

MINUTES
CITY OF BAINBRIDGE, GEORGIA
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2024
6:30 P.M.

PRESENT: MAYOR EDWARD REYNOLDS, PRESIDING

COUNCIL MEMBERS: KEENAN ADAMS, GLENNIE BENCH, ROSLYN PALMER,
SYLVIA WASHINGTON AND DON WHALEY

CITY STAFF: CITY MANAGER ROY OLIVER, STEVE O'NEIL, LISA
TAYLOR, GABE MENENDEZ, RANDEE EUBANKS, FRANK
GREEN, REDELL WALTON, RYAN WIMBERLEY,
CRYSTAL HINES AND SYLVIA BIVINS

GUESTS: EMORY J MIDDLETON, JR., WANDA MOSLEY, RICK
MCCASKILL, CHIP DUNN, JOHNNY REYNOLDS, PENNY
REYNOLDS, NANCY DAVIS, STEVE DAVIS, KEITH LYLE,
ANDY BELL, ODELL WASHINGTON, SANDRA CALHOUN,
REV. ADREN BIVINS, SR.

ABSENT: KREGG CLOSE

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion offered by Councilwoman Palmer and seconded by Councilman Adams, the Council voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from the November 19, 2024, council meeting as presented.

RECOGNIZE VISITORS AND DELEGATIONS

Mayor Reynolds opened the floor for anyone to speak on an item. Hearing from no one, Mayor Reynolds proceeded to the next item on the agenda.

UPDATE – ANOVION TECHNOLOGIES

Chairman of Anovion Technologies, Chip Dunn, provided the Mayor and City Council with an update. The entire update can be seen here: <https://www.bainbridgecity.com/documents/your-government/agendas-%26-minutes/2024/12%2F17%2F2024---city-council-meeting/733634>

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Reynolds read and presented a proclamation to Mr. and Mrs. Adren and Sylvia Bivins, Founder and Co-Founder of The Laymen Brotherhood Second Chance Outreach Center, for their Annual Christmas Dinner Celebration.

CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT CEMETERY TRUST ORDINANCE

Community and Economic Development Director, Steve O’Neil, addressed the Mayor and City Council about the amendment to the cemetery ordinance. He stated that the change would be to include all city owned cemeteries as it currently only includes Oak City Cemetery. This would make it possible for people to donate to the specific cemetery to help maintain the cemetery for years to come. Councilwoman Bench made a motion to adopt the revised language. That motion was seconded by Councilwoman Washington and was voted all in favor 5-0.

INTRODUCTION TO AMEND ELECTRICAL CODE – 2023 National Electrical Code

City Manager, Roy Oliver, addressed the Mayor and City Council about the amendment to the National Electrical Code. This is an update from the 2018 to 2023 National Electrical Code. A motion was made by Councilwoman Bench, and that motion received a second from Councilwoman Palmer, and all voted in favor 5-0.

CONSIDERATION FOR STREET RENAMING

Community and Economic Development Director, Steve O’Neil, addressed the Mayor and City Council about the Decatur-Grady 911 transitioning to NextGen 911 and are updating any data that may cause problems when using the new GIS system. The issue is that there are two 800 blocks of Alice Street so one would need to be changed. The proposed street name is Stadium Drive, and the street name would change for only one resident at 801 E. Alice Street. Mr. O’Neil recommended that the change be made in March to give the residents time to get their affairs in

order for the address change. Councilwoman Palmer made a motion that we rename that portion of the street to Stadium Drive and her motion was seconded by Councilman Adams. The Council voted in favor 5-0.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT – *Services of Marshal’s Office to City of Climax*

Steve O’Neil has been working with the Mayor of Climax to renew the intergovernmental agreement to provide Marshal Services for the City of Climax. The agreement’s only change is an increase in the amount the City of Climax will pay the City of Bainbridge for this service. A motion was made by Councilman Whaley to accept the intergovernmental agreement, and it was seconded by Councilwoman Washington. The intergovernmental agreement passed 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

Community and Economic Development Director, Steve O’Neil, will be before the Mayor and City Council to present the Planning Commission recommendations.

CONSIDERATION OF LEASE – *RDK, Assets, Inc.*

City Engineer Gabe Menendez was before Mayor and Council to present the renewal of eight (8) lease agreements from RDK Assets dba RDK Truck Sales, for five (5) side loader garbage trucks and three (3) front loader garbage trucks for a period of 12 months. These vehicles will be used for the collection of garbage for both county and city residents. Gabe has been working with RDK to ensure the renewals are set at the same lease amounts as our current year. Councilwoman Bench made a motion to accept the lease, and it was then seconded by Councilman Adams. 5-0 voted in favor of the lease.

INTRODUCTION OF POLICE CHAPLIN

Bainbridge Public Safety Director Frank Green addressed the Mayor and Council to announce a newly formed voluntary position for Bainbridge Public Safety. Director Green welcomed Mr. Dewight Tomlin as Chaplin of Bainbridge Public Safety. Law Enforcement Officers and Fire fighters often are regularly exposed to traumatic events during their response to calls for service. Mr. Tomlin will provide religious support to BPS Staff by way of providing spiritual support, counseling, and encouragement to officers who seek help.

DIVISION PRESENTATION – *Bainbridge Public Safety*

Bainbridge Public Safety Director, Frank Green, along with Police Chief Redell Walton presented a new Downtown and Park Patrol Zone for Bainbridge Public Safety. There will now be an officer assigned to the Downtown and Park Zone 24/7. This zone has been added to address the growing population and businesses in this area.

CONSIDERATION OF ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE

The City of Bainbridge was in receipt of fifty-five (55) alcohol beverage license renewals for 2025 and one (1) new alcohol license application. The new alcohol license application was from Mr. Ostodio Martinez-Galvin, owner of Jaliso Mexican Cantina, LLC located at 713 E. Calhoun Street. Mr. Matinez-Galvin is applying for a Malt Beverage Consumption Retail and a Wine Consumption Retail license. Councilwoman Bench asked Mayor Reynolds to handle two (2) license renewals separately due to her having a financial interest in SunStop #430 and SunStop #425. Councilman Adams requested that the mayor also pull the Off Da Hookah #1369 to be voted on separately. Councilwoman Palmer made a motion to accept the fifty-two (52) remaining alcohol beverage license renewals. The motion was then seconded by Councilman Whaley and all fifty-two (52) renewals were approved 5-0. Mayor Reynolds asked to entertain a motion for the two (2) SunStop license renewals #1365 and #8916 with Councilman Whaley making a motion. Councilwoman Washington seconded the motion, and the two (2) license renewals passed 4-0 with the recusal of Councilwoman Bench. Off Da Hookah #1369 license was voted on next after discussion between city council and Bainbridge Public Safety Director, Frank Green. Councilman Adams made a motion to deny the license and did not receive a second. Councilwoman Washington made a motion to approve the renewal, and her motion was seconded by Councilwoman Bench. The renewal passed with a vote 4-1 with Councilman Adams voting against.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Reynolds recommended reappointing Mr. Chip Hall to the Development Authority of Bainbridge and Decatur County and appointing Mr. Daryl Hall to the Bainbridge-Decatur County Recreation Authority. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Washington and seconded by Councilwoman Palmer, the Council voted 5-0 in favor of the Mayoral Appointments.

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business, Mayor Reynolds adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

BY:

EDWARD REYNOLDS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

RANDEE EUBANKS, COUNCIL CLERK