

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Baxley City Council was held on October 9, 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, and Santina Fryer.

Councilman Pat Williams was 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.

Noah Gardner representing the Baxley News Banner was present.

Hayden Rozier and Shane Crosby were present.

Councilwoman Livingston gave the invocation

Councilman Bass made a motion approving the minutes of the Called Council meeting of September 24, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. This motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hall and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion approving the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of September 25, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fryer and carried unanimously.

Councilman Thomas made a motion approving the Second Reading / Adoption of an Ordinance on a petition filed by Peggy Jackson, located at 341 Nailsferry Road be annexed and establishing a Residential (R-12) Zone in voting district #2. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fryer and carried unanimously.

Councilman Bass made a motion approving the Second Reading /Adoption of an Ordinance on a petition filed by Matt Hodges, located at 19 Brandon Street, be annexed and establishing a Residential (R-15) Zone in voting district #3. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Livingston and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion to set a public hearing date for Monday, November 4th, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. on a petition for rezoning filed by Robert L. and Donna M. Hillis, located at 519 Lackawanna Street, be rezoned from a Residential (R-15) Zone to a Business Residential (BR-1) Zone in voting district #4. This motion was seconded by Councilman Bass and carried unanimously.

Councilman Bass made a motion to set a public hearing date for Monday, November 4th, 2019 at 6:05 p.m. on a petition for annexation 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 Livingston and carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION

BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the City of Baxley’s Fiscal Year Budgets for October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019, are hereby amended as follows, upon a motion by Councilwoman Livingston, seconded by Councilman Bass, and carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	APPROVED FY2019 BUDGET	AMENDMENTS BUDGET	AMENDED FY2019 BUDGETS
REVENUES	\$5,338,849.00	-1,223,203.00	\$4,115,646.00
EXPENDITURES			
Governing Body	\$123,546.00	17,568.00	\$141,114.00
Clerk of Council	\$86,492.00	-2,675.00	\$83,817.00
Mayor	\$21,510.00	-3,878.00	\$17,632.00
City Manager	\$107,681.00	32.00	\$107,713.00
Financial Administration	\$404,728.00	66,789.00	\$471,517.00
Better Hometown	\$36,100.00	-3,332.00	\$32,768.00
Recorder’s Court	\$15,726.00	-114.00	\$15,612.00
Police Department	\$1,177,422.00	-121,388.00	\$1,056,034.00
Fire Department	\$210,000.00	-16,424.00	\$193,576.00
Animal Control	\$119,515.00	-60,338.00	\$59,177.00
Street Department	\$1,200,547.00	-26,169.00	\$1,174,378.00
Sanitation Department	\$380,000.00	21,032.00	\$401,032.00
Planning & Zoning	\$88,122.00	-86,085.00	\$2,037.00
Airport	\$1,353,460.00	-1,010,920.00	\$342,540.00
Contributions	\$14,000.00	2,699.00	\$16,699.00
Contingency			
Total Expenditures	\$5,338,849.00	-\$1,223,203.00	\$4,115,646.00

WATER/SEWER REVENUE	APPROVED FY2019 BUDGET	AMENDMENTS BUDGET	AMENDED FY2019 BUDGETS
REVENUES	\$1,711,500.00	\$85,260.00	1,796,760.00
EXPENDITURES			
Sewer	467,070.00	-72,024.00	395,046.00
Administrative	97,811.46	-6,362.46	91,449.00
WWTP	795,404.00	-12,999.00	782,405.00
Water	572,491.13	-31,276.13	541,215.00
W/S Debt Service	228,336.00	-60,000.00	168,336.00
Total Expenditures	2,161,112.59	\$-182,661.59	1,978,451.00

Duly adopted in a regular meeting of the Mayor and Council of the City of Baxley held on the 9th, day of October, 2019.

Mayor: _____
Tim Varnadore

ATTEST: _____
Reba Cash-City Clerk

Mayor's Report

1. Mayor Varnadore attended the First Baptist Joy Group.

Council Report

1. Councilwoman Fryer announced that GMA is partnering with Georgia Trend Magazine to award the Inaugural Visionary City Award. This award is an innovative way for cities to have a healthy working relationship with the community.
2. Mayor Pro Tem Hall announced that he had a good report from the doctors recently, concerning his kidney transplant from 12 years ago.

City's Manager Report

1. City Manager Lovett announced that after showing some film producers around Baxley for the past two days along with County Manager Lee Lewis and Development Authority Director Keri Orvin, they are hoping to make two movies, as well as, be an advocate for Appling County at numerous upcoming film festivals.
2. City Manager Lovett announced that as a solution to the increased traffic volume on Hwy 341 and after several conversations with Georgia Department of Transportation, The City of Baxley and Appling County will begin the process to pursue concepts from the Department of Transportation for a one way pair of Hwy 341. This will be a lengthy project and may not even see any construction until 10 to 12 years from now. He explained we have to start the process now to even have a chance to see the results for our future.

City Attorney Report

1. Attorney Alex Johnson responded to comments and questions previously delivered by Shane Crosby during the last regular council meeting.

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

City Clerk