

MINUTES
CITY OF BAINBRIDGE, GEORGIA
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2024
6:30 P.M.

PRESENT: MAYOR EDWARD REYNOLDS, PRESIDING

COUNCIL MEMBERS: KEENAN ADAMS, 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, FRANK
GREEN, RYAN WIMBERLEY, MARK ESQUIVEL,
LADARIC JONES, GASTON CORSON, JOSH GLOVER, AL
KELLEY AND COURTNEY CHAVERS

GUESTS: JOHNNIE MAE LIVINGSTON, RICHARD W. WHIGHAM,
BILL AND JUDY DAVIS, DEBRA BENNETT, DEBORAH
SINGLETON, TED LEE, DAVID SANDLIN, CINDY
GERMAN, GLENN AND LINDA HATTON, PATTY NAPIER,
DELANA WILLIAMS, PEARL COACHMAN, CELESTE
ANDREW, MELINDA TAYLOR, LS WHEELER, ELISE
BOYD, CATHY WADDELL, DIANE MAXWELL, DIANE
CARVER, CINDY DODSON, ROBYN BROWN, ANGEL
STEVENS, GORDON MILLER, CAROLYN FUNDERBURKE,
RONALD GEISLER, KYLIE MILLER, LINDA MILLER,
DAVID BARBER, KRISTINA MARTIN, RANDY AND
JANICE MARTIN, BOBBY MILLS, ANTHONY PICKENS,
GARY MARTIN, JUNE FAIRCLOTH, ELIZABETH

WHALEY, BUTCH AND BETH YARBROUGH, DONNA BARBER, JIM AND LINDA MCCANN, CARLTON BOYETT, GREG BROWN, SARAH COHEN, KAROL BUTLER, JANET SESSION, GLORIA MCCANN, THEA S. BOYD, DON BOWERSOX, NATALIE DOZIER, VONTAE JONES, CHRIS DAY, FRANK AULTMAN, LYDIA AULTMAN, SHONRONIA ALLEN, JAMES MEREDITH, TERRY THOMAS, CLAUDIA DEMARTINI, ED DEMARTINI, CHARLES GRIFFIN, LEEANN ELKINS, JOHN MALONE, JACQUILINE MCDONALD, STEVE SYKES, TERRY ROGER VARRANDOVE, BRITTANY WILLIAMS, DAILIN ENGLE, MITCH INLOW, PATRICIA HENRY, THERMAN STUBBS, DEMETRIC STUBBS, CROSBY STEEN, IVY DUNAWAY, MEREDITH DUNAWAY, DILLAN WHITE, BRUCE KIRBO JR, NANCY AND STEVE DAVIS, EDIT AND MICHAEL WARD, JOYCE HILBURN, BECKY GRIMSLEY, JOHNNY AND PENNY REYNOLDS, RANDI NEW, MARY NIEMINEN, DORIS HART, LEAH BUBBY, KRIS CHRISTIE, BECKY GRIMSLEY, REGENIA JONES, JERRY COOPER, LAURA WHITE, KATHY FOWLER, AMY MEYER, SERENA ERNST, ROGER WILLIS, TAMMY FAGAN, KERI DOLLAR, CHAD DOLLAR, MARCIE GUYTON, LATORIA GREEN, NANCY GRIMSLEY, MARY MILLER, YANCY CEF, JAN THOMAS, TYLER KING, MONA MUSGROVE, MARGUERITTE JACKSON, SHEILA WELLS, TERI JACKSON, DOREEN KENDRICK, JASON STOKES, SCOTT BRINSON, DONALD DOLLAR, JOHNNY LAUREN, NATHAN BEACHEUM, DORIS COSBY, LISA JONES, SHEKETHE SESSION, AND CURTIS KING

ABSENT:

NONE

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Councilman Adams 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 Washington, the Council voted 6-0 to approve the minutes from the January 16, 2024, council meeting as presented.

RECOGNIZE VISITORS AND DELEGATIONS

Mayor Reynolds opened the floor for anyone who wished to speak on an item. Council heard comments from Mr. Steve Sykes and Ms. Amy Meyer regarding their concerns of the proposed NHP facility. Council also heard from Ms. Margueritte Jackson and her concerns with Off da Hookah Lounge and Bar located in downtown Bainbridge. Hearing from no other person, Mayor Reynolds proceeded to the next item on the agenda.

CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION FOR ONE DAY ALCOHOL LICENSE

City Manager Chris Hobby informed the council that the Bainbridge – Decatur County Chamber of Commerce applied for a One Day Alcoholic Beverage License, which would allow for the sale and on-premises consumption of alcoholic beverages at Rivertown Days on Saturday, March 9, 2024. Upon a motion by Councilman Whaley and seconded by Councilwoman Bench the Council voted 6-0 to approve the One Day Alcoholic Beverage License.

CONSIDERATION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

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

1. Applicant Ulises Aregullin from Las Katrinas, which is located at 712 S. Scott Street, has applied for a malt beverage consumption license.
2. Applicant Demetric Stubbs of Off Da Hooka Cigar – Lounge, located at 332 N. Broad Street, has applied for a bar license.
3. Applicant Mark Gonzales with the Bainbridge Decatur County Recreation Authority, located at 1401 Cox Ave, has applied for a malt beverage and wine consumption retail license.

4. Applicant Hiren R. Patel of Sai GA, LLC dba Olive Grove Wine and Spirits, located at 1411 Tallahassee Highway, has applied for a package store license.
5. Applicant Kyitt Shae Brouillet of Reeves Gifts, Jewelry and More, located at 124 E. Broughton Street, has applied for a wine package retail license.
6. Applicant Stewart Reynolds with Westside Bait and Tackle, located at 812 Spring Creek Road, wants to amend his current license to add wine package retail.

Upon a motion offered by Councilwoman Palmer and seconded by Councilman Whaley, the Council voted 6-0 to approve five of the six applications. Councilwoman Palmer stated she had concerns with the Recreation Authority's application. Councilwoman Palmer explained that she did not think it was a good idea to sell alcohol at a recreation facility that is geared toward youth. The council heard from applicant Mark Gonzales on ways he and his staff plan to handle the sale of alcohol as well as how they plan to keep the alcohol secure. Following a brief discussion from Council, Councilwoman Palmer made a motion to deny the Recreation Authority's request for an Alcohol Beverage License. The motion was then seconded by Councilwoman Washington and unanimously carried in a 6-0 vote.

CONSIDERATION OF CONTRACT – PAVING ATTAPULGUS

City Manager Hobby presented the council with an intergovernmental agreement between the City of Bainbridge and the City of Attapulgus. The City of Attapulgus submitted a request for us to assist with .7 miles of resurfacing within the City of Attapulgus. After a brief discussion between council and City Manager Hobby, Councilwoman Bench made a motion to approve the intergovernmental agreement as presented. Councilwoman Washington seconded the motion and the motion carried in a 6-0 vote by Council.

CONSIDERATION TO REQUEST FORMAL CONCURRENCE OF UTILITY

FUNDING

City Manager Hobby informed the Council that the City is eligible to request utility aid from GDOT for the relocation and expansion of utilities associated with the Whigham Dairy Road Project. Mr. Hobby went on to explain that this must be submitted to GDOT as a formal request, therefore we are requesting \$423,326.00 in In-Kind Aid. Upon a motion offered by

Councilwoman Bench and seconded by Councilwoman Palmer, the council voted 6-0 to formally request utility aid from GDOT.

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Reynolds recommended appointing Ms. Sarah Brown to the Historic Preservation Commission. Upon a motion offered by Councilwoman Washington and seconded by Councilman Adams, the Council voted 6-0 to approve the recommendation of the Mayoral Appointment.

QUARTERLY FINANCIALS

Lisa Taylor, Administrative Services Director, appeared before the Mayor and City Council with an update of the first quarter financials.

DIVISION PRESENTATION – COMMUNITY SERVICES

Mr. Gabe Menendez, City Engineer, and Community Services Director appeared before the Mayor and City Council and offered an update on the activities of his division over the prior twelve months.

CONSENT AGENDA

Bid:

1. Hawkins, Inc.
Liquid Chlorine, Liquid Sulfur Dioxide,
and Hydrofluosilicic Acid
Apopka, FL \$44,400.00

Upon a motion offered by Councilman Whaley and seconded by Councilman Adams, the council voted 6-0 to approve the bid as presented.

ADJOURNMENT

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

BY: _____
EDWARD REYNOLDS, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
ALLIE GODWIN, COUNCIL CLERK