The regular meeting of the Baxley City Council was held on February 12, 2019, at 8:30 a.m., with the following members present: Mayor Tim Varnadore; Mayor Pro Tem Mickey Bass; Councilmembers: Betty Livingston, Adam Thomas, and Santina Fryer.

Councilman Pat Williams was excused.

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

Noah Gardner representing the Baxley News Banner was present.

Councilwoman Fryer gave the invocation

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion approving the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of January 22, 2020, at 8:30 a.m. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fryer and carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Bass made a motion approving the minutes of the Called Council meeting of February 4, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Livingston and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Fryer made a motion approving the First Reading of an Ordinance on a petition filed by Ag South Farm Credit, ACA, located at 2215 Hatch Parkway South, be annexed and establishing a Business Residential (BR-1) Zone in voting district #4. This motion was seconded by Councilman Thomas and carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Bass made a motion to approve the 2019 Annual Water Audit. Dale Sapp gave a presentation explaining the details of the audit report. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Livingston and carried unanimously. Mayor Varnadore expressed appreciation to Dale Sapp and Janet Dean for another job well done.

Councilman Thomas made a motion setting a public hearing date for Tuesday, March 10, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. on a petition for annexation filed by Robert Clotfelter, located at 747 Oak Ridge Road, be annexed and establishing a Residential (R-15) Zone in voting district #3. This motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bass and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion setting a public hearing date for Tuesday, March 10, 2020, at 6:02 p.m. on a petition for annexation filed by PMG Properties, located at 41 Daisy Lane, be annexed and establishing a Residential (R-20) Zone in voting district #6. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fryer and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Fryer made a motion to approve one new application to sell (Package Beer and Wine) at Ambalal Inc. DBA/MJ’s Stop located at 500 N. Blvd. owned by Jay Patel (new owner). This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Livingston was passed by three to two votes. Those voting in favor: Livingston, Fryer and Varnadore. Opposing was Bass and Thomas.
Councilwoman Fryer made a motion to hold an executive session at the end of this meeting. This motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bass and carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Bass made a motion to approve the financial statement presented from Manager Lovett year to date balance and progress. This motion was seconded by Councilman Thomas and carried unanimously.

Councilman Thomas made a motion to accept Public Works Director Dale Sapp’s recommendation to award the low bid to L.H. Bass & Sons for the purchase of a Vertical Well Pump Motor and installation for $11,250.00. Bids as follows:

- L. H. Bass & Sons $11,250.00
- Graves Water $17,527.00

This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Livingston and carried three to one vote. Those voting in favor: Livingston, Fryer and Thomas. Mayor Pro Tem Bass abstained.

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

Mayor Varnadore reconvened the regular meeting no action taken in closed session.

Mayor Pro Tem Bass made a motion to accept the unpaid leave of absence request from Officer Leon McKinney from March 1, 2020 until May 31, 2020. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fryer and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion to accept amending the coordination of benefits, which sets out rules for the order of payment of covered charges when two or more plans are paying, to stipulate the City’s health plan be secondary. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fryer and carried unanimously.

Mayor’s Report

1. Mayor Varnadore reported the video at our downtown mural presented to HGTV Hometown Takeover had a great turnout with over 200 participants.

City Manager Report

1. City Manager Lovett informed the Mayor and Council that a Census meeting would be held this morning at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers if they would like attend.

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

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City Clerk