

MINUTES
CITY OF BAINBRIDGE, GEORGIA
TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2022
6:30 P.M.

PRESENT: MAYOR EDWARD REYNOLDS, PRESIDING

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

CITY STAFF: CITY MANAGER CHRIS HOBBY, ASSISTANT CITY
MANAGER ROY OLIVER, LISA TAYLOR, ALLIE GODWIN,
CRYSTAL HINES, STEVE O'NEIL, GABE MENENDEZ,
FRANK GREEN, REDELL WALTON, RYAN WIMBERLEY,
MARK ESQUIVEL, JOSH GLOVER, DOYLE WELCH, AND
JANETTE MOWREY.

GUESTS: JILL HOLLOWAY, JOHN BENNETT, DEBRA PATTERSON,
JOE PATTERSON, AND GERARD KILWECKI.

ABSENT: PHIL LONG

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Councilman Close 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 Bench, the Council voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from the July 19, 2022, council meeting as presented.

RECOGNIZE VISITORS AND DELEGATIONS

Mayor Reynolds opened the floor for anyone who wish to speak on an item that was currently not on the agenda. Hearing from no one, Mayor Reynolds proceeded to the next item on the agenda.

**PUBLIC HEARING - DEFINED BENEFIT RETIREMENT PLAN
AMENDMENT**

Mayor Edward Reynolds informed those assembled that this meeting had been advertised as the time and place for a public hearing on the proposed amendment to the defined benefit retirement plan. Upon a motion offered by Councilman Whaley and seconded by Councilman Close, the council voted 5-0 to open the public hearing portion of the meeting. Hearing from no one, Councilwoman Bench made a motion to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Palmer and unanimously carried in a 5-0 vote.

**CONSIDERATION OF DEFINED BENEFIT RETIREMENT PLAN
AMENDMENT**

Upon a motion offered by Councilwoman Bench and seconded by Councilwoman Washington, the Council voted 5-0 to adopt the amendment to the defined benefit retirement plan as presented.

PUBLIC HEARING - ANNEXATION ORDINANCES

Mayor Edward Reynolds informed those assembled that this meeting had been advertised as the time and place for a public hearing on the proposed annexation ordinances. Upon a motion offered by Councilman Whaley and seconded by Councilwoman Bench, the council voted 5-0 to open the public hearing. Hearing from no one, Councilwoman Bench made a motion to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilman Close and unanimously carried in a 5-0 vote.

CONSIDERATION OF ANNEXATION ORDINANCES

Upon a motion offered by Councilman Whaley and seconded by Councilman Close, the Council voted 5-0 adopt the annexation ordinances as presented.

CONSIDERATION OF PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

City Planner, Steve O'Neil, informed the council that the Planning Commission met Tuesday, August 12th and considered two items, one of which required council action.

- *ITEM 2: PPLAT-RESSUB-2022-002: Applicant WCP III, LLC is requesting approval of a preliminary plat for a residential development (townhomes) on a*

portion of parcel 00900016. The property to platted is 3.88 acres and is zoned Planned Unit Development (PUD).

Upon a motion offered by Councilwoman Bench and seconded by Councilman Close, the council voted 5-0 to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approve the preliminary plat.

CONSIDERATION OF APPEAL

Ms. Debra Patterson, Executive Director of Hope Farms, appeared before Mayor and Council to appeal the decision of the Planning Commission. Applicant Hope Farms had requested a variance from Section 9.3.4 of the zoning Ordinance regarding parking lots to be of a hard surface with a pavement or concrete binder. After a brief discussion from council, Councilwoman Bench made a motion to uphold the Planning Commission's decision to deny the variance request for the reason that the thrift store was open to the public. Councilwoman Palmer seconded the motion carried in a 4-1 vote by Council. Councilman Whaley voting in opposition.

CONSIDERATION OF MILLAGE RATE

Upon a motion offered by Councilwoman Bench and seconded by Councilwoman Washington, the Council voted 5-0 to adopt the rollback millage rate of 3.604 as presented.

CONSIDERATION OF REAL ESTATE PURCHASE CONTRACT

City Manager Hobby presented Council with a real estate purchase contract between the City of Bainbridge and Branching Pines, LLC for property located at 801 W. Shotwell Street. This agreement states that once the Army Corps of Engineers deeds the property to the City of Bainbridge, the City will then agree to sell the property to Branching Pines, LLC. Upon a motion offered by Councilwoman Bench and seconded by Councilman Close, the council voted 5-0 to approve the real estate purchase contract.

DIVISION PRESENTATION

Mr. Frank Green, Director of Public Safety, appeared before the Mayor and City Council to offer an update on the activities of his division over the preceding twelve months.

CONSENT AGENDA

Bids:

1. Quality Fence
Fire Training Facility Fence
Colquitt, GA \$28,164.70

2. Graybar Electric
Aluminum Poles & Globes
Tallahassee, FL \$233,750.00

Upon a motion offered by Councilwoman Palmer and seconded by Councilwoman Washington, the Council voted 5-0 to accept bids as presented.

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business, Mayor Reynolds adjourned the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

BY: _____
EDWARD REYNOLDS, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
ALLIE GODWIN, COUNCIL CLERK