

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF BAINBRIDGE, GEORGIA**  
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2024**  
**6:30 P.M.**

PRESENT: MAYOR EDWARD REYNOLDS, PRESIDING

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

CITY STAFF: INTERIM CITY MANAGER ROY OLIVER, STEVE O'NEIL,  
LISA TAYLOR, GABE MENENDEZ, RANDEE EUBANKS,  
STEVE WINBURN, FRANK GREEN, REDELL WALTON  
AND RYAN WIMBERLEY

GUESTS: JOHNNY WILLIAMS, DONNA BARBER, DAVID BARBER,  
LARRY FUNDERBURKE, CAROLYN FUNDERBURKE,  
STEVE BENCH, BRUCE KIRBO, JR., ODELL  
WASHINGTON, EMMA REESE, MISTY OWENS, V. GRANT,  
HARRY GRANT, DEXTER MULLINS, JULIA MEDOZA,  
JOHNNY WILLIAMS, LAURA WINBURN, MADISON  
DEESE

ABSENT: KEENAN ADAMS

**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 5-0 to approve the minutes from the September 3, 2024, and September 5, 2024, council meetings as presented.

### **RECOGNIZE VISITORS AND DELEGATIONS**

Mayor Reynolds opened the floor for anyone to speak on an item. Ms. Emma Reese addressed the council about issues she was having with the rezoning of her property.

### **RESOLUTION FOR CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET ADOPTION – *Budget FY 25***

Mayor Reynolds asked Interim City Manager, Roy Oliver, to speak on the millage rate. Mr. Oliver stated that this was the final public hearing the city is required to hold before adopting the 2024 millage rate. The city has also met the advertising requirement for this year's proposed millage rate. The advertisement was required to read as NOTICE OF TAX INCREASE even though the PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE of 3.511 is the same as LAST YEAR. The advertisement is a STATE LAW REQUIREMENT that can cause some confusion when the millage rate stays the same. Because property values increased in the TAX DIGEST by .34% OVER THE ROLLBACK MILLAGE RATE: the NOTICE had to read as a tax increase. The NET DOLLAR INCREASE will result in approximately forty-five thousand dollars collected. The PROPOSED 2024 MILLAGE RATE for the city is 3.511 Mills, which is the same rate as the previous two years. The 2024 rate will result in an increase in property tax for a home with a fair market value of one hundred thousand dollars is approximately forty-eight cents. A home with a fair market value of three hundred thousand dollars would receive an increase of approximately one dollar and forty-four cents. Mayor Reynolds opened the floor for anyone who wanted to speak on this item and after hearing from no one, Councilwoman Washington made a motion, and it was seconded by Councilwoman Bench and a 5-0 vote to approve the adoption of the budget.

### **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION – *Downtown Development Revolving Loan Fund***

The Georgia Department of Community Affairs' Downtown Development Revolving Loan Fund (DDRLF) Program is designed to assist cities, counties and development authorities in

their efforts to revitalize and enhance downtown areas by providing below-market rate financing to fund capital projects in core historic downtown areas. Downtown Development Authority Director, Amanda Glover, has submitted a resolution for K&S Real Estate Investments, LLC. Councilwoman Bench made a motion to approve the resolution. Councilwoman Palmer gave a second and it was voted in favor 5-0.

### **RETIREMENT PRESENTATION**

Mayor Reynolds presented Steve Winburn with a watch in honor of his retirement. Steve Winburn has been employed with the City of Bainbridge as Assistant City Engineer and Community Service Director during his time with the City of Bainbridge.

### **CONSIDERATION OF STREET CLOSURE REQUESTS**

Interim City Manager Oliver stated that we are in receipt of two (2) street closure requests.

- a. Ms. Claire Phillips, Special Events Coordinator, is requesting street closures for the River South music festival on October 26, 2024. From 8:00 am to 11:30 pm: West Street from Broughton Street to Water Street, Water Street from Crawford Street to Broad Street. From 2:00 pm to 11:30 pm: Broughton Street from West Street to Broad Street
- b. The Firehouse Arts Center is requesting to close a portion of Water Street from West Street to Crawford Street on November 23, 2024, for their annual Bizarre Bazaar from 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM.

Councilman Whaley made a motion to approve both street closure requests and the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Washington. Approved in a 5-0 vote.

### **REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF WATER SERVICE**

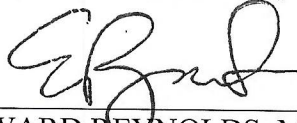
Interim City Manager, Roy Oliver, presented a request for an extension of water service. Ms. Lynn Everson of 157 Country Club Road is requesting a water extension to her property located in Decatur County, Georgia. The city has an existing water line across the street from said property, this would require the city running a line under Country Club Road. Ms. Everson agrees to pay all costs associated with providing this service and has agreed to annex her property when it is able to be annexed. Councilwoman Bench made a motion to approve the

extension of water service. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Washington and approved in a 5-0 vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With there being no further business, Mayor Reynolds adjourned the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

BY:



EDWARD REYNOLDS, MAYOR

ATTEST:



RANDEE EUBANKS, COUNCIL CLERK