

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting of the Baxley City Council was held on September 27, 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.

Councilman George Skipper was absent due to being hospitalized and was excused by the Mayor.

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

Councilman Elect Adam Thomas was present.

Steve Simmons representing Baxley News Banner was present.

House of Representative Greg Morris of the 156th was present.

Mrs. Evelyn Atkins, Daryl Atkins and Sherri Atkins were present.

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

Councilman Bass gave the invocation.

Councilman Varnadore made a motion approving the minutes of the Called Council meeting of September 12, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Livingston and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion approving the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of September 13, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. This motion was seconded by Councilman Bass and carried unanimously.

State Representative Greg Morris, of the 156th district, presented House Resolution 215 before the Mayor/Council by reading it aloud. The resolution was sponsored by Morris, Chad Nimmer of the 178th, and three other Representatives that have served as Mayors. The resolution recognized the soon to retire City Manager for his Citizen of the Year designation and for his contributions and various achievements throughout his 24 plus years of service to the City of Baxley. Morris then presented the resolution to Manager Baxley as a personal record of the action. Mayor Rigdon and the Council expressed their appreciation for Baxley's service to the City as well. Manager Baxley stated that he was truly honored.

Mayor Pro Tem Hall recognized Mrs. Evelyn Atkins, Daryl Atkins and Sherri Atkins who addressed the Mayor and Council individually voicing their concerns regarding the flooding at the Mrs. Evelyn's home and in the Jr. High Drive area. Also, the vacant, dilapidated property adjacent to Mrs. Atkins property was questioned as to why nothing had been done about it.

Councilman Bass made a motion approving the Second Reading/Adoption of an Ordinance on two petitions for rezoning filed by Edsel Mayers, requesting his property located at 446 and 470 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 Councilman Varnadore and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion adopting a Resolution for the City of Baxley's Amended FY2017 General Fund and Water/Sewer Revenue Fund Budgets. This motion was seconded by Councilman Bass and carried unanimously.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	APPROVED FY2017 BUDGET	AMENDMENTS BUDGET	AMENDED FY2017 BUDGETS
REVENUES	\$3,789,180.00	\$234,448.00	\$4,023,628.00
EXPENDITURES			
Governing Body	\$115,546.00	+5,000.00	\$120,546.00
Clerk of Council	\$67,365.00	+5,300.00	\$72,665.00
Mayor	\$21,789.00	-727.00	\$21,062.00
City Manager	\$126,702.00	+600.00	\$127,302.00
Financial Administration	\$386,937.00	-61,403.00	\$325,534.00
Better Hometown	\$36,100.00	+17,200.00	\$53,300.00
Recorder's Court	\$15,209.00	-400.00	\$14,809.00
Police Department	\$990,720.00	+24,155.00	\$1,014,875.00
Fire Department	\$208,123.00	-2,787.00	\$205,336.00
Animal Control	\$41,683.00	-8,689.00	\$32,994.00
Street Department	\$1,022,100.00	+219,200.00	\$1,241,300.00
Sanitation Department	\$371,000.00	-700.00	\$370,300.00
Planning & Zoning	\$85,111.00	-8,401.00	\$76,710.00
Airport	\$161,795.00	+47,100.00	\$208,895.00
Contributions	\$14,000.00	+124,000.00	\$138,000.00
Contingency	\$125,000.00	-125,000.00	0
Total Expenditures	\$3,789,180.00	+234,448.00	\$4,023,628.00

WATER/SEWER REVENUE	APPROVED FY2017 BUDGET	AMENDMENTS BUDGET	AMENDED FY2017 BUDGETS
REVENUES	\$1,847,300.00	+1,327,561.00	\$3,174,861.00
EXPENDITURES			
Sewer	\$463,226.00	+142,877.00	606,103.00
Administrative	\$98,602.00	+3,201.00	101,803.00
WWTP	\$847,394.00	+1,218,034.00	2,065,428.00
Water	\$586,502.00	+16,778.00	603,280.00
W/S Debt Service	\$168,336.00	0.00	168,336.00
Total Expenditures	\$2,164,060.00	+1,380,890.00	\$3,544,950.00

Councilman Varnadore made a motion authorizing City Manager Baxley to purchase used 95 gallon trash containers, contingent upon inspection of containers. This motion was seconded by Councilman Williams and carried unanimously.

Councilman Bass made a motion adopting a Resolution approving the Appling County Joint Comprehensive Plan. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Livingston and carried unanimously.

Councilman Williams approved the application to sell (Package Beer and Wine) at Hungry Lion located at 1075 Blackshear Highway owned by Chatraporn Songserm (new owner). This motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hall and was passed by three to two votes. Those voting in favor: Hall, Livingston, and Williams. Those opposing were Bass and Varnadore.

Council's Report

1. Mayor Pro Hall reported that he had attended National Deaf Day in Atlanta.

City Manager's Report

1. Manager Baxley informed the Council on the upcoming Planning Retreat at Jekyll October 26, 2017, and that he need a head count today if possible.
2. Manager Baxley informed the Council that the Service Delivery agreement with Appling County, Graham, Surrency and the City of Baxley has been signed as required by law.
3. Manager Baxley reported that there was some roof damage at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, as well as fence damage at the old Drug Task Force building from Hurricane Irma.
4. Manager Baxley invited the Mayor and Council to an upcoming mandatory employee meeting on Friday, September 29th at 2:30 in the Council Chambers.
5. Manager Baxley announced that due to the obvious increase in the mosquito population, the City will start this week spraying three nights as opposed to two..
6. Manager Baxley stated the limb and leaves pickup is going well and that we were running an additional truck to help remove the huge amount of debris from hurricane Irma.
7. Manager Baxley reported that we are still experiencing some garbage pickup issues that are not necessarily related to the recent storm and that he has discussed the seriousness of the problems with the contractor. He stated that these problems seemed to have started since we are now being serviced by Republic Services out the Broadhurst office in Wayne County as opposed to the Vidalia office.

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

City Clerk