

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Baxley City Council was held on January 25, 2017, at 8:30 a.m., with the following members present: Mayor Steve Rigdon; Mayor Pro Tem Esco Hall, Jr. Councilmembers: Betty Livingston, Mickey Bass, Pat Williams, George Skipper and Tim Varnadore.

Other city officials present were: Jeff Baxley, City Manager; Reba Cash, City Clerk; Alex Johnson, City Attorney, and Chief of Police James L. Godfrey.

Steve Simmons representing Baxley News Banner was present.

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

Councilman Varnadore gave the invocation.

Mayor Rigdon congratulated Jeff Baxley for being named the 2017 Citizen of the Year.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion approving the minutes of the Called Council Meeting of January 10, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. This motion was seconded by Councilman Varnadore and carried unanimously.

Councilman Bass made a motion approving the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of January 11, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. This motion was seconded by Councilman Bass and carried unanimously.

Councilman Varnadore made a motion approving the Second Reading/Adoption of an Ordinance rezoning property filed by Harold L. Whitaker and Suzanne W. Deal, requesting the property located at 340 South Main Street, be rezoned from the current Professional (P-1) Zone to a Business (B-2) zone in voting district #5. This motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hall and carried unanimously.

Councilman Bass made a motion to approve one new water/sewer discount application submitted by Mattie Fedrick. This motion was seconded by Councilman Varnadore and carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Hall made a motion setting qualifying fees for Council Districts 2, 4, 6, and Mayor in the amount of \$35.00, for candidates qualifying for City election to be held November 7, 2017. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Livingston and carried unanimously.

Councilmember's Report

1. Mayor Pro Tem Hall invited the Mayor and Council to this year's NAACP Black History Banquet which will be held Saturday, February 25th 2017.

2. Councilman Varnadore expressed his appreciation to the Police, Fire and Public Works Departments for their hard work resulting from the severe weather we had Sunday morning.

City Manager's Report

1. Echoed what Councilman Varnadore stated above, and stated how the employees from the various departments went above and beyond their call in doing their jobs. It was a united effort.
2. Reminded the Council of the Public Hearing, Tuesday, February 7, 2017.
3. Manager Baxley reminded the Mayor and Council to submit 2-3 citizens each to serve on the Comprehensive Plan Coordination Committee that would meet at the end of January. He stated that this was a part of the Comprehensive Plan update process that will be led by the Regional Commission.
4. Manager Baxley thanked Councilman Bass and Varnadore for honoring him by submitting his name for the 2017 Citizen of the Year at the Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet held on January 24, 2017 at the Baxley Church of God Fellowship Hall.

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

City Clerk