

**UNOFICIAL MINUTES**  
**CITY OF BAINBRIDGE, GEORGIA**  
**COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL**  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2007**  
**6:30 P.M.**

PRESENT: MAYOR MARK HARRELL, PRESIDING

ALDERMEN: ROSLYN PALMER, JOE SWEET, GREG WADDELL  
EDWARD REYNOLDS, ROLFE HUNT AND LUTHER H.  
CONYERS, JR.

OTHERS: CHRIS HOBBY, CITY MANAGER AND LISA TAYLOR,  
DIRECTOR OF GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

GUESTS: BRENNAN LEATHERS, RONNIE PARISH, KESHA PARISH,  
JEAN JOSEY, ARLENE RENTZ, LARRY STEINER, PAUL  
BAGGETT, KESHA BRINSON, DENNIS BRINSON, REV.  
ADREN BIVINS, SYLVIA BIVINS, TOM CONWAY,  
KATHRYN LILLETHUN, JIM LILLETHUN, AND LARRY  
FUNDERBURKE.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

Mayor Harrell called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. After the call to order Mayor Pro Tem Conyers gave the invocation and all those assembled pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION – NOVEMBER 6, 2007**

Upon motion by Alderman Hunt, seconded by Alderman Sweet and unanimously carried, the Council in a 6-0 decision approved the minutes of the regular session held November 6, 2007.

**RECOGNIZE VISITORS AND DELEGATIONS**

None.

**RECENTLY PROMOTED CITY EMPLOYEES**

Mayor Harrell and the City Council recognized the recently promoted city employees. The employees promoted were Sgt. Jack Bunting, Cpl. Craig Carr, Sgt. Ray Cox, Cpl. Aaron Brown and Assistant Sewer Superintendent Paul Baggett.

**RECOGNIZE EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR – ARLENE RENTZ**

Mayor and City Council members recognized Arlene Rentz as the City Employee of the Year. Ms. Rentz was selected by the city's division directors as Employee of the Year for 2007. Arlene has been employed by the city since August 23, 1976 and currently holds the title of Senior Public Safety Clerk. In this role, Arlene acts as the office manager for Public Safety and provides vital administrative and clerical support to the division. Arlene is an extremely dedicated and capable employee and is very deserving of this honor.

### **CONSIDERATION OF EMPLOYEE CHRISTMAS BONUS**

Upon motion by Alderman Palmer, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Conyers, and unanimously carried the council in a 6-0 decision to approve \$100 of Bainbridge Bucks to all city employees for their Christmas bonus.

### **DEPARTMENTAL PRESENTATION – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Community Development Director Amanda Glover, along with her staff Building Code Enforcement, Bob Gardner, Zoning Administrator/City Planner, Bryan Barnett and Code Enforcement Officer, Keith Pollock gave an update on the past year in the Community Development Department.

### **CONSIDERATION OF STREET CLOSURE REQUEST (WATER STREET BETWEEN WEST AND BROAD STREET – CANDLELIGHT WALKING TOUR – DECEMBER 6, 2007)**

Upon motion by Alderman Hunt, seconded by Alderman Reynolds, and unanimously carried, the Council in a 6-0 decision to approve the street closure request from Water Street between West and Broad Street for the Candlelight Walking Tour for December 6, 2007 with all businesses being notified.

### **RECOGNIZE SCHEDULED VISITOR – ADREN BIVINS**

The Rev. Adren Bivins, Sr., told council members about the Laymen Brotherhood Second Chance Outreach Center, which provides weekly activities and religious ministry for local young men. Bivins, his wife Sylvia, and other volunteers hold meetings at eh

Bainbridge Church of God at 205 Independent Street from 3-5 p.m. on the first three Sundays of each month. The church has donated this space to them. Young men that attend are given Bibles and take part in a Bible study. Rev. Bivins gives motivational counseling. The Center operates on tax-exempt donations. Mayor Harrell stated he supported Bivins' efforts and asked citizens to consider contributing to the outreach center's operation.

### **APPROVAL OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE RENEWALS**

Upon motion by Alderman Hunt, seconded by Alderman Reynolds, and unanimously carried, the Council in a 6-0 decision to approve the alcoholic beverage license renewals as presented.

{ Attachment }

### **ACTION ON PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA: Rezoning Request – Dennis Brinson – 731 Water Street**

Upon motion by Mayor Pro Tem Conyers, seconded by Alderman Sweet, and unanimously carried, the Council in a 6-0 decision to approve the rezoning request for 731 Water Street. The property is approximately .23 acres (Tax Map B33, Parcel 27) is rezoned from UR-9, Urban Medium Density Residential to NB, Neighborhood Business.

**CONSIDERATION OF AGREEMENT WITH GENESIS GROUP TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES – ZONING MAP UPDATE**

Upon motion by Alderman Waddell, seconded by Alderman Hunt, and unanimously carried, the Council in a 6-0 decision to approve two agreements with the Genesis Group. The two agreements are Provision of Limited Professional Services and City of Bainbridge Services Authorization No. 1.

**APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

Upon motion by Alderman Palmer, seconded by Alderman Sweet, and unanimously carried, the Council in a 6-0 decision to approve the budget amendments as presented by Lisa Taylor, Director of General Administration. Copies of the budget amendments for 2006-2007 are on file in the City Clerks office.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

*Bids:*

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| 1. CONSOLIDATED PIPE<br>ALBANY, GA<br>WATER PIPE (COMMODORE PARK) | \$12,154.00 |
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*Bills:*

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| 1. ALPHA GEOTECHNICAL AND TESTING SERVICES<br>TALLAHASSEE, FL<br>INVOICE #: 07-3280 | \$ 6,006.50 |
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Upon motion by Alderman Waddell, seconded by Alderman Sweet, and unanimously carried, the Council in a 6-0 decision to approve the bid and to pay the bill.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Mayor Harrell recommend Charlie May Phillips be appointed to the Historic Preservation Board. Upon motion by Alderman Reynolds, seconded by Alderman Waddell, and unanimously carried, the Council in a 6-0 decision to accept the recommendation of Mayor Harrell for Charlie May Phillips to be appointed to the Historic Preservation Board.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With there being no further business, Mayor Harrell adjourned the meeting.

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
MARK HARRELL, MAYOR

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
LISA TAYLOR, CITY CLERK