REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Baxley City Council was held on February 23, 2022, at 8:30 a.m., with the following members present: Mayor Tim Varnadore; Mayor Pro Tem Mickey Bass; Councilmembers: Betty Livingston, Pat Williams, Adam Thomas, Santina Fryer and Ora Hall.

Other city officials present were: Reid Lovett, City Manager; Reba Cash, City Clerk; Alex Johnson, City Attorney, David Gore, Mitchell Wilkerson, Jerome Crapps and Police Chief Jeffery Taylor.

Mary Ann Ellis representing the Baxley News Banner.

Pam Wiggins representing Hardee’s of Baxley

Dal Canady representing WTOC of Savannah.

Mayor Pro Tem Bass led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilwoman Livingston gave the invocation.

Councilwoman Fryer made a motion approving the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of February 9, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. This motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bass and carried unanimously.

Mayor Varnadore welcomed Pam Wiggins, who recognized the various Fire Departments and the Women’s Auxiliary, for their wonderful act of service on February 10, 2022 when Hardee’s of Baxley was fully engulfed. After calling 911 it took less than 4 minutes for them to respond. She also noted that firemen are the real heroes, risking their own safety to help others in their time of need. Hardee’s has been a part of their family for 40 years and she didn’t want their quick response and outstanding job to go unnoticed.

City Manager Lovett reported that Governor Kemp announced more than $422 million in awards to reinforce water and sewer infrastructure in communities across the state. The City of Baxley will be receiving $1,530,418.00 million that will help improve drinking water treatment, extend drinking water service to high need areas, improve wastewater treatment plant, improve sewer systems, and secure Georgia’s water resources for future generations. He offered a special thanks to Governor Brian Kemp, Representative Bill Werkheiser, and Senator Blake Tillery.

Mayor Pro Tem Bass made a motion to accept the Quitclaim Deed presented by William A. Baker on a plat of Fairview Subdivision dated November 3, 1927. This property was never acquired by the City and City has never maintained the property as a public street or way. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Livingston and carried unanimously.

City Manager’s Report
1. City Manager Lovett announced the Appling County Joint Comprehensive Plan Kick-off meeting is scheduled for today, Wednesday, February 23, 2022 at 10:00 located in the Appling County Commissioners Meeting Room, at the Appling County Annex, 69 Tippins St. All stakeholders are invited.

2. City Manager Lovett attended a two day class in Tifton, GA

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

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City Clerk