REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Baxley City Council was held on May 23, 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; and Chief of Police James L. Godfrey.

Keri Crosby Orvin, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce was present.

Jamie Gardner and William Gardner representing the Baxley News Banner were present.

William Gardner gave the invocation.

Mayor Pro Tem Hall made a motion approving the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of May 9, 2018, at 8:30 a.m. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Livingston and carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Hall made a motion approving the 2018-2019 Georgia’s Downtown Affiliate Network Memorandum of Understanding the Main Street America sublicensing agreement. All cities must have a current signed MOU in order to retain this service with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. This motion was seconded by Councilman Thomas and carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Hall made a motion approving the low bid to Bruce Construction on the Sleep Inn Hotel for a new pump station installation. The inspection will be done in-house by Water/Sewer Supervisor, Dale Sapp; bids as follows:
- Larry Bruce – Bruce Construction $17,550.00
- Joey Hiers- J. Hiers Company, Inc. $28,000.00
- Kirk Lewis – L & L Utilities, Inc $30,000.00
This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Livingston and carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Hall made a motion approving Manager Lovett’s recommendation to implement the wellness/fitness plan along with our group health insurance, which will be open to all full time employees. This motion was seconded by Councilman Thomas and carried unanimously.

Mayor’s Report
1. May 17, 2018, Mayor Varnadore attended and spoke at the Peace Officer’s Memorial Day Ceremony.
2. May 17, 2018, Mayor Varnadore attended the dedication of State Route 4 / US 1 Highway to Mr. Roy Herrington.
3. May 22, 2018, Mayor Varnadore attended and spoke to the sixteen Appling Leads graduates.
City Manager’s Report

1. Manager Lovett announced that Government Week was completed and attended many events over the past month with 6th, 7th and 8th grade students. These events and on Friday May 18th with the Mock City Council meeting performed by the 8th grade students. The students done a great job and he looks forward to next year. He also gave a huge Thank you to Keri Orvin and Phyllis Carter for all their hard work with these events.

2. Manager Lovett informed the Mayor and Council that the Temple of a Higher Calling withdrew their annexation petition.

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

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City Clerk