

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Baxley City Council was held on December 13, 2017, at 8:30 a.m., with the following members present: Mayor Steve Rigdon; Mayor Pro Tem Esco Hall, Jr. Councilmembers: Betty Livingston, Pat Williams, Mickey Bass, and Tim Varnadore.

George Skipper was excused by Mayor Rigdon.

Other city officials present were: Jeff Baxley and Reid Lovett, City Managers; Reba Cash, City Clerk; Alex Johnson, City Attorney; Chief of Police James L. Godfrey and members of the Public Works Department, Rick Solomon, Wayne Mullis, Gilbert Ellis, Francisco Escamilla, Clifton Kersey, and Joe Reading.

Councilman Elect Adam Thomas was present.

Steve Simmons representing Baxley News Banner was present.

Executive Director, Keri Crosby Orvin and Chamber member Phyllis Carter were present.

Mayor Rigdon called the regular council meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Councilman Elect Thomas gave the invocation.

Councilman Varnadore made a motion approving the minutes of the following meetings:

- Called Council meeting of November 7, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.
- Regular Council meeting of November 8, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.
- Called Council meeting of November 21, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.
- Regular Council meeting of November 22, 2017 at 8:30 a.m.
- Called Council meeting of November 22, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.
- Called Council meeting of December 4, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

This motion was seconded by Councilman Williams and carried unanimously.

Keri Crosby Orvin, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce and members from the Police, Fire and Public Works Departments were recognized for their hard work during the Christmas Parade, Winter Wonderland, Christmas in the Park and Movie at the Market. Special thanks to Buddy's, Steel Structure and all volunteers. It was noted that Winter Wonderland may have been the best ever.

Councilman Bass made a motion to adopt a Resolution authorizing submission of a FY2018 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs and a Fair Housing Resolution. This motion was seconded by Councilman Varnadore and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion to set a public hearing date for Tuesday, January 9th, at 6:00 p.m. on a zoning variance request filed by Y.R. Reddy to meet state requirement for operating a Daycare (contingent upon obtaining the plat and legal description). This motion was seconded by Councilman Varnadore and carried unanimously.

Councilman Bass made a motion authorizing the Mayor to adopt a Resolution and execute any documents to enroll our firemen in HB146 GMA-GIRMA Firefighter' Cancer and Disability Insurance. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Livingston and carried unanimously.

City Manager's Report

1. Reminder: City's Christmas luncheon, is Friday, December 22, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. located at the First Baptist Church Social Hall
2. Reminder: The office will be closed for Christmas holiday, Monday and Tuesday, December 25th and 26th
3. Reminder: A Public hearing on Tuesday, December 19, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.
4. Update on Fair Street: The final contract day with Sikes Brother's is December 22nd, 2017 due to inclement weather, storm drain and sewer issues the deadline will not be reached. City Manager Baxley anticipates a request for an extension.

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

City Clerk