

BAXLEY CITY COUNCIL Regular Council Meeting Council Chambers

March 13, 2024 8:30 a.m.

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Baxley City Council was held on March 13, 2024 at 8:30 a.m., with the following members present: Mayor Tim Varnadore, Mayor Pro Tem Mickey Bass, Councilmembers: Santina Fryer, Betty Livingston, David Gore, Adam Thomas, and Ora Hall.

Other city officials present were: City Attorney Alex Johnson, City Manager Keri Orvin, City Clerk Jessica McLellan, Public Works Director Wayne Mullis, Chief Jeffery Taylor, and Mitchell Wilkerson.

Cole Gardner representing Baxley News Banner was present.

Councilwoman Fryer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilwoman Hall gave the invocation.

Councilwoman Livingston made a motion approving the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of February 28, 2024. This motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bass and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Hall made a motion approving the minutes of the Called Council Meeting of February 29, 2024. This motion was seconded by Councilman Thomas and carried unanimously.

Councilwoman Hall made a motion to accept the City Manager's recommendation of the low bid of \$30,890 from Engineered Outdoor Products for the budgeted project of fencing lift stations. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Livingston and carried unanimously.

Reports:

- Mayor Varnadore
 - Announced the Distict 9 Meeting will be held in Baxley at Coastal Pines College April 16th at 6:00 p.m.
 - o Chamber Gala April 11, 2024
 - o GMA Registration due March 25, 2024
 - Law Enforcement Expo Day is March 20, 2024
- City Manager Orvin
 - o Property & Liability Insurance renewal is in process
 - o Attended Georgia City and County Managers Meeting last week
 - o Egg Hunt March 29, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.
 - o Baxley Beautification Day with Food Truck & Artisan Festival April 20, 2024
 - o Working on storm water on Thomas Street
 - o Bonus LMIG opens in April
 - Thanked Police Department and Public Works for assistance during Peaches to Beaches
 - Oak Ridge & Pine Forest Interest Deadline is March 31, 2024. Notes from Public Hearing are available on baxley.org under services.
- City Attorney Johnson
 - Extended thanks for Police Department and Public Works for assistance during Peaches to Beaches

Mayor Pro Tem Bass made a motion to accept Mayor Varnadore's request for an Executive Session to discuss real estate. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Fryer and carried unanimously.

Mayor Varnadore recessed the Regular Meeting at 8:48 a.m. and entered into Executive Session.

Mayor Varnadore adjourned Executive Session and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 8:54 a.m.

Councilman Thomas made a motion to accept the high bid of \$700,000 from Hix Snedeker for the purchase of the City Gym Property located at 252 West Parker Street. This motion was seconded by Councilman Gore. Voting in favor: Councilman Gore, Councilman Thomas, Mayor Pro Tem Bass, Councilwoman Livingston, and Councilwoman Hall. Councilwoman Fryer abstained.

There being no further business, Mayor Varnadore adjourned the meeting at 8:57 a.m.

City Clerk