

**MINUTES
CITY OF BAINBRIDGE, GEORGIA
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2024
6:30 P.M.**

PRESENT: MAYOR EDWARD REYNOLDS, PRESIDING

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

CITY STAFF: CITY MANAGER ROY OLIVER, STEVE O'NEIL, LISA
TAYLOR, GABE MENENDEZ, CRYSTAL HINES, AMANDA
GLOVER, RANDEE EUBANKS, DAVID HOWER, FRANK
GREEN, REDELL WALTON, RYAN WIMBERLEY, JOHN
PARKER, ARCADIO MACMILLAN, DENORRIS WRIGHT,
RICKY PARRISH, AND CARRIE WALWRATH

GUESTS: SANDRA CALHOUN, JOHNNY REYNOLDS, PENNY
REYNOLDS, LAURA WHITE, THURMON STUBBS, STEVE
BENCH, ALYSSA DOUGLAS, ODELL WASHINGTON,
FRANK GAMBOA, MARNI GAMBOA, RONNIE
SHEPPARD, NANCY DAVIS, STEVE DAVIS

ABSENT:

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 Close, the Council voted 6-0 to approve the minutes from the September 17, 2024, and September 20, 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.

EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

Mayor Reynolds recognized Arcadio Macmillan as being named Employee of the Quarter for the fourth quarter. Mr. Macmillan was presented with a plaque and gift card to thank him for his hard work.

PROCLAMATION – *Blind Achievement Equality Month*

Mayor Edward Reynolds presented a proclamation to Mr. Ronnie Sheppard proclaiming the month of October as “Blind Achievement Equality Month” within the City of Bainbridge.

CONSIDERATION OF PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

Community Development Director Steve O’Neil addressed the Mayor and City Council with one (1) recommendation from the Planning Commission. That being a rezoning brought forth by the Development Authority of Bainbridge-Decatur County. They have requested to rezone the parcels just south of the Anovion site from Rural Residential to Heavy Industrial and Light Industrial. The Planning Commission approved this rezoning unanimously. Councilwoman Glennie Bench made a motion that the council approve the recommendation, and it was seconded by Councilman Adams. The rezoning passed 6-0.

AMENDMENT TO ALCOHOL ORDINANCE

Mr. Oliver introduced an amendment to ordinance #616 - Alcoholic Beverages. The recommended change is to cease the sale of alcohol in establishments that serve as on-premises consumption at 12:30 am. The hours were originally changed from 12:00 midnight to 2am at the May 4, 2010, meeting. The hours were changed again in December of 2019 to

2:30 am with an amendment to change the Sunday alcohol sales. There was no discussion on this matter. Mayor Reynolds stated that they will revisit the topic at a future meeting.

GAS LIABILITY INSURANCE RENEWAL

Mr. Oliver stated it is time for the City of Bainbridge's annual Gas Liability Insurance Renewal. Everything is the same as it was last year other an increase of \$2,085.00 making the total \$39,419.00. Councilwoman Palmer made a motion that we accept this proposal, and it was then seconded by Councilwoman Bench and passed with a vote of 6-0.

CONSIDERATION OF LEASE TERMINATION AGREEMENT

This is a lease termination agreement from City Attorney, Tom Conger. The agreement will terminate the BPS Training Center Kitchen lease early. It is currently leased to Kitchen South owned by Darrell Cox. To be allowed to terminate early, Mr. Darrell Cox will give the City personal property, equipment, and supplies with a new cost of \$80,000.00. The used value is approximately \$40,000.00. The kitchen now is "move in ready" for a new tenant. The city will get to keep all the equipment and all those supplies and that makes the place even more valuable to rent. And if the City finds a tenant soon, it can start getting rent right away on top of what it has already received. Mr. Cox is giving up all this equipment so he can quit paying rent, so any rent the city gets for the next fourteen months is extra. Mr. Cox took a kitchen that had almost no equipment, and all the wiring had been removed, he has paid the city over \$33,000.00 in money and made permanent improvements of over \$9,000.00, and now is leaving \$40,000.00 worth of equipment and supplies. Councilwoman Bench made a motion that we enter into the agreement, and it was then seconded by Councilwoman Washington. The lease was terminated with vote of 6-0.

CONSIDERATION OF ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE

Mr. Oliver presented the council with the following alcoholic beverage license applications:

- a. Applicant Angela Reynolds, manager of Wawa Southeast, LLC dba Wawa 6304, located at 1401 Tallahassee Highway, has applied for a malt beverage retail and wine package retail license.

- b. Applicant William Gregory Fletcher, manager of Bob & Jeff’s Grocery Outlet, LLC, located at 602 S. Scott Street, has applied for a malt beverage retail license.

Upon a motion offered by Councilman Whaley and seconded by Councilman Adams, the council voted 6-0 to approve the alcoholic beverage license applications as presented.

CONSIDERATION OF STREET CLOSURE REQUESTS

Mr. Oliver presented the Mayor and City Council with the following street closure request:

- a. Ms. Claire Phillips, the City of Bainbridge’s Special Events Coordinator, is requesting the following street closures for Scare on the Square on October 31, 2024, from 3:00 PM until 8:00 PM. Broughton Street from Broad Street to West Street, West Street from Broughton Street to Water Street, Water Street from West Street to Broad Street.

Mayor Reynolds asked if there was anyone in attendance who would like to address the council on the street closure requests, with there being none, he asked for a motion with Councilman Whaley making a motion and Councilman Close seconding that motion. The street closure request was approved in a 6-0 vote.

ADJOURNMENT

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

BY:

EDWARD REYNOLDS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

RANDEE EUBANKS, COUNCIL CLERK