

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Baxley City Council was held on September 25, 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 Santana Fryer.

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

Laura Crozier representing the Baxley News Banner was present.

Bobby Tippins and Shane Crosby were present.

Councilman Bass gave the invocation

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion approving the minutes of the Called Council meeting of September 10, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. This motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hall and carried unanimously.

Councilman Bass made a motion approving the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of September 11, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. This motion was seconded by Councilman Thomas and carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Hall made a motion approving the minutes of the Called Council meeting of September 12, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Livingston and carried unanimously.

Chief Godfrey and Lt. Carter introduced newly hired officer Constant Derbez.

Councilman Bass made a motion approving the Second Reading / Adoption of an Ordinance on a petition filed by PMG Properties, LLC located at 118 Beach Road, be annexed and establishing a Residential (R-12) Zone in voting district #6. This motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hall and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion approving the First Reading 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 Councilman Bass and carried unanimously.

Councilman Bass made a motion to adopt a Resolution approving the City of Baxley's FY2020 Budgets. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fryer and carried unanimously.

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**RESOLUTION**

**BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that the City of Baxley's Fiscal Year 2020 Budgets for October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020, are hereby approved as follows, upon a motion by Councilman Bass seconded by Councilwoman Fryer and carried unanimously.

**GENERAL FUND**

**APPROVED FY 2019-2020**

**REVENUES**

TAXES	\$2,817,607.00
LICENSES/PERMITS	215,900.00
INTERGOVERNMENTAL	377,890.00
SALES/SERVICE	410,100.00
POLICE COURT	90,000.00
MISCELLANEOUS	66,500.00
FEDERAL PROGRAMS	130,000.00
CEMETERY	10,000.00
PRIOR YR. FUND BALANCE	
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b><u>\$ 4,117,997.00</u></b>

**EXPENDITURES**

GOVERNING BODY	\$ 160,224.00
MAYOR	18,122.00
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	606,297.00
SPECIAL EVENTS	85,798.00
RECORDER'S COURT	16,159.00
POLICE DEPARTMENT	1,031,377.00
FIRE	217,698.00
ANIMAL CONTROL	109,593.00
STREET DEPARTMENT	1,225,671.00
SANITATION DEPARTMENT	370,000.00
PLANNING & ZONING	93,855.00
AIRPORT	143,169.00
CONTRIBUTIONS	40,034.00
CONTINGENCY	

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES** **\$4,117,997.00**

**UTILITIES**

**REVENUE**

SALES/SERVICE	\$ 1,714,000.00
MISCELLANEOUS	<u>105,400.00</u>

**TOTAL REVENUE** **\$1,819,400.00**

**EXPENDITURES**

SEWER	\$416,153.00
ADMINISTRATIVE	239,193.00
WWTP	797,399.00
WATER	515,109.00
W/S DEBT SERVICE	<u>168,336.00</u>

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES** **\$2,136,190.00**

**ADOPTED** this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion adopting a Resolution setting the City's 2019 Millage Rate @5.803 mills. This motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hall and carried unanimously.

### **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the City of Baxley has adopted a budget for the coming year; and

**WHEREAS**, it is incumbent upon the Mayor and Council to establish a 2019 Ad Valorem Rate.

**BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that 2019 taxable property within the corporate limits of the City of Baxley be levied upon a rate of \$ 5.8 per \$ 1,000.00 being a tax rate of 5.8 mills for general operation and maintenance of the City. The millage rate would have been 21.149 mills \$ 21.14 per \$1,000.00 for taxable property but for local option sales tax revenues and millage reduction, which allows for a rollback of 15.346 mills local option sales tax.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the taxing authority of the City of Baxley shall levy and collect property taxes as aforesaid.

Adopted this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019.

Councilman Bass made a motion to appoint Bedell Mayer to the Housing Authority Board to fill the unexpired term of Shirley Taylor (10/21/16 – 10/20/21). This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fryer and carried unanimously.

#### Mayor's Report

1. Mayor Varnadore, Councilwoman Fryer and City Manager Lovett attended the Community Planning Session.
2. Mayor Varnadore attended the DAR's regular meeting.
3. Mayor Varnadore announced he's had his annual flu shot.

#### Council Reports

1. Councilwoman Fryer attended the Downtown Development Authority Monday.

#### City's Manager Report

1. City Manager Lovett announced The City of Baxley has received a \$750,000 CDBG grant to rehabilitate ± 55 year old gravity sewer mains in the Beach Street drainage basin. The rehabilitation techniques will include cured-in-place pipe (CIPP) technology for the sewer mains and new PVC service laterals with clean-outs at the property line for all the service connections. The new PVC service laterals will be extended from the mains to the front of the residential structures. Also, the existing manholes will be rehabilitated with cementitious material or replaced with the new pre-cast manholes. The streets included in the project area are Patterson Street, West Allen Street, Harvey Street, North Thomas Street, Erby Lane, and several adjoining streets.

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

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City Clerk