

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Baxley City Council was held on November 27, 2019, at 8:30 a.m., with the following members present: Mayor Tim Varnadore; Councilmembers: Betty Livingston, Mickey Bass, Adam Thomas, and Santina Fryer.

Pat Williams was excused due to illness.

Other city officials present were: Reid Lovett, City Manager; Reba Cash, City Clerk; David Gore, Special Projects Manager; 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

Noah Gardner representing the Baxley News Banner was present.

Mayor Varnadore requested a moment of silence in remembrance of Dr. Esco Hall, Jr.

Councilman Thomas gave the invocation

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion approving the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of November 13, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. This motion was seconded by Councilman Thomas and carried unanimously.

Councilman Bass made a motion approving the Second Reading / Adoption of an Ordinance on a petition filed by Eddie Joe Newkirk, located at 133 Poor Robin Road, be annexed and establishing a Residential (R-12) Zone in voting district #3. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fryer and carried unanimously.

Councilman Bass made a motion approving the recommendation from City Attorney Johnson and Kelvin Seagraves of Hofstadter & Associates, Inc. Engineering Contract regarding the CDBG Grant as amended. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Livingston and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Fryer made a motion adopting the LAP (Language Access Plan) which was prepared for the City to address the need of a recipient of federal financial assistance from DCA with limited English language skills. This motion was seconded by Councilman Bass and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion amending Item #5 of the January 9, 2019 Resolution as relating to Fiscal Control procedures from a minimum of \$2,500.00 to \$10,000 value is hereby established to qualify as Fixed-Asset amount. This motion was seconded by Councilman Bass and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion to elect Mickey Bass to serve as Mayor Pro Tem for the remaining 2019 year. This motion was seconded by Councilman Thomas and was passed by three to one votes. Those voting in favor: Livingston, Thomas, and Fryer. Mickey Bass abstain from voting.

Reflection of Mayor Pro Tem Esco Hall, Jr.

1. Mayor Varnadore reflected on his time spent with Dr. Hall, who was known for his soft spoken tone, full of integrity, his word was his bond and the sound advice that he received from Dr. Hall over the years. Dr. Hall began his employment in 1983 almost 37 years ago and he was elected Mayor Pro Tem for 22 of those years. He will be sorely missed by all.
2. Councilman Bass echoed the Mayor's comment and added Dr. Hall was always willing to help others.
3. Councilman Thomas noted being newly elected to city council he recognized Dr. Hall's leadership, his calm demeanor and he was an anchor for many.
4. Councilwoman Fryer called Dr. Hall the gentle giant, full of wisdom and she sought his advice before running for her position.
5. Councilwoman Livingston stated she's sat next to Dr. Hall for 35 wonderful years and she found him easy to talk with. He was a good man, and all will miss him.
6. Lastly, Keri Orvin, spoke of Dr. Hall as her horse veterinarian– he was a voice of reason, he wasn't known to make a lot of comments, but he always weighed all sides, so when he spoke people listened.

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

City Clerk