

MINUTES
CITY OF BAINBRIDGE, GEORGIA
TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2024
6:30 P.M.

PRESENT: MAYOR EDWARD REYNOLDS, PRESIDING

COUNCIL MEMBERS: KEENAN ADAMS, KREGG CLOSE, GLENNIE BENCH,
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, CRYSTAL HINES, AMANDA
GLOVER, RANDEE EUBANKS, FRANK GREEN, RYAN
WIMBERLEY, CHARLES STRICKLAND, AND AL KELLEY

GUESTS: MICHAEL INLOW, MARTHA MOBLEY, KRISTINA
MARTIN, DANA MARTIN, BILL AND JUDY DAVIS,
DEBORAH SINGLETON, JO WHALEY, TED LEE,
CAROLYN FUNDERBURKE, LISA JONES – ENGEL,
KARALYM AND MCKAY ORTON, KATHY PISANI,
DONNA BARBER, DAVID BARBER, DEMETRIC STUBBS,
THURMAN STUBBS, JORDAN GRIFFIN, BUBBA STONE,
TERRY HINES, BELINDA CORLEY, LEEANN ELKINS,
JESSICA ALLEN POLSKY, AMI GODBY, SARAH F.
BROWN, JANET SESSION, SHEKETA SESSION, STEVE
WILLIAMS, GREG BROWN, PEGGY HORN, GLORIA
MCCANE, JENNY AND JOE LIVINGSTON, JIM GRIFFIN,
DEBBIE STRICKLAND, JASON STOKES, FRANKLIN
AULTMAN, LYNDIA AULTMAN, SIDNEY AULTMAN,

SAN RENTZ, ETEVE ELROD, WALKER ELROD, MITCH INLOW, YVENA MERRITT, PRAL CEARHEW, BRENT MILLER, LINDA MILLER, CAROL DUPREE, THOMAS JACKSON, SHAWNTRAY SESSION, REGGY AND SANDRA LEDGER, TIFFANY SINGLETON, FAITH SMITH, WILLIAM WHITE, DORIS HART, JUNE FAIRCLOTH, BERT HINES, NANCY GRIMSLEY, GWEN ZUNDRY, MARY MILLER, LESLEY TAYLOR, KAITLIN FLOYD, HAYDEN KINCAID, JACKSON BAKER, JACK PALMER, NORRIS GETZ, BANKS MILLER, GREG AND DORIS TALIOR, BILLY INLOW, TYLER ASKEW, MICHAEL AND EDIE WARD, JUDI NICHOLS, EDNA GODWIN, LENA H ALLEN, BRUCE KIRBO, KERI DOLLAR, CHAD DOLLAR, PAISLY DOLLAR, ELIZABETH WHALEY, ASHLEY KINCHEN, M JACKSON, JIMMY AND DEBBIE ADAMSON, JENNY HERRING, WILLIAM WICKENER, ASHLEY MCCASKILL, JAN JONES, LAUREN TURNER, JILL AND JERRY JONES, DENISE NICHOLS, LISA DASILVA, TYLER AND JACQUELINE KING, LYNDA TODARO, RANDI NEW, PATTY HAMILTON, WHITNEY THOMAS, RICK MCCASKILL, KEITH LYLE, GERARD KWILESKI, LISA AND EDDIE MAXWELL, TREMAYRE CAMPBELL, BETH HOLLIS, CAROL BUTLER, KYLIE MILLER, LAKISHA MURPHY, TAVARED MURPHY SR, EMORY MIDDLETON, AND MYCLA PALMER

ABSENT: NONE

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Councilman Whaley gave the invocation and all those assembled pledged allegiance to the flag.

OATH OF OFFICE – COUNCIL MEMBERS

State Judge David Kendrick performed the swearing in ceremonies for re-elected Council members: Roslyn Palmer, Don Whaley, and Kregg Close.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion offered by Councilwoman Palmer and seconded by Councilwoman Bench, the Council voted 6-0 to approve the minutes from the December 19, 2023, council meeting as presented.

