

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
CITY OF BAINBRIDGE, GEORGIA
COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL
TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2008
6:30 P.M.

PRESENT: MAYOR MARK HARRELL, PRESIDING

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

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

GUESTS: BRENNAN LEATHERS, LARRY STEINER, TED SNELL, JIM
YORK, CAROLYN MCCAIN, THOMAS HARRISON, JOHN
CUNNINGHAM, JOHN KEILLOR, ROB MILBERG, TURNER
BROCK AND PAUL FRYER.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION – MARCH 4, 2008

Upon motion by Alderman Reynolds, seconded by Alderman Burke and unanimously carried, the Council in a 6-0 decision approved the minutes of the regular session held March 4, 2008.

RECOGNIZE VISITORS AND DELEGATIONS

None.

RECOGNIZE SCHEDULED VISITOR – CAROLYN MCCAIN

Carolyn McCain was before the Mayor and Council to present a petition asking the city to study possibility of annexing her neighborhood and extending city utilities. The Mayor accepted the petition from residents of Hillcrest Drive, located just outside Bainbridge city limits off Georgia 97 North, to be annexed into the city for the purpose of connecting to the city's sewer system. Mayor Harrell and City Manager Hobby agreed to consider the request in planning for the extension of city sewer service to all areas of Bainbridge that currently cannot access it.

LANIGAN AND ASSOCIATES – PRESENTATION OF 2007 FINANCIALS

John Keillor and Rob Milberg, representatives from Lanigan and Associates of Thomasville, Ga., the city’s auditing firm, presented an audit of the government’s basic financial statements for its fiscal year ending September 30, 2007.

The auditors issued a clean opinion on the statements and said no significant problems had been found with the city government’s internal financial controls.

The auditors thanked City Manager Hobby, Lisa Taylor, Director of General Administration, Beverly Allen, Accounting Manager and all other City staff for their assistance during the audit.

CONSIDERATION OF STREET CLOSURE REQUEST FROM RIVERSIDE ARTSFEST

Upon motion by Alderman Sweet, seconded by Alderman Reynolds and unanimously approved, the Council in a 6-0 decision to approve the street closure of Water Street between West Street and Crawford Street on April 11, 2008 from 5 p.m. to midnight. The closure of this street will accommodate a street dance planned for that evening.

CONSIDERATION OF COMMODORE INDUSTRIAL PARK USAGE – BRIGHT BEGINNINGS DAYCARE AND LEARNING CENTER

Upon motion by Mayor Pro Tem Palmer, seconded by Alderman Sweet, and unanimously approved, the Council in a 6-0 decision for bright Beginnings Daycare to use Commodore Decatur Industrial Park for a carnival on May 3, 2008 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. as long as Decatur County gives them permission as well. The purpose of the carnival is to raise money to provide playground equipment for the daycare.

DEPARTMENTAL PRESENTATION – LEISURE SERVICES

Al Kelley, Director of Leisure Services was before the Mayor and Council to give a presentation on his departments accomplishments over the past year. Mr. Kelley stated approximately 830 children are participating in the city organized youth baseball and softball leagues. There are approximately 180 volunteers that make this program a success. He also stated the joint effort between the City and the Y.M.C.A. had a successful football season and looking forward to another one this year with more children being involved. Mr. Kelley stated the Marina store/restaurant will be complete in a month. Also Leisure services offices are being renovated on Donalson Street, this project should be complete in Approximate four weeks.

CONSIDERATION OF PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1. Rezoning Request – Tax Map B30, Parcels 39A, 39B, and 39D**
- 2. Annexation – Estate of Arminda Hunt (Ordinance #604)**
- 3. Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment – Home Occupations**

1. Upon motion by Alderman Conyers, seconded by Alderman Reynolds, and unanimously carried, the Council in a 6-0 decision to approve the request from Turner Brock and Decatur County Development, LLC to rezone approximately 3.89 acres (Tax Map B30, Parcels 39A, 39B, and 39D) located off Old Quincy Road north of its junction with Hubert Dollar Drive from PUB to UR-9, with the condition that the number of dwelling units per acre does not exceed that allowed in the UR-6 zoning district.

2. Upon motion by Alderman Conyers, seconded by Alderman Waddell, and unanimously carried, the Council in a 6-0 decision to zone the property of the Estate of Arminda Hunt, approximately 25 acre property (Tax Map 103, parcel 10) located directly west of the new Bainbridge High School on US Hwy, 84 to HC, Highway Commercial. John Cunningham a Planning Board member expressed opposition to the zoning.
3. Upon motion by Alderman Conyers, seconded by Alderman Burke, the Council in a 5-1 decision, with Mayor Pro Tem Palmer casting the nay vote, to amend the following provisions of the city's zoning ordinance: Article 2, Definitions; Article 6, Table 6.1- Use Table, Article 7, Table 7.1-Use Table; and Article 8, Chapter 8.4-Specific Use Provisions: Home Occupations. The proposed text amendments reduce the restrictions placed on home occupations and establish "Transient Business" as a new permissible use.

ADOPTION OF ANNEXATION ORDINANCE #604 – ESTATE OF ARMINDA HUNT

Upon motion by Mayor Pro Tem Palmer, seconded by Alderman Reynolds, and unanimously approved, the Council in a 6-0 decision to open a public hearing to hear the public on annexation the property of the Estate of Arminda Hunt, approximately 25 acre property (Tax Map 103, parcel 10) located directly west of the new Bainbridge High School on US Hwy, 84 to HC, Highway Commercial. No one spoke for or against the annexation. Upon motion by Alderman Waddell, seconded by Alderman Conyers, and unanimously carried, the Council closed the public hearing.

Upon motion by Alderman Conyers, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Palmer, and unanimously carried, the Council in a 6-0 decision to approve ordinance #604 to annex the property of the Estate of Arminda Hunt, approximately 25 acre property (Tax Map 103, parcel 10) located directly west of the new Bainbridge High School on US Hwy, 84 to HC, Highway Commercial.

ACTION ON 5K BENEFIT RUN ROUTE ON MARCH 22, 2008

Upon motion by Alderman Sweet, seconded by Alderman Waddell, and unanimously carried, the Council in a 6-0 decision to approve the run route with closing on portions of the streets. City Manager Hobby was to discuss road safety issues with the organizers of the benefit run.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Bids:

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| 1. DRILLERS SERVICE, INC.
ALBANY, GA
GRINDER PUMPS | \$11,428.00 |
| 2. SMORACY
REMUS, MI
PARTS FOR GRINDER | \$ 4,212.00 |
| 3. SABEL STEEL
DOTHAN, AL
PLATES FOR MANHOLES | \$ 4,530.80 |
| 4. AH & P
CONSULTING ENGINEERS
MACON, GA | \$ 12,500.00 |

Bills:

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| 1. DECATUR COUNT BOC
BAINBRIDE, GA | \$ 38,593.65 |
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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 bids and pay the bills.

ADJOURNMENT

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

BY: _____
MARK HARRELL, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
LISA TAYLOR, CITY CLERK