

MINUTES
CITY OF BAINBRIDGE, GEORGIA
TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2022
6:30 P.M.

PRESENT: MAYOR EDWARD REYNOLDS, PRESIDING

COUNCIL MEMBERS: KREGG CLOSE, DON WHALEY, GLENNIE BENCH,
ROSLYN PALMER, PHIL LONG, AND SYLVIA
WASHINGTON

CITY STAFF: CITY MANAGER CHRIS HOBBY, ASSISTANT CITY
MANAGER ROY OLIVER, STEVE O'NEIL, LISA TAYLOR,
CRYSTAL HINES, FRANK GREEN, REDELL WALTON,
AND RYAN WIMBERLEY

GUESTS: TIM NORRIS, CAROLYN WISE, DAVID PRICE, BOBBY
WASHINGTON, EMILY YENT, DEANDREA GREEN,
DEIDRA GREEN, CATHERINE CATLEDGE, TRENT
SCARBOROUGH, JILL HOLLOWAY, KELVIN AND
LATISHA, SHAWN SWARTZ, KENNETH JACKSON,
CASSANDRA JACKSON, TONYA REYNOLDS, ANNIE
JONES, JEREMIAH HORNE, DIANE LONG, DORIS COSBY,
AND ELAINE SMITH

ABSENT: NONE

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Councilman Whaley gave the invocation and all those assembled pledged allegiance to the flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion offered by Councilwoman Bench and seconded by Councilwoman Washington, the Council voted 6-0 to approve the minutes from the December 18, 2021, council meeting as presented.

RECOGNIZE VISITORS AND DELEGATIONS

Mayor Reynolds opened the floor for anyone who wish to speak on an item that was currently not on the agenda. Hearing from no one, Mayor Reynolds proceeded to the next item on the agenda.

OATH OF OFFICE – MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

State Judge David Kendrick performed the swearing in ceremonies for re-elected Council members: Mayor Edward Reynolds, Glennie Bench, Sylvia Washington, and Phil Long.

APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR PRO-TEM

Mayor Reynolds informed the city council that in keeping with council tradition the position of Mayor Pro-Tem would rotate to Councilwoman Sylvia Washington. Upon a motion offered by Councilwoman Palmer and seconded by Councilwoman Bench, the council voted 6-0 to designate Councilwoman Washington as Mayor Pro-Tem for 2022.

APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE

Mayor Reynolds recommended the reappointment of Josh Bell as Municipal Court Judge, for a term of one year. Upon a motion offered by Councilwoman Bench and seconded by Councilman Close, the Council voted 6-0 to approve the appointment.

APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL COURT SOLICITOR

Mayor Reynolds recommended the reappointment of Benny Harrell as Municipal Court Solicitor, for a term of one year. Upon a motion offered by Councilwoman Bench and seconded by Councilwoman Palmer, the Council voted 6-0 to approve the appointment.

APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL COURT PUBLIC DEFENDER

Mayor Reynolds recommended the reappointment of Eric Gay as Municipal Court Public Defender, for a term of one year. Upon a motion offered by Councilwoman Bench and seconded by Councilman Long, the Council voted 6-0 to approve the appointment.

PUBLIC HEARING – AMENDMENT TO MEETING SCHEDULE

Mayor Edward Reynolds informed the council that this meeting has been advertised as the time a place for a public hearing to amend the City Council Meeting Schedule. Upon a motion offered by Councilwoman Palmer and seconded by Councilman Whaley, the Council voted 6-0 to open the public hearing. Hearing from no one, Councilman Whaley made a motion to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Washington and unanimously carried in a 6-0 vote.

CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT TO MEETING SCHEDULE

Upon a motion by Councilman Whaley and seconded by Councilman Long, the Council voted 6-0 to amend the City Council meeting schedule. City Council will now meet only on the third Tuesday of each month.

CONSIDERATION OF PROJECT AGREEMENT

City Manager Chris Hobby presented the council with a project agreement with Bates Engineering for construction services in connection with the Water Pollution Control Plant Upgrade. Upon a motion offered by Councilwoman Bench and seconded by Councilwoman Palmer, the council voted 6-0 to approve the project agreement.

CONSIDERATION OF A ONE DAY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE

APPLICATION – Southern Regional Technical College Foundation

City Manager Chris Hobby presented the council with a one-day alcohol license application from the Southern Regional Technical College Foundation. Upon a motion by Councilwoman

Bench and seconded by Councilman Whaley, the Council voted in a 6-0 decision to approve the application.

CONSIDERATION OF PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

The Planning Commission met Tuesday, January 11th and considered two items that require City Council action. Applicant WCP III Bainbridge, LLC is requesting approval of a preliminary plat for residential development. The property (Parcel ID: 00900016) is located off Tallahassee Hwy and is 43.2 acres. Applicant True North Way LLC is requesting approval of a preliminary plat for residential development. The property (Parcel ID: B0420032H00) is located at 1000 Faceville Hwy and is 14.27 acres. Upon a motion offered by Councilman Long and seconded by Councilwoman Washington, the council voted 6-0 in favor of the Planning Commission’s recommendations to approve both applications.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Reynolds recommended reappointing Councilman Kregg Close to the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission, Lachanda Mackey to the Planning Commission, and Chip Hall and Ramsay Simmons to the Development Authority. Upon a motion offered by Councilwoman Palmer and seconded by Councilwoman Bench, the Council voted 6-0 to approve the recommendations of the Mayoral Appointments.

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business, Mayor Reynolds adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

BY: _____
EDWARD REYNOLDS, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
ALLIE GODWIN, COUNCIL CLERK