

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF BAINBRIDGE, GEORGIA**  
**TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2024**  
**6:30 P.M.**

PRESENT: MAYOR EDWARD REYNOLDS, PRESIDING

COUNCIL MEMBERS: KEENAN ADAMS – VIA TELEPHONE, 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, GABE MENENDEZ, AMANDA GLOVER, CRYSTAL HINES, RANDEE EUBANKS, REDELL WALTON, AND GASTON CORSON

GUESTS: ELIZABETH WHALEY, KYLIE MILLER, LINDA MILLER, BEVERLY READ, DORIS HART, TIM RAY, LARRY FUNDERBURKE, CAROLYN FUNDERBURKE, DONNA BARBER, CARLTON BOYETT, YESSENIA RIVERA, ASHLEY JEST, P. HENRY, ASPEN A, BRUCE KIRBO JR, YVENA MERRITT, GWEN TURNER, JOHNNY REYNOLDS, PENNY REYNOLDS, SUSAN RALPH, ADELE CUNNINGHAM, LEEANN ELKINS, KEELAN AND FELICIA KIRKLAND, JASON STOKES, RANDI NEW, JUNE FAIRCLOTH, ELISE BOYD, DIANA WILLIS, TERRY AND ROGER VARNADORE, JANET SESSION, NANCY AND STEVE DAVIS, VALARIE BURKE, JEFF TUCKER, FERRIS LEWIS, SHEKETHE SESSION AND ODELL KING.

ABSENT: NONE

### **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

Councilwoman Washington 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 Councilman Close, the Council voted 6-0 to approve the minutes from the February 20, 2024, council meeting as presented.

### **RECOGNIZE VISITORS AND DELEGATIONS**

Mayor Reynolds opened the floor for anyone who wished to speak on an item. Yvena Merrit of 3870 Fowlstown Road stepped forward to invite the Council to the Town Hall meeting at the Kirbo Center on Thursday, March 21, 2024. Hearing from no other person, Mayor Reynolds proceeded to the next item on the agenda.

### **CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENT TO JANUARY 16, 2024, MINUTES**

City Manager Chris Hobby informed the council that the January 16, 2024, meeting minutes had left off the bill and bid that were approved. Upon a motion by Councilwoman Bench and seconded by Councilwoman Palmer, the Council voted 6-0 to amend the January 16, 2024, meeting minutes to include the bill and bid.

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

City Manager Chris Hobby presented the council with three Alcoholic Beverage License Applications:

1. Applicant Pankaj Patel, new owner of the Country Store, located at 1105 Dothan Road, has applied for a malt beverage retail and wine package retail license.
2. Applicant Ami Manish Patel of the Ami GA 1, Inc dba The Meat House, located at 100 E. Louise Street, has applied for a malt beverage retail and wine package retail license.
3. Applicant Marni S. Gamboa of Nick's Bar, located at 213 N. Clay Street, has applied for an alcohol license to operate a bar.

Upon a motion offered by Councilwoman Washington and seconded by Councilman Whaley, the Council voted 6-0 to approve the three applications as presented.

**RESOLUTION - CARPORT CENTRAL**

City Manager Hobby presented the council with a resolution that guarantees a loan between First National Bank and the Development Authority of Bainbridge and Decatur County. Councilwoman Bench and Councilman Adams, both recused themselves from this item discussion and vote. Mr. Hobby explained that the purpose of the loan was for the Development Authority to purchase, from the city, Spec Building B at the Commodore Industrial Park for \$4,000,000. The Development Authority would then enter into a lease to own agreement with Carport Central LLC. The city would then receive \$4,000,000 at closing (which is the amount we invested in the building.) After a brief discussion from council, Councilman Whaley made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Councilman Close seconded the motion and the motion carried in a 4-0 vote by Council.

**RESOLUTION – MULTI FAMILY DEVELOPMENT RATES**

City Manager Hobby presented the Council with a resolution that would change the way we charge multi-family developments for tap fees and for garbage service. Mr. Hobby explained that this was more in line with what other cities do and would be fairer to the developers and owners of these developments. Upon a motion offered by Councilman Whaley and seconded by Councilwoman Palmer, the council voted 6-0 to approve the resolution to change the way the city charges tap fees and garbage fees for multi-family developments.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

*Bids:*

- 1. Popco, Inc.  
Edgewood Lift Station Improvements  
Sylvester, GA \$469,881.00
  
- 2. Equix Energy  
8” Gas Extension Line – DRRIP  
Midway, FL \$634,313.75
  
- 3. Southeast Connections  
4” Gas Extension Line – DRRIP  
Conyers, GA \$281,454.27

Upon a motion offered by Councilwoman Palmer and seconded by Councilwoman Washington, the council voted 6-0 to approve both bids for the gas extension line in the Downrange Industrial Park.

Councilwoman Palmer made a motion to not accept the Popco, Inc bid. Councilwoman Palmer expressed her concerns with a previous job performed by Popco, Inc and stated that she would rather go with, even though more expensive, the alternate bid of Doyle Hancock. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Washington and unanimously carried in a 6-0 vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

BY:

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EDWARD REYNOLDS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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ALLIE GODWIN, COUNCIL CLERK