

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF BAINBRIDGE, GEORGIA**  
**TUESDAY, JULY 18, 2023**  
**6:30 P.M.**

PRESENT: MAYOR EDWARD REYNOLDS, PRESIDING

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

CITY STAFF: CITY MANAGER CHRIS HOBBY, ASSISTANT CITY  
MANAGER ROY OLIVER, ALLIE GODWIN, STEVE  
O'NEIL, GABE MENENDEZ, LISA TAYLOR, FRANK  
GREEN, RYAN DEEN, MARK ESQUIVEL, RYAN  
WIMBERLEY, AND AL KELLY.

GUESTS: MICHAEL KOZLAREK, TOM CONGER, JANET SESSION,  
BRUCE KIRBO JR, KEENAN ADAMS, VALERIE BURKE,  
EMORY MIDDLETON, AND TERRY THOMAS

ABSENT: NONE

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

Councilwoman Washington gave the invocation and all those assembled pledged allegiance to the flag.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon a motion offered by Councilman Whaley and seconded by Councilman Close, the Council voted 4-0 to approve the minutes from the June 20, 2023, council meeting.

**RECOGNIZE VISITORS AND DELEGATIONS**

Mayor Reynolds opened the floor for anyone to speak on an item. Ms. Elva McNair of 101 Edgewood Drive and Ms. Jennifer Beard of 99 Edgewood Drive stepped forward to voice their concerns regarding noise and speeding on their street. Mayor Reynolds then proceeded to the next item on the agenda.

### **APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR PRO-TEM**

Mayor Reynolds informed the city council that due to the untimely passing of Councilman Long, that it was necessary to appoint a new Mayor Pro-Tem. Mayor Reynolds stated that in keeping with council tradition the position of Mayor Pro-Tem would rotate to Councilman Kregg Close. Upon a motion offered by Councilman Whaley and seconded by Councilwoman Washington, the council voted 4-0 to designate Councilman Close as Mayor Pro-Tem for the remainder of 2023.

### **ESTABLISHMENT OF QUALIFYING FEE**

Assistant City Manager Roy Oliver informed the Mayor and City Council that to follow state law, it was necessary for the city to adopt the qualifying fee for persons wishing to run in the Special Election on November 7, 2023 to fulfill the unexpired term of former Councilman Phil Long. Assistant City Manager Oliver informed the City Council that the recommended qualifying fee for post 3 is \$90.00. Upon a motion offered by Councilman Close and seconded by Councilwoman Palmer, the council voted 4-0 to set the qualifying fee at \$90.00.

### **CONSIDERATION OF STREET CLOSURE REQUESTS**

Assistant City Manager Oliver presented the Council with a street closure request from Ms. Kenzi Merchant who is requesting to close a portion of Water Street, from Broad to Clay Street on Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm to hold Water Street Market Day. Upon a motion offered by Councilwoman Plamer and seconded by Councilwoman Washington, the council voted 4-0 to approve the street closure request.

### **CONSIDERATION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS**

Assistant City Manager Roy Oliver presented the Mayor and City Council with two alcoholic beverage license applications:

1. Ms. Susan L. Higdon with Higdon Enterprises, LLC dba Susie and Sam's Steakhouse located at 200 W. Broughton Street has applied for a new malt beverage, wine and distilled spirits on premises consumption license.
2. Mr. Azam Jivani of 1100 ESS Business, LLC (Formally Woodall's) located at 1100 E. Shotwell Street has applied for a malt beverage and wine package retail license.

Upon a motion offered by Councilwoman Washington and seconded by Councilman Close, the Council voted 4-0 to approve both applications as presented.

### **CONSIDERATION OF VOTING PRECINCT RELOCATION**

Assistant City Manager Oliver informed the Mayor and City Council that on July 11, 2023, the Decatur County Board of Elections voted to relocate the Coliseum Precinct to the Conger Gym on Potter Street. Upon a motion offered by Councilwoman Palmer and seconded by Councilman Whaley, the council voted 4-0 to uphold the decision of the Decatur County Board of Elections and relocate the Coliseum Precinct to the Conger Gym.

### **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS – DDRLF**

Upon a motion offered by Councilwoman Washington and seconded by Councilwoman Palmer, the council voted 4-0 in favor of both resolutions expressing the city's support for the redevelopment of properties located at 125 Calhoun Street and 214 E. Water Street.

### **CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED OPEN CONTAINER DISTRICT EXPANSION**

Upon a motion by Councilman Close and seconded by Councilman Whaley, the Council voted 4-0 to approve the expansion of the open container district as presented.

### **INTRODUCTION OF DEMOLITION ORDINANCES**

City Planner Steve O'Neil presented the council with three proposed ordinances for demolition. Mr. O'Neil stated that the ordinances would be advertised for Public Hearing before being voted on at the next meeting of the City Council.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **Bids:**

1. EGPS Solutions  
4 - GNSS Receivers and Accessories  
Norcross, GA \$31,180.00

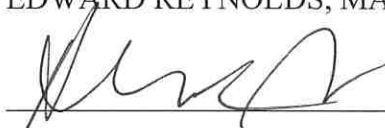
Upon a motion offered by Councilman Whaley and seconded by Councilwoman Palmer, the council voted 4-0 to approve the bid as presented.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With there being no further business, Mayor Reynolds adjourned the meeting at 6:49 pm.

BY:   
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EDWARD REYNOLDS, MAYOR

ATTEST:   
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ALLIE GODWIN, COUNCIL CLERK