

MINUTES
CITY OF BAINBRIDGE, GEORGIA
TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2023
7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: MAYOR EDWARD REYNOLDS, PRESIDING

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

CITY STAFF: CITY MANAGER CHRIS HOBBY, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER ROY OLIVER, ALLIE GODWIN, STEVE O'NEIL, LISA TAYLOR, FRANK GREEN, REDELL WALTON, RANDEE EUBANKS, RYAN WIMBERLEY, PHILLIP TARNOW, KENDALL GLOVER, ELIJAH BENNETT, SHANNON FISHER, CHARLES KING, AND TIMOTHY FOWLER

GUESTS: EMORY J. MIDDLETON, HEATHER SHARP, CHRISTY ADAMS, SCOTT ADAMS, TODD JONES, PAULINE MAXWELL, AND JONIA WILLIAMSON

ABSENT: NONE

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 Councilwoman Washington, the Council voted 6-0 to approve the minutes from the April 18, 2023, council meeting as presented.

RECOGNIZE VISITORS AND DELEGATIONS

Mayor Reynolds opened the floor for anyone to speak on an item. Jonia Williamson of 1230 Oak Circle Drive stepped forward to discuss a dog attack that happened on her street. Hearing from no other citizen, Mayor Reynolds proceeded to the next item on the agenda.

PROCLAMATION – MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

Mayor Reynolds read and presented a proclamation to representatives from DBHDD designating May as “Mental Health Month’ within the City of Bainbridge.

OATH OF OFFICE – PUBLIC SAFETY

Mayor Reynolds administered the Oath of Office to two Public Safety Officers: Officer Charles King and Officer Timothy Fowler. Five other officers that were sworn in the week before we also recognized.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION – CHIP

Heather Sharp, a representative with the Department of Community Affairs, appeared before the Mayor and City Council with a presentation on Community Home Investment Program (CHIP)

CONSIDERATION OF STREET CLOSURE REQUESTS

City Manager Hobby presented the Council with two street closure requests. Ms. Betty Biggles is requesting to close a portion of Broad Street, from Market Street to MLK Jr. on Saturday, June 17th from 10:00 – 3:00 pm to host a Juneteenth Celebration. Ms. Betty Biggles is also requesting to close portions of West Street, Water Street and Broughton Street (Surrounding Willis Park) on Monday, June 19th from 10:00 – 3:00 pm for a Juneteenth Program. After a brief discussion from Council, Councilwoman Bench made a motion to approve both street closure requests pending DOT approval to close Broad Street. The motion, with conditions, was seconded by Councilwoman Palmer and unanimously approved in a 6-0 vote.

CONSIDERATION TO DECLARE SURPLUS AND OFFER FROM CITY OF EATONTON

City Manager Hobby presented the Council with an offer from the City of Eatonton’s Chief of Police to purchase two BPS police vehicles. Mr. Hobby stated that these vehicles were of the older black and white fleet, and that they would be sent to auction and listed for the same dollar amount as what the City of Eatonton’s offer states. Mr. Hobby explained that this

would just be one less step our city would have to take, however, in order to consider Chief Cardwell's offer, we must declare these vehicles as surplus first. Upon a motion offered by Councilwoman Bench and seconded by Councilman Whaley, the council voted 6-0 to declare both vehicles surplus and accept Chief Cardwell's offer.

**CONSIDERATION OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT –
DECATUR COUNTY**

City Manager Hobby presented the council with an intergovernmental agreement with Decatur County to connect the Riverwalk to Chason Park from West Street through the County Courthouse parking lot, and the County owned parking lot between Crawford Street and Florida Street. Mr Hobby stated that the County Commissioner's had already formally approved the agreement. Upon a motion offered by Councilwoman Palmer and seconded by Councilwoman Washington, the Council unanimously approved, in a 6-0 vote, the intergovernmental agreement.

**INTRODUCTION OF ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT – FENCE AND WALL
ORDINANCE**

City Planner Steve O'Neil introduced a text amendment to the City's Zoning Ordinance to Section 8.1.2 Fences and Walls. Mr. O'Neil explained that this item will go before a public hearing and then voted on at the June City Council meeting.

INTRODUCTION OF ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT – HEIGHT MAXIMUM

City Planner Steve O'Neil introduced a text amendment to the City's Zoning Ordinance to increase the maximum height requirement allowed in the Heavy Industrial Zoning District. Mr. O'Neil explained that this item will go before a public hearing and then voted on at the June City Council meeting.

SECOND QUARTER FINANCIALS

Administrative Services Director Lisa Taylor appeared before the Mayor and City Council to offer an update on the second quarter financials.

CONSENT AGENDA

Bids:

1. S&L Integrated Systems
AV System for Council Chambers
Thomasville, GA \$58,486.93

2. Southern Cross
Atmospheric Corrosion & Natural Gas Leak Survey
Peachtree Corners, GA \$52,099.55

Upon a motion offered by Councilwoman Bench and seconded by Councilman Close, the council voted 6-0 to approve both bids as presented. Following the vote, Councilwoman Palmer questioned staff about the audio and internet issues in Willis Park. Roy Oliver stated that the issue deals with getting power to Willis Park and that he will look at getting a spec for bid.

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business, Mayor Reynolds adjourned the meeting.

BY: _____
EDWARD REYNOLDS, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
ALLIE GODWIN, COUNCIL CLERK