



Minutes
City Council Meeting
December 11th, 2023
6:30pm

Baldwin Courtroom, 155 Willingham Avenue, Baldwin, GA 30511

Mayor Stephanie Almagno, Council Member Theron Ayers, Council Member Maarten Venter, and Council Member Alice Venter (via phone) were in attendance.

Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Stephanie Almagno called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Invocation and Pledge

Pastor Penny Petty from Life Church gave the invocation.

Action: A motion was made by Maarten Venter to amend the consent agenda to add a budgeted Wastewater Treatment Plant pump purchase in the amount of \$9,100 with a second by Theron Ayers. Motion Carried 3-0.

Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes: Council Meeting 11/27/23 and Work Session 12/05/23.
- b. Budgeted WWTP Pump Purchase - \$9,100.00

Action: A motion was made by Theron Ayers to accept the minutes for 11/27/23 and 12/5/23 as presented with a second by Maarten Venter. Motion Carried 3-0.

Action: A motion was made by Theron Ayers to approve the budgeted purchase of the WWTP pump in the amount of \$9,100 as presented with a second by Maarten Venter. Motion Carried 3-0.

Citizen Comments

No citizens came forward.

Council Member Erik Keith joined the council meeting via phone call at 6:35 pm.

Public Hearings

Bellamy Zoning Ordinance [#2023-11134Z](#)

Legal Counsel Jack Samuels opened the public hearing at 6:36 pm.

Samuels read the highlighted portion of the Ordinance [#2023-11134Z](#).

In Favor: None.

In Opposition: None.

Reports

Court – Susan Newsom

Court Clerk Susan Newsom gave an update on Municipal Court, stating that they are still operating with two court dates per month, but may increase to three

dates in the near future. In January, court security may add additional security officers. Newsom stated that they still plan to renovate the breakroom to create a small office and payment window. Newsom thanked Council for getting the Azure software in place, as she was able to work from home while sick and stay on top of tasks. Council had no questions for Newsom.

Old Business

1. Consideration/Approval of 2nd Reading of Precision Digital SUP Ordinance #2023-10132Z

Council had no additional comments or questions regarding the ordinance. Mayor Almagno read the highlighted portion of Ordinance #2023-10132Z.

Action: A motion was made by Maarten Venter to approve the 2nd Reading of Precision Digital Special Use Permit Ordinance #2023-10132Z as presented with a second by Theron Ayers. Motion Carried 4-0.

2. Consideration/Approval of 2nd Reading of Wrecker Service Ordinance #2023-11135

Chief Jones summarized the process of updating the wrecker service policy, ensuring the rotation was fair and impartial and that the three services were all in agreement with the new policy.

Council had no additional comments or questions regarding the ordinance. Mayor Almagno read the highlighted portion of the Ordinance #2023-11135.

Action: A motion was made by Maarten Venter to approve the 2nd Reading of Wrecker Service Ordinance #2023-11135 as presented with a second by Theron Ayers. Motion Carried 4-0.

Jack Samuels closed the public hearing for Bellamy Ordinance at 6:56 pm.

3. Consideration/Approval of 2nd Reading of Bellamy Zoning Ordinance #2023-11134Z

Council had no further questions or comments regarding this ordinance. Mayor Almagno read the highlighted portion of Ordinance #2023-11134Z.

Action: A motion was made by Alice Venter to approve the 2nd Reading of Bellamy Zoning Ordinance #2023-11134Z as presented with a second by Theron Ayers. Motion Carried 4-0.

4. Consideration/Approval of Cemetery Plot Revocation Policy

Council had no further questions or concerns about cemetery plot revocation policy.

Action: A motion was made by Theron Ayers to approve the Cemetery Plot Revocation Policy as presented with a second by Maarten Venter. Motion Carried 4-0.

5. Consideration/Approval of Mayor's Reading Club Proclamation

Mayor Almagno summarized the Mayor's Reading Club from GMA. The Banks County Pop-Up Rolling Library comes to the Baldwin Farmers' Market every Friday from June 7th to July 26th, so Almagno selected June 7th as Mayor's Reading Club Day for the inaugural event. Almagno and other staff will also connect with community leaders to create and join reading events for children.

Mayor Almagno read the Mayor's Reading Club Day Proclamation.

Action: A motion was made by Alice Venter to approve the Mayor's Reading Club Day Proclamation as presented with a second by Erik Keith. Motion Carried 4-0.

New Business

Executive Session

Announcements

- a. City Offices will be closed on December 22nd and December 25th in observance of the Christmas holiday and January 1st in observance of New Year's Day.
- b. City Hall will be operating by drive-through and appointment only from Tuesday, December 26th through Friday, December 29th. To make an appointment with a member of City Hall staff, please call 706-778-6341.
- c. Mayor Almagno thanked all citizens that contributed to Shop With a Hero. Twelve children went shopping for clothes and Christmas gifts with Baldwin police officers and firefighters earlier that morning.
- d. Mayor Almagno recognized Council Member Theron Ayers and his 12 years of service on the City Council. Ayers thanked those that supported him in office.

Adjournment

Action: A motion was made by Theron Ayers to adjourn the meeting with a second by Erik Keith. Motion Carried 4-0 at 7:11 pm.


Stephanie Almagno, Mayor


Erin Gathercoal, City Clerk



1/16/2024
Date Approved by Council