RECOGNIZE VISITORS AND DELEGATIONS

Mayor Reynolds opened the floor for anyone who wish to speak on an item. Council heard comments from Dr. Lisa Jones-Engel with PETA, Ms. Yvena Merritt, Mr. Bubba Stone, Ms. Linda Miller, Ms. Shantrese Session, Mr. Chad Dollar, Ms. Shaketa Session, Ms. Ashley McCaskill, and Ms. Delana Williams all who expressed concern regarding the development project/company, Safer Human Medicine. Council also heard comments from Mr. Demetric Stubbs and Mr. Thurman Stubbs with Off da Hooka Lounge and Bar, concerning their alcoholic beverage license application. Following a brief council discussion, council decided it was best for Off da Hooka Lounge and Bar to resubmit their application for the February City Council Meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR PRO-TEM

Mayor Reynolds informed the city council that in 2023, the Mayor Pro-Tem position was assigned to Seat 3. Following the untimely passing of Councilman Long, the Mayor Pro-Tem position was then filled by Seat 4, Councilman Close. Mayor Reynolds recommended that the title of Mayor Pro-Tem remain assigned to Seat 4, Councilman Close, for 2024. Upon a motion offered by Councilman Whaley and seconded by Councilwoman Palmer, the council voted 6-0 to assign Councilman Close as Mayor Pro-Tem for 2024.

APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE

Mayor Reynolds recommended the reappointment of Josh Bell as Municipal Court Judge, for a term of one year. Upon a motion offered by Councilwoman Bench and seconded by Councilwoman Washington, the Council voted 6-0 to approve the appointment.

APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL COURT SOLICITOR

Mayor Reynolds recommended the reappointment of Benny Harrell as Municipal Court Solicitor, for a term of one year. Upon a motion offered by Councilwoman Bench and seconded by Councilwoman Washington, the Council voted 6-0 to approve the appointment.

APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL COURT PUBLIC DEFENDER

Mayor Reynolds recommended the reappointment of Eric Gay as Municipal Court Public Defender, for a term of one year. Upon a motion offered by Councilwoman Bench and seconded by Councilwoman Washington, the Council voted 6-0 to approve the appointment.

CONSIDERATION OF STREET CLOSURE REQUEST

City Manager Hobby presented the council with two street closure requests from the Mardi Gras Society of Southwest Georgia. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Palmer and seconded by Councilman Adams, the Council voted 6-0 to approve both street closure requests as presented.

CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Administrative Services Director Lisa Taylor presented the FY 2023 budget amendments. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Bench and seconded by Councilwoman Washington, the Council voted 6-0 to approve the budget amendments as presented.

RESOLUTION – CREATION OF YOUTH COUNCIL

City Manager Hobby presented the council with a resolution to create a Youth Council. Mr. Hobby explained that the Youth Council is designed to advise and make appropriate recommendations to the City Council regarding issues of special interest to the youth within the city. Mr. Hobby stated that there would be an appointed City Council member to act as a liaison to the Youth Council and should report to the City Council the Youth Council's activities on a regular basis. Upon a motion offered by Councilwoman Palmer and seconded by Councilwoman Bench, the council voted 6-0 in favor of the resolution.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Reynolds recommended appointing Ms. McKenzie Conder to the Historic Preservation Commission, Mr. Scott Ewing to the Planning Commission, Mr. Ashley Kinchen to the Board

of Health., and submitting a slate of three names, Mrs. Annalee Yarbrough, Mrs. Elizabeth Simmons, and Mr. Chris Hobby, to fill the vacancy created by the expiration of Mrs. Elizabeth Simmons' term to the Hospital Authority for consideration. Upon a motion offered by Councilwoman Bench and seconded by Councilman Adams, the Council voted 6-0 to approve the recommendations of the Mayoral Appointments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Bill:

- 1. GMA
Workers' Compensation
Atlanta, GA \$344,861

Bid:

- 1. Quality Fence Company, LLC
8' Privacy Fence at Transfer Station
Colquitt, GA \$45,159.00

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

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business, Mayor Reynolds adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

BY: _____
EDWARD REYNOLDS, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
ALLIE GODWIN, COUNCIL CLERK