



Minutes
City Council Meeting
April 24th, 2023
6:30pm

Baldwin Courtroom, 155 Willingham Avenue, Baldwin, GA 30511

Acting Mayor Alice Venter, Council Member Larry Lewallen, Council Member Theron Ayers, Council Member Stephanie Almagno, and Council Member Maarten Venter were all in attendance.

Call Meeting to Order

Acting Mayor Alice Venter called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Invocation and Pledge

Consent Agenda

Citizen Comment

Public Hearings

Reports

Public Works Department

Public Works Director Scott Barnhart summarized the Public Works department's monthly activity, completed projects, and Clean Up Day/Amnesty Week results (see report).

Old Business

1. Consideration/Approval of 2nd Reading of Property Conveyance Ordinance #2023-04121

This ordinance grants an easement for a City driveway at 293 Airport Road for abutting property owners to use.

Action: A motion was made by Stephanie Almagno to approve the 2nd Reading of Ordinance #2023-04121 as presented with a second by Theron Ayers. Motion Carried 4-0.

2. Consideration/Approval of 1st Reading of ReveSolutions SUP Ordinance #2023-04123Z

CAO Emily Woodmaster presented a request for a Special Use Permit from ReveSolutions for 181 Industrial Park Road, which is zoned Light Industrial. ReveSolutions, a waste disposal company, needs a Special Use Permit because Baldwin's current zoning ordinance does not consider this type of business in any zoning.

The permit does have two conditions:

- 1.) A five-foot vegetative buffer is installed and maintained on the portion of the property abutting Industrial Park Road, and
- 2.) ReveSolutions will enter into a service agreement with the City that will outline requirements for discharge allowance/monitoring, all state-issued permits, and other reporting requirements.

The public hearing and second reading of this ordinance will be on May 9th.

Action: A motion was made by Maarten Venter to approve the 1st Reading of Ordinance #2023-04123Z as presented with a second by Larry Lewallen. Motion Carried 4-0.

3. Consideration/Approval of Partnership Habersham Public Pledge for 2023

This is a \$2,500.00 pledge to Partnership Habersham that the City makes on an annual basis.

Action: A motion was made by Maarten Venter to approve the Partnership Habersham Public Pledge for 2023 in the amount of \$2,500.00 as presented with a second by Stephanie Almagno. Motion Did Not Carry. In Favor: Theron Ayers. Opposed: Larry Lewallen, Stephanie Almagno, and Maarten Venter.

New Business

4. Consideration/Approval of Fire Department SiteMed Expense

Woodmaster recapped for Council an opportunity Assistant Chief Shaun Benfield presented at the Council retreat. SiteMed is a mobile medical unit that provides “fit-for-duty” physicals and medical testing for firefighters. These tests are more extensive than what is currently covered by our insurance for firefighters, including screenings for cancers to which firefighters are particularly susceptible. Because SiteMed requires a minimum of 45 employees in order to come to a location, Dawson County has agreed for all ten of Baldwin’s firefighters to join on their testing dates in July. The cost will be \$3,550.00 (\$350.00 per employee), and will be considered a prepaid item, as the expense will be incurred before the start of the new fiscal year, but the testing will occur in FY24.

Action: A motion was made by Stephanie Almagno to approve the Fire Department SiteMed expense, not to exceed \$3,550, as presented with a second by Maarten Venter. Motion Carried 4-0.

5. Discussion of GIRMA Liability for FY24

While this item does not require a Council vote, Woodmaster informed Council about a change in liability costs. Last year, the City signed a two-year contract with GIRMA to lock in coverage, but the rate is different due to changes in the

number of vehicles and number of employees covered. There is a \$10,956 increase from last year, and that increase covers all of the new PD Chevy Tahoes, the new fire truck, and the Quick Response Vehicle. This will be brought to Council next year to renegotiate the agreement.

No action was taken.

Executive Session

Announcements

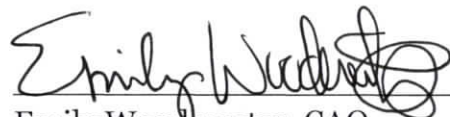
- a. The City of Baldwin will be hosting a Town Hall Meeting on May 1st at 6:30 pm at Life Church. We invite citizens to ask questions, meet department heads, and discuss the future of Baldwin.
- b. The Council Work Session for the month of May will be May 9th at the normal time of 6:30 pm but will be held at the Baldwin Police Training Center located directly behind the Police Department.
- c. Public Safety Day will be May 20th from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, hosted by SteelCell at 510 Industrial Park Road! This free event is for all ages, focusing on demonstrations and activities regarding public safety. This includes Baldwin Fire, Baldwin Police, and other Georgia public safety initiatives. Activities include “drunk goggles,” jaws of life Jenga, and the Challenge Your Local Hero firefighter agility test! Food vendors are welcome! Email baldwinevents@cityofbaldwin.org for more information!

Adjournment

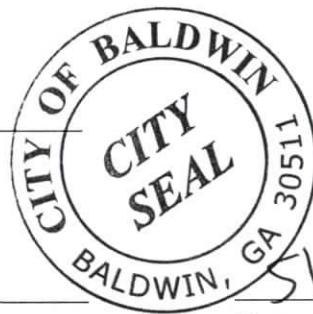
Action: A motion was made by Theron Ayers to adjourn the meeting with a second by Maarten Venter. Motion Carried 4-0 at 7:04 pm.



Alice Venter, Acting Mayor



Emily Woodmaster, CAO



5/15/2023

Date Approved by Council