

**MINUTES
CITY OF BAINBRIDGE, GEORGIA**

TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2025

6:30 P.M.

PRESENT: MAYOR EDWARD REYNOLDS, PRESIDING

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

CITY STAFF: CITY MANAGER ROY OLIVER, RANDEE EUBANKS,
STEVE O'NEIL, FRANK GREEN, DOYLE WELCH, LISA
TAYLOR, GABE MENENDEZ, RYAN WIMBERLEY,
REDELL WALTON, AL KELLEY

GUESTS: ETHAN REDDISH, PAUL FRYER, DWIGHT TOMLIN,
BRUCE KIRBO, JR, DONNA BARBER, DAVID BARBER,
NAN JORDAN, ED JORDAN, CHERYL MORROW, JON
MORROW, JANIE KELLEY, JENNA KELLEY, LORI
EUBANKS, TOOTLE, STEVEN, MIKE, DENNIS COHEN,
STEVE BENCH, MYCLA PALMER, DIANNE MIDDLETON,
JENNY OLDAKER, DANA BRYANT, LEEANN ELKINS,
BANKS MILLER, GAVIN GREEN

ABSENT: KEENAN ADAMS, SYLVIA WASHINGTON

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 4-0 to approve the minutes from the February 18, 2025, council meeting as presented.

RECOGNIZE VISITORS AND DELEGATIONS

Mayor Reynolds opened the floor for anyone to speak on an item. Mr. Al Kelley addressed the Mayor and Council about a concern with semi-trucks being parked in residential neighborhoods. Mayor Reynolds told Mr. Kelley that they would have Mr. O'Neil research ordinances in other areas, and they would then discuss them further.

SPECIAL GUEST PRESENTATION

Jamie Sinko with Memorial Hospital and Manor was before the Mayor and Council to speak about the Georgia Heart Program.

UPDATE ON FEDERAL GRANT AWARD

City Engineer Gabe Menendez updated the Mayor and Council on the recently awarded Hazard Mitigation Grant, this is a federal grant in the amount of \$3,437,858. Mr. Menendez described the benefit of the grant and what this means for the future of the water and wastewater infrastructure system. Mayor Reynolds then thanked all those involved as well as Paul Fryer along with Congressman Bishop with their help obtaining the grant.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION

City Manager, Roy Oliver, presented the Mayor and Council with a resolution that authorizes the city to reimburse itself for any prior expenditures made regarding future infrastructure projects preceding the issuance of any tax-exempt funding. Councilman Whaley made a motion to adopt the resolution, and it received a second by Councilman Close. The resolution passed with a vote of 4-0.

CONSIDERATION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE

The City of Bainbridge is in receipt of three (3) alcoholic beverage license applications. City Manager, Roy Oliver, addressed the Mayor and Council that the applications are in order and all requirements for approval have been met.

- a. Applicant Charles Hanks, owner of Bainbridge Bottle Shop, LLC., located at 925 E. Shotwell Street, has applied for an amendment to the alcohol license to include the name of new owner.

- b. Applicant Ankitkumar Patel, owner of Chehar Krupa, LLC dba Las Lomas, located at 801 E. Water Street has applied for a malt beverage retail, and wine package retail license.
- c. Applicant Jalisa Hopson, manager of ALDI, Inc. Georgia dba ALDI #169, located at 915 E. Shotwell Street, has applied for a malt beverage retail, and wine package retail license.

Councilwoman Bench has a motion to approve all three (3) alcohol beverage licenses and that motion was seconded by Councilwoman Palmer. The licenses were approved 4-0.

STREET CLOSURE REQUEST

City Manager, Roy Oliver, announced that the Mayor and City Council are in receipt of a street closure request from Ms. Hannah Bius and Mr. Banks Miller for their wedding on May 3, 2025. They are requesting the closure of Broughton Street from Independent Street to Monroe Street and Water Street from Independent Street to Lewis Street from 2:00 PM until 11:30 PM. Councilwoman Palmer asked Mr. Miller if all residents would be able to access their homes during the closure and Mr. Miller told her that they would. Councilwoman Bench made a motion to approve the street closure request, and it was seconded by Councilman Whaley and passed in a vote of 4-0.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Reynolds addressed the council that it is time to make appointments for the Downtown Bainbridge Development Authority board “DBDA”. He announced the current board and the seats that need to be appointed. In District 1, Jennifer Cannon was appointed for a three-year term and has one year remaining, ending in 2026. In District 2, Don Whaley’s two-year appointment is up for renewal, and it is recommended that he be reappointed for a two-year term ending in 2027. The District 3 seat is currently vacant and was originally a two-year appointment. Mayor Reynolds recommended Spencer Thomas for this seat, which must be filled by someone from District 3 along Scott Street (south of Evans Street and north of College Street). The appointment will be for a two-year term ending in 2027. In District 4, Steven Bench was appointed for three years and has one year remaining, ending in 2026. Similarly, in District 5, Ramsay Simmons was appointed for three years and has one year left, also ending in 2026. Regarding mayoral appointees, Sterling Widner’s two-year term is up for renewal, and the

mayor recommended reappointing him for a two-year term ending in 2027. Jason Lee, the second mayoral appointee, was given a three-year term and has one year remaining, ending in 2026. Mayor Reynolds stated that at this time we need to appoint Spencer Thomas to District 3 for a two-year term, reappoint Don Whaley to District 2 for another two-year term, and reappoint Sterling Widner for another two-year term. Councilwoman Bench made a motion to approve the mayoral appointments, and her motion was seconded by Councilman Close. All appointments were approved in a vote of 3-0 with Councilman Whaley recusing himself from the vote.

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business, Mayor Reynolds adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

BY:

EDWARD REYNOLDS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

RANDEE EUBANKS, COUNCIL CLERK