

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Baxley City Council was held on May 8, 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 Santina Fryer.

Other city officials present were: Reid Lovett, City Manager; Reba Cash, City Clerk; Alex Johnson, City Attorney; Chief of Police James L. Godfrey and Miranda Tanner, Special Event Coordinator.

Keri Crosby Orvin, Executive Director of the Appling County Chamber of Commerce.

Jamie Gardner and Laura Crozier representing the Baxley News Banner were present.

Councilwoman Fryer gave the invocation

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion approving the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of April 24, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. This motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hall and carried unanimously.

Mayor Varnadore signed a Proclamation of the “50th Anniversary of Municipal Clerks Weeks” May 5th – 11th, 2019. Mayor Varnadore recognized Reba Cash, Municipal Clerk; Lynn White, Deputy Clerk and Jessica McLellan, Payroll Clerk.

Keri Crosby Orvin, Executive Director of the Appling County Chamber of Commerce, introduced the following 6th grade students from ACMS, who read their “If I Were Mayor” Essays, they were as follows: Overall winner: Jordan Hester; Team 6-1 Carlee Hutcheson; Team 6-2 Jaden Dubberly; and Team 6-3 Amelia Lott

Mayor Pro Tem Hall made a motion approving the First Reading of an Ordinance on a petition filed by Tajuana Nicole Perkins, located at 948 Hatch Parkway North, be annexed and establishing a Business (B-2) Zone in voting district #2. This motion was seconded by Councilman Thomas and carried unanimously.

Councilman Bass made a motion to set a public hearing date for Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. on a petition for rezoning filed by Areatha L Nanton-Virgil, located at 675 & 715 North Main Street, be rezoned from a Business (B-2) Zone to a Residential (RM-10) Zone in voting district #1. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Livingston and carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Hall made a motion to financially support the Appling County Public Library’s Summer Reading Program in the amount of \$2,000.00. This motion was seconded by Councilman Bass and carried unanimously.

Councilman Bass made a motion approving the First Reading of an Ordinance approving the Adoption Agreement, the General Addendum, of the restated 2018 GMEBS Defined Benefit Master Plan. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fryer and carried unanimously.

Mayor's Report

1. Mayor Varnadore attended the Chamber banquet and it was very enjoyable.
2. Mayor Varnadore attended Dale Akins retirement celebration.
3. Mayor Varnadore along with City Manager Lovett visited with the 7th grade class.
4. Mayor's Prayer Breakfast was May 2 the turnout was great with a large crowd.
5. Mayor Varnadore attended the National Day of Prayer at the annex.
6. Mayor Varnadore attended the Brain bowl that was held in the city chambers.
7. Mayor Varnadore announced the 35th Memorial Day Ceremony will be Thursday, May 16, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.

Council's Report

1. Councilwoman Fryer announced they will be offering an eight week Summer Camp G.R.O.W. in June.
2. Mayor Pro Tem Hall made a request to waive the water/sewer bill at the Senior Center/Headstart center.

City Manager's Report

1. City Manager Lovett asked Jamie Gardner to introduce his new reporter, Laura Crozier.
2. City Manager Lovett thanked Keri Orvin and Miranda Tanner for all their help during government week.

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

City Clerk