

MINUTES
CITY OF BAINBRIDGE, GEORGIA
TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2026
6:30 P.M.

PRESENT: MAYOR SYLVIA WASHINGTON, PRESIDING

COUNCIL MEMBERS: KEENAN ADAMS, GLENNIE BENCH, KREGG CLOSE, MARQUITA HARRIS, ROSLYN PALMER, AND DON WHALEY

CITY STAFF: CITY MANAGER ROY OLIVER, RANDEE EUBANKS, STEVE O'NEIL, LISA TAYLOR, FRANK GREEN, REDELL WALTON, GABE MENENDEZ, AL KELLEY, SARAH HOWELL

GUESTS: BOBBY WASHINGTON, DR. ENGLISH, SUNSHINE ENGLISH, DANA BRYANT, TAYLOR BRIDSONG, JACKSON BIRDSONG, GRANT GIDDENS, HARRISON DODD, REX WADE, JACE JOHNSON, ANA BATY, ALEX BYRD, SARAH GIDDENS, STEVE BENCH, REX WADE III, JANCIE TOOTLE, STANCIL TOOTLE, JERRY JOHNSON, CHARLENE WALKER, TORI GREEN, JENNI WADE

ABSENT:

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

The Regular Session of the Mayor and City Council was called to order by Mayor Washington. Councilman Adams delivered the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of Council Retreat May 15-16, 2026, and July 21, 2026, meeting minutes were considered. Councilwoman Palmer made a motion to approve the minutes, and the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Adams and carried unanimously, 6-0.

RECOGNIZE VISITORS AND DELEGATIONS

Mayor Sylvia Washington recognized visitors and delegations and invited anyone wishing to address the Council to do so at that time. There being none, the Council proceeded to the next agenda item.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION – *GRPA Class A/B 10U Baseball State Champions*

Mayor Washington and the City Council recognized the GRPA Class A/B 10U Baseball State Champions for their achievement.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION – *Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation's Excellence in Rehabilitation Award – Old Post Office*

The city also presented special recognition for the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation's Excellence in Rehabilitation Award received by the Old Post Office to owner, Mr. John Noel.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION – *Decatur County Board of Education – Dr. Boyd English*

Dr. Boyd English, Superintendent of Decatur County Schools, appeared before the Mayor and Council for a special presentation on behalf of the Decatur County Board of Education.

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF WATER SERVICE

Consideration of requests for the extension of City water service to 403 Whigham Dairy Road, Cooper's Plumbing & Air, and 419 Whigham Dairy Road, Daniel Barnard. Both property owners have submitted letters requesting service, agreeing to pay all applicable fees, and agreeing to annex into the City if annexation becomes available. Council considered requests for the extension of City water service to 403 Whigham Dairy Road and 419 Whigham Dairy Road. Following a motion by Councilwoman Bench and a second by Councilman Adams, Council approved the requests unanimously, 6-0.

CONSIDERATION TO DECLARE SURPLUS

Council considered declaring City property surplus for the purpose of placing the property up for auction. Council approved the declaration of surplus following a motion by Councilwoman Palmer and a second by Councilwoman Bench. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSIDERATION OF AWARD OF RFP FOR SIDEWALK STUDY PROJECT

Council considered the award of the Request for Proposals for the Sidewalk Study Project. Following a motion by Councilwoman Bench and a second by Councilman Whaley, Council approved the award unanimously, 6-0. Bridgefarmer & Associates were approved of the award.

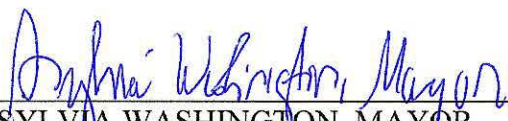
CONSIDERATION OF ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE

The city is in receipt of one (1) alcohol beverage license application: Applicant Brian D. Tanner, owner/manager of RARE Hospitality International, Inc. Longhorn Steakhouse #5704, located at 1519 Tallahassee Hwy, has applied for a Distilled Spirits Consumption, Malt Beverage Consumption Retail, and Wine Consumption Retail License. The license was approved following a motion by Councilwoman Bench and a second by Councilwoman Harris. The motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

ADJOURN

With there being no further business, Mayor Washington adjourned the meeting at 7:05 P.M.

BY:


SYLVIA WASHINGTON, MAYOR

ATTEST:


RANDEE EUBANKS, COUNCIL CLERK