

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Baxley City Council was held on February 14, 2018, at 8:30 a.m., with the following members present: Mayor Tim Varnadore; Mayor Pro Tem Esco Hall, Jr Councilmembers: Betty Livingston, Pat Williams, and Adam Thomas.

Councilman Mickey Bass was excused.

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

Hayden Rozier representing the Appling County Commissioners was present.

Councilman Thomas introduced his Pastor, Rev Darrell Quinn, who gave the invocation.

Mayor Varnadore extended an official welcome to Mr. Reid Lovett as our City Manager. Following his comments, all members of the Council, City Attorney, and City Clerk echoed their expression and their excitement for our city's vision, growth, improvement and opportunities.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion approving the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of January 24, 2018, at 8:30 a.m. This motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hall and carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Hall made a motion approving the First Reading of an Ordinance for rezoning filed by Wade C. Moody, located at 486 South Main Street be rezoned from the current Residential (RM-10) Zone to a Business (B-2) Zone in voting district #5. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Livingston and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion to approve the recommendation from the City Manager to accept the low bid of \$119,480.00 from Swindell Construction Inc. The HWY 15 Sidewalk project is funded out of the Georgia Department of Transportation Safety LMIG Program. The Sidewalk project will extend from Satilla Church Road to Auburn Street. Bids received were as follows:

Swindell Construction Inc. \$119,480.00

Quad T. Construction \$158,914.35

This motion was seconded by Councilman Thomas and carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Hall made a motion to approve a request for extension of sick leave for Melissa Harris for a maximum of ninety days at one-half benefit. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Livingston and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion to approve the 2017 Annual Water Quality Report. This motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hall and carried unanimously. Mayor Varnadore expressed appreciation to Dale Sapp and Janet Dean for a job well done.

Mayor's Report

1. Mayor Varnadore read a thank you note from retired city manager Jeff Baxley for the plaque and resolution he received for 24+ years of service.
2. Mayor Varnadore signed a Proclamation on February 2, 2018 proclaiming February 12, 2018 as Georgia Day.
3. Mayor Varnadore announced he spoke at the Kiwanis Club on February 8, 2018.

#### Council's Report

1. Mayor Pro Tem Hall reported he attended the Mayor's Day celebration.
2. Mayor Pro Tem Hall announced he will be attending the NLC in March 2018

#### City Manager's Report

1. City Manager Lovett gave an update on the Tippins Street project that is being handled in house by our Public Works Department.
2. City Manager Lovett gave an update on Fair Street; He expressed some concerns regarding the house keeping on some of the driveways, he met Monday with the contractors to express this concern and advised them to stay on top of this. He will be receiving an update from Hofstadter and Associates for the residents and the impacts that the construction will have moving forward.
3. City Manager Lovett informed the Mayor and Council of the need to fill a position in the Administrative Department.

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

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City Clerk