



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

**July 26, 2023**  
**8:30 a.m.**

**MINUTES**

The regular meeting of the Baxley City Council was held on July 26, 2023 at 8:30 a.m., with the following members present: Mayor Tim Varnadore, Mayor Pro Tem Bass, and Councilmembers: Santana Fryer, Betty Livingston, David Gore, and Ora Hall.

Councilman Adam Thomas was excused.

Other city officials present were: City Manager Keri Orvin, City Attorney Alex Johnson, City Clerk Jessica McLellan, Public Works Director Wayne Mullis, Investigator Anthony McNeal, and Mitchell Wilkerson.

Cole Gardner was present representing the Baxley News Banner.

Members of the public were present.

Councilwoman Fryer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilwoman Hall gave the invocation.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion approving the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of July 12, 2023 at 8:30 a.m. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fryer and carried unanimously.

Mayor Varnadore announced that Sherry Shavers was not present.

City Manager Orvin introduced Dylan Bennett who introduced himself as the new Appling County Game Warden.

Councilman Gore made a motion approving the second reading of an ordinance for annexation filed by Phillis D. Perry for property located at 212 & 260 Arbor Drive be annexed establishing an RM-10 zone in voting district 6. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hall and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Hall made a motion to set a public hearing date of August 29, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. for a rezoning petition filed by Mitchell Conoway for property located at 807 Surrson Street be rezoned from an R-20 (Single Family Residential) to an RM-10 (Multi Family Residential) zone in voting district 2. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Livingston and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Hall made a motion to set a public hearing date of August 29, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. for a rezoning petition filed by Jemarl Fountain for property located at 139 Ben Carter Road be rezoned from an R-20 (Single Family Residential) to an RM-10 (Multi Family Residential) zone in voting district 2. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Livingston and carried unanimously.

City Manager Orvin presented the Aeration Pond Sludge Estimate from Tindall Enterprises, Inc. and an estimate for the dredging of the wastewater treatment pond from Southeastern Environmental Services as an emergency expenditure. Councilwoman Hall made a motion to proceed with the project. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fryer and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion to adopt the FY2024 Budget Calendar which will set the Budget Workshop for August 9, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. (or immediately following Regular Council Meeting) and the Budget Public Hearing for August 29, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. This motion was seconded by Councilman Gore and carried unanimously.

**Reports:**

**Mayor Varnadore:**

- o Participated in the Georgia Bible Reading
- o Attended the State Swim Meet held at new facility
- o Thanked Public Works for hard work in setting up for Swim Meet

**City Manager Orvin:**

- o Flight School at Airport is progressing
- o Hoping to have an Airport Hangar Project Timeline soon
- o Begin charging reinstatement charge (\$50) for delinquent accounts that have been disconnected. City had held off on this thru COVID.
- o Yard Debris is being handled through Public Works. Informed that construction debris is not eligible for this pickup service.

There being no further business, Mayor Varnadore adjourned the meeting at 8:51 a.m.

  
 City Clerk