

MINUTES
CITY OF BAINBRIDGE, GEORGIA
TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 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 CHRIS HOBBY, ASSISTANT CITY
MANAGER ROY OLIVER, ALLIE GODWIN, STEVE
O'NEIL, LISA TAYLOR, GABE MENENDEZ, CRYSTAL
HINES, RANDEE EUBANKS, FRANK GREEN AND RYAN
WIMBERLEY

GUESTS: CAROLYN FUNDERBURKE, PEARL COACHMAN,
ASHLEY WHITE, BRUCE KIRBO, SUSAN RALPH, ADELE
CUNNINGHAM, BETH YARBROUGH, YVENA MERRITT,
ALYSSA DOUGLAS, BEVERLY READ, DENNIE NICHOLS,
STEVE BENCH, STEVE DAVIS, TIM RAY, RANDI NEW,
SANDRA CALHOUN, JOHNNY AND PENNY REYNOLDS,
JAMES CHESTNUT, NANCY DAVIS, ELISE BOYD, LAURA
WHITE, JOEL LUMPKINS, AND RUBY AND BOB
SHARPTON.

ABSENT: NONE

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 Councilman Whaley and seconded by Councilwoman Washington, the Council voted 6-0 to approve the minutes from the March 19, 2024, council meeting as presented.

RECOGNIZE VISITORS AND DELEGATIONS

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

CONSIDERATION OF AGREEMENT – *Humane Society*

City Manager Chris Hobby presented the council with an agreement between the City of Bainbridge and the Humane Society that will govern the relationship after May 1, 2024, when the city takes over management and operation of the Animal Shelter. Following a brief discussion from Council and comments by Ms. Dennie Nichols, Councilwoman Bench made a motion to approve the agreement as presented. The motion was then seconded by Councilwoman Palmer, and unanimously carried in a 6-0 by Council.

INTRODUCTION OF DEMOLITION ORDINANCES

City Manager Chris Hobby formally introduced four (4) ordinances for Council to consider for demolition. Mr. Hobby stated that the proposed ordinances will be introduced and then placed on the table until the May 21, 2024, meeting of the City Council.

INTRODUCTION OF AMENDMENT TO ALCOHOL ORDINANCE

City Manager Hobby presented the council with an introduction of an amendment to the alcohol ordinance. Mr. Hobby explained that this amendment will bring the ordinance into compliance with practice and will codify that no open containers are allowed anywhere in the city between 11 PM and 10 AM. Mr. Hobby also stated that this amendment has removed the written description of the “Downtown Entertainment District” and replaced it with a District Map that would be maintained by the Community Development Director and that the map could be amended at any time by the council. After hearing questions from Councilwoman Washington and Councilman Close, Mr. Hobby stated that this was just the formal introduction. The council will vote on the proposed amendment at the May 21, 2024, meeting of the City Council.

RESOLUTION – Georgia Cities Week

City Manager Hobby presented the Council with a resolution recognizing and celebrating Georgia Cities Week, April 21-27, 2024. Upon a motion offered by Councilwoman Palmer and seconded by Councilman Adams, the council voted 6-0 to approve the resolution.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENT – Library Board

Mayor Reynolds recommended reappointing Dr. Linda Lumpkin to the Library Board. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Bench and seconded by Councilwoman Washington, the Council voted 6-0 in favor of the reappointment.

CONSENT AGENDA

Bill:

- 1. GIRMA
Property & Liability Insurance
Atlanta, GA \$435,254.00

Bid:

- 1. Gaines Utility Construction Company, LLC
Lead and Copper Meter Inventory – 4,500 Meters
Mobile, AL \$247,500.00

Upon a motion offered by Councilwoman Palmer and seconded by Councilman Close, the council voted 6-0 to approve both the bill and bid as presented.

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business, Mayor Reynolds adjourned the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

BY: _____
EDWARD REYNOLDS, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
ALLIE GODWIN, COUNCIL CLERK