



**BAXLEY CITY COUNCIL
Regular Council Meeting
Council Chambers**

**September 14, 2022
8:30 a.m.**

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Baxley City Council was held on September 14, 2022 at 8:30 a.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 Manager Keri Orvin, City Clerk Jessica McLellan, Chief Jeffery Taylor, John Thomas Kimbrel, and Mitchell Wilkerson.

Other members of the public were present.

Councilwoman Fryer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilwoman Hall gave the invocation.

Councilwoman Fryer made motion approving the minutes of the Called Council Meeting of August 23, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. This motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bass and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion approving the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of August 24, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hall and carried unanimously.

Councilman Thomas made motion approving the minutes of the Called Council Meeting of August 30, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hall and carried unanimously.

Deanna Rudd with the Baxley Housing Authority presented the Mayor and Council with the Audit Report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2021. She gave an update on Housing Authority facilities, projects, and tenants. A check for \$21,338.16 from the Housing Authority of the City of Baxley was presented for payment in lieu of taxes. Mayor Varnadore thanked Mrs. Rudd and expressed the City's gratitude to her and the Baxley Housing Authority for their successful operation and service to the public.

Mayor Pro Tem Bass made of motion approving the second reading/adoption of an ordinance for Application for Annexation, filed by Nick Eskandar – Grace Property Rentals, LLC, located at 1745 City Circle Road, be annexed and establishing a Professional (P-1) zone in voting district 3. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Livingston and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Hall made a motion approving the first reading/adoption of an ordinance 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. This motion was seconded by Councilman Thomas and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Fryer made a motion approving the first reading/adoption of an ordinance for rezoning filed by Stanley D. Crozier executor for Willene Crozier/Vance Crozier, located at 833 W. Parker Street, be rezoned from Residential (RM-10) Zone to a Business (B-2) Zone in voting district 6. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Livingston and carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Bass made a motion to table the first reading/adoption of an ordinance for rezoning filed by Lugo Properties, LLC, located at 757 Holmesville Ave., be rezoned from a Business (B-2) Zone to a Residential (RM-10) Zone in voting district 3 to allow for further study. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fryer and carried unanimously.



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Councilwoman Livingston made a motion to approve a Resolution approving the City of Baxley's FY2023 Budgets. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hall and carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Bass made a motion to approve a Resolution to set the City of Baxley's Millage Rate at 5.803 mills. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hall and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion to reappoint Terry Turner to the Baxley Housing Authority Board. This motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bass and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Fryer made a motion to reappoint Sheryl Nipper to the Appling County Board of Health. This motion was seconded by Councilman Thomas and carried unanimously.

Councilman Thomas made a motion to bid an extended lease of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Spray Fields for the purpose of cutting hay with necessary stipulations. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fryer and carried unanimously.

Mayor Varnadore Report:

- Attended the Board of Health Meeting
- Attended the Opening Session of the Summerall Family Gathering
- Signed a proclamation for Suicide Prevention and Awareness

The Mayor and Council welcomed new City Manager Keri Orvin.

City Manager Orvin thanked the Mayor and Council and stated she was excited to get started and work with such a great team.

Councilwoman Fryer made a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of acquisition of real estate. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hall and carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Bass made a motion to close executive session. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Livingston and carried unanimously.

Mayor Varnadore reconvened the regular council meeting.

Mayor Varnadore announced that the City was going to make an offer on a piece of property but the purchase would be announced and voted on at a later date.

City Attorney Johnson requested to re-enter into executive session for acquisition of real estate. Councilwoman Hall made a motion to re-enter into executive session for additional discussion on acquisition of real estate. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fryer and carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Bass made a motion to close executive session. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Livingston and carried unanimously.

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


City Clerk