

MINUTES
CITY OF BAINBRIDGE, GEORGIA
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2022
6:30 P.M.

PRESENT: MAYOR EDWARD REYNOLDS, PRESIDING

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

CITY STAFF: ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR LISA TAYLOR,
ALLIE GODWIN, STEVE O'NEIL, DAVID HOWER, FRANK
GREEN, REDELL WALTON, AND RYAN WIMBERLEY

GUESTS: MASHAUN MENDEZ, BARBARA SMART, SMART JR.,
KENNETH JACKSON, RYAN MOORE, CAROLYN
CHEATEM, WAYNE BELIN, AND BRYAN GAMBARA.

ABSENT: PHIL LONG

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 Councilman Close, the Council voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from the August 16, 2022, and September 6, 2022, council meetings 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. Mr. Kenneth Jackson of 718 Burgess Street came forward to discuss concerns relating to speeding trash trucks, traffic and loud noise on and around Scott Street from 2-9:00 pm. Ms. Mashaun Mendez came forward to discuss her concerns relating to

missing street signs, her dirt road, as well as code violations throughout the city. Hearing from no other citizen, Mayor Reynolds proceeded to the next item on the agenda.

PUBLIC HEARING – FY 2023 BUDGET

Mayor Edward Reynolds informed those assembled that this meeting had been advertised as the time and place for a public hearing on the proposed FY 2023 Budget. Upon a motion offered by Councilman Whaley and seconded by Councilwoman Palmer, the council voted 5-0 to open the public hearing. Hearing from no one, Councilwoman Palmer made a motion to close the public hearing. The motion was then seconded by Councilwoman Washington and unanimously carried in a 5-0 vote.

CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF FY 2023 BUDGET

Upon a motion offered by Councilwoman Bench and seconded by Councilwoman Washington, the Council voted 5-0 to adopt the FY 2023 Budget as presented.

CONSIDERATION OF STREET CLOSURE REQUESTS

Mrs. Lisa Taylor presented four temporary street closure requests:

- Mr. Christopher Merritt, Principal of Bainbridge High School, requests the closure of portions of Wheat Avenue, Shotwell Street, Broad Street, Water Street, West Street, and Jackson Street to accommodate their Homecoming Parade. The parade will take place on Thursday, October 6, 2022, starting at 5:00 pm.
- Mr. Tommie Howell, member of the Walk to End Alzheimer’s Organizing Committee, requests to close a portion of Broughton Street (between Broad and West) and a portion of Water Street (between Broad and West) from 8:30 am until 12:00 pm, as well as close portions of Broad, Water, Broughton, Shotwell, and Monroe Street from 10:30 am until 11:00 am to accommodate the walk on Saturday, October 22, 2022.
- Ms. Jennifer Cannon, Owner of J. Christine, is requesting to close Market Street, on Thursday, September 29, 2022, from 5pm – 10pm to hold a block party to celebrate her three-year anniversary of her business.

- Ms. Randee Eubanks, Special Event Coordinator with the City of Bainbridge, requests to close the following streets to assist in the safety of downtown events:
 - Munchkin Masquerade/Trunk or Treat - October 31st – West Street closed from Broughton Street to Water Street, Water Street closed from - Broad Street to West Street, Broughton closed from - Broad Street to West Street
 - Touch - A - Truck - November 12th – Market Street closed from - Broad Street to Clark Street, Clark Street closed from - Market Street to Water Street
 - Yuletide Jubilee - December 1st – West Street closed from - Water Street to Broughton Street, Broughton Street closed from - West Street to Broad Street, Water Street closed from - Broad Street to West Street
 - Christmas Parade - December 8th – Wheat Ave closed from - College Street to Shotwell Street, Miluli Ave closed from - Boulevard Drive - Gordon Ave Evans Street closed from - Boulevard Drive - Wheat Ave, Shotwell Street closed from - Wheat Ave - Broad Street, Broad Street closed from - Shotwell to Calhoun Street, and Water Street closed from - Broad Street to West Street.

Upon a motion offered by Councilwoman Bench and seconded by Councilman Close, the council voted 5-0 to accept the four street closure requests. Councilwoman Palmer stated that the parade route will need to be adjusted to acknowledge that Broad Street is now a one-way street.

CONSIDERATION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE APPLICATION

Mrs. Lisa Taylor presented the council with a malt beverage and wine package retail application submitted by Suhail Saqi of Naz Enterprises, LLC dba Raceway #6837 located at 1418 Tallahassee Highway. Mrs. Taylor explained that the application had met all requirements for approval and found no reason to deny the application. Upon a motion by Councilman Whaley and seconded by Councilwoman Palmer, the council voted 5-0 to approve the application.

CONSIDERATION OF AUTOMATED SPEED ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM CONTRACT

Director Frank Green presented the council with a contract from Blue Line Solutions for the installation of an automated speed enforcement system. Director Green stated that he believes this system will drastically decrease the number of vehicles speeding within school zones. Upon a motion offered by Councilwoman Palmer and seconded by Councilwoman Bench, the council voted 5-0 to approve the contract with Blue Line Solutions.

INTRODUCTION OF DEMOLITION ORDINANCE

City Planner Steve O'Neil presented the council with five 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.

CONSIDERATION OF PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

The Bainbridge – Decatur County Planning Commission met on Tuesday, September 13, 2022, and considered one item which requires council action.

ITEM 1: CU-2022-004: Applicant Carolyn Cheatem is requesting a conditional use for a hair salon at 621 S. West St. The property is 0.46 acres and is zoned Office-Professional (O-P).

Upon a motion offered by Councilwoman Bench and seconded by Councilwoman Washington, the council voted 5-0 to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the conditional use application.

INTRODUCTION TO ZONING TEXT AMENDMENTS

City Planner Steve O'Neil presented the council with a text amendment to the zoning ordinance relating to variance applications. Mr. O'Neil stated that the text amendment will be advertised for Public Hearing before being voted on at the next meeting of the City Council.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Reynolds nominated Mrs. Melinda Glenn for the Historic Preservation Commission and reappointed Mrs. Rhonda Kendrick to the Historic Preservation Commission. Upon a motion

offered by Councilwoman Bench and seconded by Councilwoman Washington, the council voted 5-0 to ratify the nominations of the Mayor.

CONSENT AGENDA

Bids:

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| 1. Superior Industrial Services, Inc.
Demolition Services
Bainbridge, GA | Price/Sq. Ft. |
| 2. Adams Equipment Co.
Transit Van/Portable Pipeline Inspection System
Austell, GA | \$189,621.00 |

Upon a motion offered by Councilwoman Palmer and seconded by Councilwoman Bench, the Council voted 5-0 to accept the bids as presented.

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business, Mayor Reynolds adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

BY: _____
EDWARD REYNOLDS, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
ALLIE GODWIN, COUNCIL CLERK