

MINUTES
CITY OF BAINBRIDGE, GEORGIA
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2022
6:30 P.M.

PRESENT: MAYOR EDWARD REYNOLDS, PRESIDING

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

CITY STAFF: CITY MANAGER CHRIS HOBBY, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER ROY OLIVER, ALLIE GODWIN, LISA TAYLOR, STEVE O'NEIL, GABE MENENDEZ, AL KELLEY, RUSTY ADAMS, BO LADNER, TONY JENKINS, AMANDA GLOVER, CRYSTAL HINES, RANDEE EUBANKS, MEGAN TARNOW, RYAN WIMBERLEY, LADARIC JONES, REDELL WALTON, SYLVIA BIVINS, AND COURTNEY CHAVERS

GUESTS: JAMIER COOPER, VERONICA AUSTIN, MONICA PORTER, CATHERINE CALLEDGE, REV. ADREN BIVINS, MICHAEL KOZLAREK, TREY MONROE, DAVID KENDRICK, TA'ZION HINES, ZACHARY FRAZIER, NEKEISHA FLAGLER, DEMETRIC STUBBS, GENE DUNLAP, BRUCE KIRBO, DOUG YOUNG, SHERRY YOUNG, SIOBHAN POOLE, JD POOLE, GARRETT SMITH, STACEY SMITH, MELINDA TAYLOR, MARK HARRELL, SCOTT TOBIN, KAREN TOBIN, LESLEY TAYLOR, GWEN TURNER, BROWN MOSELEY, WHEAT KIRBO, DARRELL COX, EARL BOYETT, KEVIN RENTZ, ROCHELLE POURCH, KELVIN HAMPTON, REESE ROLLINS, MALLIE ROLLINS, MILLS BROCK, PAT RILEY, ETHAN REDDISH, LISA SAPP, LEE LAWRENCE, TIFFANY LAWRENCE, STEPHANIE

SMITH, BRIE SMITH, JEREMY EMMETT, HUNTER BULGER, BANKS MILLER, MIKE CONDER, MICHELLE BOSSIER, MAKENZIE CONDER, DANIEL BERNARD, RAMSAY SIMMONS, STERLING WIDNER, JENNIFER CANNON, AND GREGG BURCH.

ABSENT: NONE

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 Bench and seconded by Councilwoman Washington, the Council voted 6-0 to approve the minutes from the November 15, 2022, City 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. Mr. Bruce Kirbo of 2002 Twin Lakes Drive came forward to ask if the council will allow public comment for certain items on the agenda and stated that an item on the agenda, related to eight leases of garbage trucks, was illegal. Mayor Reynolds asked if anyone else wanted 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.

RESOLUTION – CDBG DISASTER RELIEF

City Manager Hobby presented City Council with a resolution authorizing the preparation and submittal of a CDBG/DR Application for funding cycle 2022. Upon a motion offered by Councilman Whaley and seconded by Councilwoman Palmer, the council voted 6-0 to adopt the resolution.

CONSIDERATION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE APPLICATION RENEWALS

City Manager Hobby presented the 52 alcohol license renewal applications for 2023. City Manager Hobby stated that one application revealed a discrepancy relating to the required

background check of the manager. Councilwoman Washington, Councilwoman Palmer, Councilman Close, and Councilwoman Bench asked questions related to the application. Councilwoman Bench made a motion to approve all renewal applications except the application submitted by W/C One Stop Shop, LLC. The motion was seconded by Councilman Close and unanimously carried in a 6-0 vote.

CONSIDERATION OF PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

The Bainbridge – Decatur County Planning Commission met on Tuesday, December 13, 2022, and considered two items that require council action:

1. *ITEM 1: CU-2022-005: Applicants Demetric & Thurman Stubbs are requesting a conditional use for a Cigar Bar & Hookah Lounge at 332 N. Broad St. The property is 0.11 acres and is zoned Central Business District (CBD).*
2. *ITEM 2: ZONE-2022-003: Applicant Scott & Karen Tobin (on behalf of Collins Family Mortuary) are requesting a rezoning from Office-Professional (O-P) to Highway Commercial (HC) for a funeral home at their property located at 203 W. Shotwell St (Parcel B0270009). The property is .30 acres.*

