

MINUTES
CITY OF BAINBRIDGE, GEORGIA
TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2026
6:30 P.M.

PRESENT: MAYOR SYLVIA WASHINGTON, PRESIDING

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

CITY STAFF: CITY MANAGER ROY OLIVER, RANDEE EUBANKS,
STEVE O'NEIL, LISA TAYLOR, FRANK GREEN, REDELL
WALTON, GABE MENENDEZ, RYAN WIMBERLEY, CHRIS
WILLIAMS, SHANNON BROCK, CRYTAL HINES

GUESTS: LAUREN TURNER, TIM THOMSON, PAT MCKEE,
ESTELLA BRYANT, LINDA B. LUMPKIN, DANA BRYANT,
DONNA BARBER, BOBBY WASHINGTON, SUSAN RALPH,
ADELE CUNNINGHAM, RANDY HARRELL, KRYSTAL
ENOCH, VICTORIS WILLIAMS, PAUL PURDY, STEVE
BENCH

ABSENT: KEENAN ADAMS

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

The Regular Session of the Mayor and City Council was called to order by Mayor Washington. Councilwoman Bench delivered the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of June 16, 2026, meeting minutes were considered. Councilwoman Palmer made a motion to approve the minutes, and the motion was seconded by Councilwoman Harris and carried unanimously, 5-0.

RECOGNIZE VISITORS AND DELEGATIONS

Mayor Sylvia Washington recognized visitors and delegations and invited anyone wishing to address the Council to do so at that time. After hearing from Mr. Paul Purdy, the Council proceeded to the next agenda item.

EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER

Mayor Washington along with City Council recognized Mr. Christopher Williams of the City's Public Works Department as being named the City's Employee of the Quarter after being nominated by his supervisor, Assistant City Engineer Shannon Brock. Mr. Williams was recognized for his dedication, versatility, and strong work ethic, consistently serving as a valuable member of the Public Works team.

PUBLIC HEARING – *Demolition Ordinances*

Council entered into a public hearing regarding six proposed demolition ordinances upon a motion by Councilwoman Glennie Bench, seconded by Councilwoman Roslyn Palmer. Following the public hearing, Council returned to regular session upon a motion by Councilwoman Glennie Bench, seconded by Councilwoman Marquita Harris.

CONSIDERATION OF DEMOLITION ORDINANCES

Following the public hearing, Council considered demolition ordinances for the properties located at 1200 Butler Ferry Road, 718 Albany Road, 1209 3rd Street, 701 E. College Street, 209 Martin Street, and 638 Monroe Street. Council unanimously approved the demolition ordinances upon a motion by Councilwoman Glennie Bench, seconded by Councilwoman Marquita Harris.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT – *City of Bainbridge/Decatur County Board of Education – Transfer of Property at 1240 Scott Street*

Council approved an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Decatur County Board of Education for the transfer of property located at 1240 Scott Street, upon a motion by Councilwoman Roslyn Palmer, seconded by Councilwoman Glennie Bench; 5-0 vote.

CONSIDERATION OF ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE

Council considered an application from Brianna Smith, owner of Recovery Room & Acai Bar, located at 131 E. Water Street, for a Distilled Spirits Consumption License. Council approved the alcohol beverage license application upon a motion by Councilwoman Glennie Bench, seconded by Councilwoman Roslyn Palmer; 5-0 vote.

STREET CLOSURE REQUEST

The Downtown Development Authority requested temporary street closures for two upcoming downtown events. For the Back to School Bash and Second Saturday on August 8, 2026, Water Street from West Street to Broad Street was requested to be closed from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. For the River South Music and Arts Festival on September 12, 2026, the requested closures included West Street from Broughton Street to Water Street and Water Street from Crawford Street to Broad Street from 8:00 a.m. until 11:30 p.m., and Broughton Street from West Street to Broad Street from 2:00 p.m. until 11:30 p.m. Council approved the street closure requests upon a motion by Councilwoman Glennie Bench, seconded by Councilman Gregg Close; 5-0 vote.

CONSIDERATION OF SPECIAL PARK USE APPLICATION

Council considered a Special Park Use Application from Randy Harrell for use of the Earle May Boat Basin on August 15–16, 2026, for the Bainbridge Southern Nationals Outboard Drag Race. Council approved the Special Park Use Application upon a motion by Councilwoman Glennie Bench, seconded by Councilman Don Whaley; 5-0 vote.

BIDS

Under bids, Council considered the purchase of a 2026 John Deere 5100E Utility Tractor and voted 5-0 to award the bid to Ag-Pro of Bainbridge, Georgia, in the amount of \$70,017.01, upon a motion by Councilwoman Roslyn Palmer, seconded by Councilwoman Glennie Bench.

ADJOURN

With there being no further business, Mayor Washington adjourned the meeting at 6:46 P.M.

BY:


SYLVIA WASHINGTON, MAYOR

ATTEST:


RANDEE EUBANKS, COUNCIL CLERK

