year terms, staggered

DDA to consist of seven persons who are:

- a. Taxpayers residing within the city limits; or
- b. Owners or operators of businesses located within the downtown development area, and county residents and taxpayers; or
- c. Have a combination of the above qualifications.

Provided:

One may be a member of the city council.

And:

At least 4 directors having the above qualifications shall have or represent a party who has an economic interest in the downtown development area.

However:

One director may reside outside the county if he/she owns a business within the downtown development area and is a resident of Georgia.

Council's Report

1. Mayor Pro Tem Hall thanked the council for allowing him to attend the National League of Cities meeting in Louisiana.
2. Mayor Pro Tem Hall spoke of his vacation trip to Alaska.

Mayor Varnadore recessed the regular meeting and called the Closed Session to order.

Mayor Varnadore reconvened the regular meeting no action taken in closed session.

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

City Clerk