REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Baxley City Council was held on August 28, 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 Santina Fryer.

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

Laura Crozier representing the Baxley News Banner was present.

Adam Gruber and Shane Crosby were present.

Councilwoman Fryer gave the invocation

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion approving the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of August 14, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. This motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hall and carried unanimously.

Councilman Bass made a motion approving the minutes of the Budget Workshop meeting of August 16, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. This motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hall and carried unanimously.

Mayor Varnadore extended his condolences to Stephen Wolfson, Assistant Fire Chief, in the passing of his father, Bruce Wolfson.

Councilman Bass made a motion setting a public hearing date for Tuesday, September 10th, 2019, at 6:10 p.m. on to hear public comments on the City’s Proposed FY2020 Budgets. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Livingston and carried unanimously.

Councilman Bass made a motion setting a public hearing date for Tuesday, September 24th, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. on a petition for annexation 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 Thomas and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion authorizing Mayor Varnadore and City Manager Lovett to execute GEFA documents contingent upon the City Attorney’s Review. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fryer and carried unanimously.

Councilman Bass made a motion to proceed with the 2020 LMIG Project for Resurfacing and Leveling: Barnes Street, Blueberry Street, Clifton Road and spot patch on Blueberry Avenue. This motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hall and carried unanimously.

Shane Crosby addressed the Mayor and Council.

Councilman Bass made a motion to hold an executive session at the end of this meeting. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fryer and carried unanimously.
Mayor’s Report
1. Mayor Varnadore gave the opening remarks at the Summerall Family Gathering.
2. Mayor Varnadore had a tour of the Sheriff’s Department new Jail.
3. Mayor Varnadore attended a Development Authority Meeting.
4. Mayor Varnadore attended the Appling County Health Dept. meeting.

Council Reports
1. Councilwoman Fryer attended the Census committee meeting.
2. Councilwoman Fryer attended a Downtown Development meeting
3. Mayor Pro Tem Hall attended the Summerall Family Gathering

City Manager’s Report
1. City Manager Lovett attended a Downtown Development meeting
2. City Manager Lovett announced he will be attending the potential storm (Dorian’s) direction at the EMA building.

Mayor Varnadore recessed the regular meeting and called the Executive Session to order.

Mayor Varnadore reconvened the regular meeting.

Councilman Thomas made a motion to update our open records policy and procedures. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fryer and carried unanimously.

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

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City Clerk