

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Baxley City Council was held on July 26, 2017, at 8:30 a.m., with the following members present: Mayor Steve Rigdon; Mayor Pro Tem Esco Hall, Jr. Councilmembers: Betty Livingston, George Skipper, Pat Williams, Mickey Bass, and Tim Varnadore.

Other city officials present were: Jeff Baxley, City Manager; Reba Cash, City Clerk; Alex Johnson, City Attorney; and Officer Terry Reynolds.

Steve Simmons representing Baxley News Banner was present.

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

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

Councilman Bass gave the invocation.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion approving the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of July 12, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. This motion was seconded by Councilman Varnadore and carried unanimously.

Keri Crosby invited the Mayor and Council to mark the date for Georgia's 2030 presentation on September 20, 2017, to be held at Plant Hatch from 11:30 – 1:00.

Mayor Pro Tem Hall made a motion approving the Second Reading/Adoption of an Ordinance amending our existing Water Conservation Ordinance to include adding to the current language "outdoor watering schedule will follow/coincide with state law drought rule 391-3-30 and the water stewardship act." This motion was seconded by Councilman Bass and carried unanimously.

Manager Baxley provide the Mayor/Council with a tax map that identified the undeveloped section of Lackawanna Street which had been requested in the prior meeting. The map was requested to specifically show the area to be quit claim deeded to the adjacent property owners. Baxley also confirmed to the Council that no City infrastructure was located within the considered boundaries and said that he saw no problem with proceeding with the quit claim process. Upon seeing the map and the fact that no infrastructure existed, the Council concurred and gave the City attorney the nod to proceed.

Council Member's Report

1. Mayor Pro Tem Hall received a Resolution from the Development Authority retiring after 26 years of service and for being the longest serving member.

City Manager's Report

1. Manager Baxley reported that the Budget process is going good. He's received most of the requests from the Department heads and that he should have the draft at the next Council meeting in August.
2. Manager Baxley reported that today at 11:00 a.m, a final walk through will take place at the WWTP Solar Array which, when completed, will close the project with GEFA.
3. Fair Street Update – Stated that the manholes have all been rehabilitated and that the deep patches were complete as well. He thought there were around fourteen patches. He said that the looked for one way traffic to begin soon.

Councilman Varnadore announced that he will not be seeking re-election in District 4 in November, however, his plans were to qualify for Mayor in August.

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

City Clerk