Greg Burch of 1405 Loblolly Lane stepped forward to state that Bainbridge First United Methodist Church had no intention of entering into any formal agreement and/or a legal contract for Collins Family Mortuary to use their parking lot. Zachary, a representative from Collins Family Mortuary, stepped forward to address/explain the letter Mr. Burch was previously referring to. After a brief period of council questions, Councilwoman Washington motioned to accept the recommendations of the Planning Commission and approve both applications as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Long, and unanimously carried in a 6-0 vote.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION – JEREMY EMMETT

Mr. Jeremy Emmett appeared before the Mayor and City Council with a presentation on the proposed Element by Westin hotel project. Council also heard from Trey Monroe regarding the financial commitment of both the City and private developer. After a brief discussion from council, Mayor Edward Reynolds thanked Mr. Emmett and Mr. Monroe for their time and stated that he looked forward to learning more about this public/private partnership.

CITY ATTORNEY TOM CONGER – SPECIAL PRESENTATION

City Attorney Tom Conger appeared before the Mayor and City Council to offer comments on recent Facebook activity that had been derogatory towards the city. Mr. Conger specifically addressed the allegations that the city had acted illegally and/or unethically.

PUBLIC HEARING AMENDMENT TO PARKS AND RECREATION ORDINANCE

Mayor Edward Reynolds informed the council that this meeting had been advertised as the time and place for a public hearing regarding an amendment to the Parks and Recreation Ordinance. Upon a motion offered by Councilwoman Palmer and seconded by Councilwoman Bench, the council voted 6-0 to open the public hearing. Hearing no public and/or council comment, Councilman Close motioned to close the public hearing. Councilwoman Washington seconded the motion and the motion carried in a 6-0 vote.

CONSIDERATION OF PARKS AND RECREATION ORDINANCE

Upon a motion offered by Councilman Whaley and seconded by Councilwoman Bench, the council voted 6-0 to adopt the amendment to the Parks and Recreation Ordinance as presented.

CONSIDERATION OF LEASES – *RDK Assets, Inc. dba RDK Truck Sales*

City Manager Hobby informed the Mayor and City Council of eight (8) lease agreements from RDK Assets, Inc dba RDK Truck Sales for 5 side loader garbage trucks and 3 front loader garbage trucks for a period of 13 months. Upon a motion offered by Councilwoman Bench and seconded by Councilman Close, the Council voted 6-0 in favor of the eight lease agreements.

CONSIDERATION OF LEASE TRANSFER

City Manager Hobby informed the Mayor and City Council that SmithCo Recycling and SmithCo Transfer has been sold to Young Recycling LLC and Young Dumpster Service. Mr. Hobby explained that the lease with SmithCo allows for their lease to be transferred and assumed by another party upon approval by the City Council. Councilwoman Bench asked a question regarding liability. Upon a motion offered by Councilman Long and seconded by Councilwoman Bench, the council voted 6-0 in favor of the lease transfer.

CONSIDERATION OF DEED TRANSFER

City Manager Hobby presented the Mayor and City Council with a proposal to transfer the deed for the property formerly known as the Decatur County Senior Center from city ownership to the DDA. Mr. Hobby stated that this was supposed to be done last February however, it was never done. Upon a motion offered by Councilman Close and seconded by Councilwoman Bench, the council voted 6-0 in favor of the deed transfer.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Reynolds recommended the appointment of Councilwoman Sylvia Washington, Mr. Jeff Rich, and Mrs. Joyce Leverett to the Decatur County Bicentennial Committee Executive Board. Upon a motion offered by Councilwoman Bench and seconded by Councilwoman Palmer, the council voted 6-0 to approve the nominations of the Mayor.

CONSENT AGENDA

Bill:

- 1. Georgia Municipal Association
2023 Workers Comp Estimated Annual Premium
Atlanta, GA \$285,436.00

Bid:

- 1. Split Bid
 - Hawkins, Inc.
Hydrofluosilicic Acid
Apopka, FL \$29,250.00
 - Brenntag Mid South
Liquid Sulfur Dioxide & Liquid Chlorine
Orlando, FL \$25,899.00
\$55,149.00

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

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business, Mayor Reynolds adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

BY: _____
EDWARD REYNOLDS, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
ALLIE GODWIN, COUNCIL CLERK