

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF BAINBRIDGE, GEORGIA**  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2023**  
**6:30 P.M.**

PRESENT: MAYOR EDWARD REYNOLDS, PRESIDING

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

CITY STAFF: ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER ROY OLIVER, ALLIE  
GODWIN, STEVE O'NEIL, LISA TAYLOR, AMANDA  
GLOVER, CRYSTAL HINES, RANDEE EUBANKS, AL  
KELLEY, DAVID HOWER, GABE MENENDEZ, FRANK  
GREEN, REDELL WALTON, AND RYAN WIMBERLEY

GUESTS: SUSAN STEER, LAUREN TURNER, BRUCE KIRBO JR,  
CLARE POWELL, ANNE SANSON, ANN GRIFFIN, SANDRA  
HARRELL, ZADIE PETERS, BROWNE MOSLEY, STEVE  
BROCK, JENNIFER LAMBERT, CHIP HALL, BILLY  
POPPELL, STEVE BENCH, HARSIMRAN SINGH, AND  
EDITH MILLER.

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 Councilwoman Palmer and seconded by Councilman Close, the Council voted 6-0 to approve the minutes from the December 20, 2022, council meeting as presented.

## **RECOGNIZE VISITORS AND DELEGATIONS**

Mayor Reynolds opened the floor for anyone who wish to speak on an item. Mr. Bruce Kirbo, Jr. of 2002 Twin Lakes Drive stepped forward to comment on his concerns from the previous City Council Meeting. Mr. Kirbo also made a request to speak on agenda item number 10. Hearing from no other citizen, Mayor Reynolds proceeded to the next item on the agenda.

## **APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR PRO-TEM**

Mayor Reynolds informed the city council that in keeping with council tradition the position of Mayor Pro-Tem would rotate to Councilman Phil Long. Upon a motion offered by Councilman Whaley and seconded by Councilwoman Washington, the council voted 6-0 to designate Councilman Long as Mayor Pro-Tem for 2023.

## **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 Councilman Long, 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 Palmer and seconded by Councilman Close, 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.

## **SPECIAL PRESENTATION – BRUCE KIRBO, JR.**

Mr. Bruce Kirbo, Jr. appeared before the Mayor and City Council to discuss policies and procedures that he feels would be helpful. Mr. Kirbo supplied a packet of papers to each council member. Mr. Kirbo spoke for 14 minutes and 12 seconds.

## **CONSIDERATION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS**

Assistant City Manager Roy Oliver presented the Council with four Alcoholic Beverage License Applications. Upon a motion by Councilman Whaley and seconded by Councilman Close, the Council voted 6-0 to approve the four applications as presented.

## **CONSIDERATION OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT**

Assistant City Manager Roy Oliver presented the council with an intergovernmental agreement between the City of Bainbridge and the Downtown Development Authority of Bainbridge for construction services for a parking lot. Councilwoman Bench recused herself from this agenda item and retreated to the rear conference room. Following a brief discussion from Council and after hearing concerns from Mr. Bruce Kirbo, Councilman Long made a motion to approve the intergovernmental agreement with the Downtown Development Authority of Bainbridge as presented. Councilman Close seconded the motion and the motion carried.

## **CONSIDERATION OF STREET CLOSURE REQUEST**

Assistant City Manager Roy Oliver 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 Councilwoman Bench, the Council voted in a 6-0 decision to approve both street closure requests as presented.

## **CONSIDERATION OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

Administrative Services Director Lisa Taylor presented the FY 2022 budget amendments. Following a brief discussion from council, Councilwoman Bench made a motion to approve

the amendments as presented. The motion was seconded by Councilman Whaley and unanimously carried.

### **CONSIDERATION OF PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Planning Commission met Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> and considered one item that requires City Council action. Applicant Brent Warr is requesting a conditional use for a mixed used building at 125 E. Calhoun St. The property is 0.62 acres and is zoned Light Industrial (LI). Council heard from City Planner Steve O’Neil and applicant Brent Warr. Upon a motion offered by Councilman Close and seconded by Councilman Whaley, the council voted 6-0 to accept the Planning Commission’s recommendation to approve the application.

### **MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS**

Mayor Reynolds recommended reappointing Councilman Kregg Close to the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Washington and seconded by Councilman Long, the Council voted 6-0 in favor of the reappointment.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### *Bids:*

1. Trawick Construction Co.  
Fiber to the Home Project  
Chipley, FL \$9, 327,592.82

After a brief discussion from the council, Councilwoman Bench made a motion to approve the bid as presented. Councilwoman Washington seconded the motion and the motion carried.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

With there being no further business, Mayor Reynolds adjourned the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
EDWARD REYNOLDS, MAYOR

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
ALLIE GODWIN, COUNCIL CLERK