



Minutes
City Council Meeting
August 28th, 2023
6:30pm

Baldwin Courtroom, 155 Willingham Avenue, Baldwin, GA 30511

Mayor Pro Temp Stephanie Almagno, Council Member Larry Lewallen, Council Member Theron Ayers, and Council Member Maarten Venter were in attendance.

Call Meeting to Order

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

Invocation and Pledge

Action: A motion was made by Maarten Venter to table item #1 “Consideration/Approval of 1st Reading of Chitwood Development Ordinance #2023-08130Z” until the September 11th council meeting with a second by Larry Lewallen. Motion Carried 3-0.

Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes: Council Meeting 08/14/2023.

Action: A motion was made by Maarten Venter to approve the August 14th, 2023 council meeting minutes with a second by Theron Ayers. Motion Carried 3-0.

- b. Approval of Budgeted Water Treatment Plant Repairs: \$8,420.00

Action: A motion was made by Maarten Venter to approve the budget water treatment plant repairs as presented with a second by Larry Lewallen. Motion Carried 3-0.

Citizen Comment

Public Hearings

Reports

Old Business

New Business

1. Consideration/Approval of LeadsOnline Agreement

Captain Justin Ferguson presented an agreement with LeadsOnline, who partners with GBI to maintain a database of pawned items and the information and ID of the person who pawned the item. This allows law enforcement to be proactive in locating stolen property that has been pawned and locating offenders. This agreement was budgeted for this fiscal year, but must be approved by Council.

City Attorney Bubba Samuels expressed concern about the wording for the length of the agreement. The agreement presented to Council lists a three-year term, but state law requires that contracts be terminable at the end of each fiscal year. Ferguson stated that he addressed that term with LeadsOnline, who said that the three-year term was for the purpose of locking the price, and that there is a stipulation that the City can terminate the agreement at any time with no cost. Samuels recommended that Council not approve the agreement until an updated version with the correct term length is presented to Council.

Action: A motion was made to table the LeadsOnline agreement until the September 11th meeting with a second by Maarten Venter. Motion Carried 3-0.

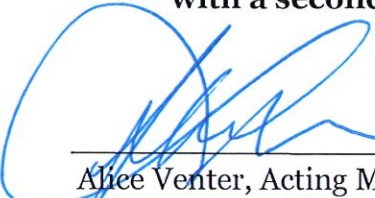
Executive Session

Announcements

- a. Join us for the second Movie In the Market on September 22nd at 7:30 pm! Bring your chairs and blankets to the Baldwin Farmers' Market for a free movie screening, to be announced soon! Light concessions will be available with all proceeds going to our "Shop With a Hero" program!
- b. The City of Baldwin is now accepting vendors for our Sixth Annual Fall Festival on October 21st! We welcome food trucks, crafters, and non-profits to sign up for a booth and be a part of our yearly celebration of Baldwin and our surrounding community. The vendor application is available online at www.cityofbaldwin.org or by emailing baldwinevents@cityofbaldwin.org.
- c. Almagno congratulated Joseph Satterfield and Kerri Davis who qualified uncontested for posts 2 and 3 respectively and will begin serving on Council in January.

Adjournment

Action: A motion was made by Theron Ayers to adjourn the meeting with a second by Maarten Venter. Motion Carried 3-0 at 6:46 pm.



Alice Venter, Acting Mayor



Erin Gathercoal, City Clerk



9/25/2023

Date Approved by Council