

MINUTES
CITY OF BAINBRIDGE, GEORGIA
TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2023
6:30 P.M.

PRESENT: MAYOR EDWARD REYNOLDS, PRESIDING

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

CITY STAFF: CITY MANAGER CHRIS HOBBY, ASSISTANT CITY
MANAGER ROY OLIVER, ALLIE GODWIN, STEVE
O'NEIL, LISA TAYLOR, GABE MENENDEZ, FRANK
GREEN, REDELL WALTON, RYAN WIMBERLEY, AND AL
KELLEY.

GUESTS: JANET SESSION, JUSTIN HORNE, DENNIE NICHOLS,
BRUCE KIRBO, JR, LEWIS AND CELESTE PETERSON,
DOUG AND SHERRY YOUNG, PHYLLIS TRAVIS,
CAROLYN SMART, VALORIE BRINSON, ALESIA
BRINSON, MASHAWN MENDEZ, BRENDA "CRYSTAL"
KING, SHEKETEE SESSION, AND CHARSUEDE KEATON

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 Councilman Close, the Council voted 6-0 to approve the minutes from the February 21, 2023, council meeting as presented.

RECOGNIZE VISITORS AND DELEGATIONS

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

SPECIAL GUEST– JUSTIN HORNE

Mr. Justin Horne appeared before the Mayor and City Council with concerns relating to how the city bills multifamily dwellings.

STREET CLOSURE REQUESTS

City Manager Hobby presented the Mayor and City Council with the following five street closure requests:

1. Miss Kelsey Harrell, Co-Owner of KGD Produce, is seeking to close Water Street (from Broad to Clay Street) from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm on Saturday, March 25th for “East Water Street Market Day.”
2. Mr. Charsuede Keaton, with Community United, is seeking to close portions of West Street (Broughton to Water), Water Street (West to Broad) and Broughton Street (West to Broad Street) for an event he is having in Willis Park on Saturday, April 1st from 1:00pm – 7:00pm.
3. Miss Randee Eubanks, on behalf of the Bicentennial Celebration Committee, is seeking to close portions of Wheat Ave (College Street to Shotwell Street), Miluli Ave (Boulevard Dr to Gordon Ave), Evans Street (Boulevard to Wheat Ave), Shotwell Street (Wheat to Broad Street), Broad Street (Shotwell to Calhoun Street) and Water Street (Broad to West Street) on Thursday, April 20th from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm to hold a parade.
4. Miss Randee Eubanks, on behalf of the Bicentennial Celebration Committee, is seeking to close portions Broad Street (Troupe to Market Street), Broughton Street (West to Clark Street) and Water Street (West to Clark Street) on Friday, April 21st from 3:00 pm – 11:00 pm to hold a street dance.
5. BHS Class of 1993 Reunion is seeking to close Market Street, from Broad Street to Clark Street, on Friday, June 23rd from 4:00 pm – 11:00 pm to hold their class reunion at the Hook and Ladder.

Following a brief council discussion and hearing from Mr. Charsuede Keaton, Councilwoman Washington made a motion to approve all five street closure requests as presented. Councilwoman Bench seconded the motion and the motion carried in a 6-0 vote by Council.

PUBLIC HEARING – DEMOLITION ORDINANCE

Mayor Reynolds informed the council that this meeting had been advertised as the time and place for a public hearing on the proposed demolition ordinance for 1701 Lake Douglas Road. Upon a motion offered by Councilwoman Palmer and seconded by Councilman Close, the council voted 6-0 to enter into public hearing. Hearing from no one, Councilwoman Bench made a motion to close the public hearing. Councilwoman Washington seconded the motion and the motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF DEMOLITION ORDINANCE

Upon a motion offered by Councilman Whaley and seconded by Councilwoman Bench, the Council voted 6-0 to approve the Demolition Ordinance for 1701 Lake Douglas Road.

CONSIDERATION OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

City Manager Chris Hobby presented the council with an intergovernmental agreement with Decatur County for Animal Control Services. After a brief discussion between council and City Manger Hobby, Councilwoman Palmer made a motion to approve the intergovernmental agreement as presented. Councilman Long seconded the motion and the motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION – OPIATE LITIGATION

City Manager Hobby presented the council with a resolution regarding the New Opioid Settlements. Upon a motion offered by Councilwoman Bench and seconded by Councilman Close, the Council voted 6-0 in favor of the resolution as presented.

CONSIDERATION OF PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

The Planning Commission met Tuesday, March 14th and considered two items that require City Council action. The Planning Commission unanimously approved both conditional use applications.

ITEM 1: CU-2022-007: Applicant Alesia Brinson is requesting a conditional use for a Short-Term Rental at 809 S Bruton. The property is 0.55 acres and is zoned Urban Residential 6 (UR-6).

ITEM 2: CU-2023-002: Applicant Lewis & Celeste Peterson is requesting a conditional use for a 40x80 Pole barn for livestock at the property located at 1700 Belcher Ln (Parcel B0800012J00). The property is 3 acres and is zoned SR3.

Upon a motion offered by Councilman Close and seconded by Councilwoman Washington, the Council voted 6-0 in favor of the Planning Commission's recommendations and approved both applications.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Reynolds recommended appointing Brent Warr to the Downtown Development Authority, Mr. Don Whaley, Lance Wilson, and Steven Bench to the Downtown Bainbridge Development Authority, and the reappointment of Jennifer Cannon and Jason Lee to the Downtown Bainbridge Development Authority. Upon a motion by Councilman Long and seconded by Councilwoman Washington, the Council voted 6-0 in favor of the Mayoral Appointments.

DIVISION PRESENTATION – COMMUNITY SERVICES

Mr. Gabe Menendez, City Engineer and Community Services Director, appeared before the Mayor and City Council and offered an update on the activities of his division over the prior twelve months.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION – YOUNG RECYCLING

Mr. Doug Young of Young Recycling, LLC appeared before the Mayor and City Council with a presentation and proposal to amend his lease. After hearing from several city council members, it was decided that City Manager Hobby and City Attorney Tom Conger amend Mr. Young's lease agreement, and then bring it back before Council, for Council's consideration.

CONSENT AGENDA

Bids:

- 1. Vermeer Southeast
Vacuum System – Water Dept
Marietta, GA \$51,875.00

- 2. Southern Poly Manufacturing, LLC
Outdoor Furniture for Chason Park
Eastman, GA \$61,564.14

Upon a motion offered by Councilwoman Bench and seconded by Councilwoman Palmer, the council voted 6-0 to approve the bids as presented.

MOTION TO CHANGE TIME OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Councilwoman Palmer stated that she would like to make a motion to change the start time of our next City Council Meeting to 7:00 pm instead of 6:30 pm so that members of the City Council could participate in the Decatur County Bicentennial Birthday Celebration that is being held in Willis Park from 5:30-7:30 pm. The motion was seconded by Councilman Close and carried in a 6-0 vote by Council.

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business, Mayor Reynolds adjourned the meeting and 7:37 pm.

BY: _____
EDWARD REYNOLDS, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
ALLIE GODWIN, COUNCIL CLERK