MINUTES

The called meeting of the Baxley City Council was held on August 30, 2022 at 6:00 p.m., with the following members present: Mayor Tim Varnadore, Mayor Pro Tem Mickey Bass, and Councilmembers: Betty Livingston, Adam Thomas, Santina Fryer, and Ora Hall.

Councilman Pat Williams was excused.

Other city officials present were: City Attorney Alex Johnson, City Clerk Jessica McLellan, Chief Jeffery Taylor, David Gore, John Thomas Kimbrel, and Mitchell Wilkerson.

Jamie Gardner representing the Baxley News Banner was present.

Other members of the public were present.

Mayor Varnadore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Thomas gave the invocation.

The purpose of the public hearing was to offer the public an opportunity to comment on:

- An application for annexation filed by Elaine Solomon, located at 283 Knight Saw Mill Road, be annexed and establishing a Residential (RM-10) Zone in voting district # 2. There were no comments or questions.

- FY2023 City of Baxley Proposed Budget: Wayne Canady asked questions concerning Police Department overtime & hiring, Police Department Capital Expenses, Cemetery Expenses, and Milage Rate. All questions and concerns were addressed.

Councilwoman Fryer made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Livingston and carried unanimously.

Mayor Varnadore recessed the called meeting to enter into Executive Session.

Mayor Varnadore closed the Executive Session and reconvened the called meeting.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion to hire Keri Orvin as City Manager of the City of Baxley at a salary of $82,500. This motion was seconded by Councilman Thomas. Voting in favor: Councilwoman Livingston, Mayor Pro Tem Bass, and Councilman Thomas. Voting in opposition: Councilwoman Fryer and Councilwoman Hall. The vote passed with a majority.

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

City Clerk