

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
CITY OF BAINBRIDGE, GEORGIA
COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2005
6:30 P.M.

PRESENT: MAYOR B. K REYNOLDS, PRESIDING
MAYOR PRO TEM JOE SWEET

ALDERMEN: ROSLYN PALMER, GREG WADDELL, MARK HARRELL,
LUTHER H. CONYERS, JR., ROLFE HUNT

OTHERS: DIRECTOR OF GENERAL ADMINISTRATION LISA
BRYANT, AND ACCOUNTING MANAGER BEVERLY
ALLEN

GUESTS: RONNIE PARISH, BRYAN BARNETT, JIM YORK, BRENNAN
LEATHERS, DEBRA CHAMBLISS, GENE CHAMBLISS,
PHILIP CHAMBLISS, GENE DUNLAP, TOM CONWAY.
RONNIE GODWIN, BLAINE PALMER, CHARLES S.
BOWLES, JR., CHAD WADDELL, STEVE REYNOLDS,
ANITA REYNOLDS, MIKE CONDER, KENNETH FLANDERS,
BILLY INLOW, KESHA PARISH, JOE BATTLES, AND
LEROY KING.

ABSENT: CHRIS HOBBY, CITY MANAGER

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR REGULAR SESSION—SEPTEMBER 20, 2005

Upon motion by Alderman Harrell, seconded by Alderman Conyers, and unanimously carried, the Council in a 6-0 decision approved the minutes of the regular session held September 20, 2005.

RECOGNIZE VISITORS AND DELEGATIONS

Chad Waddell, owner of property located at 816 S. Scott Street (5 Points intersection), entered into a lease with Port City Tire prior to their approval for an occupational license at this location. The license was subsequently denied by City Planner Bryan Barnett based on the current zoning for this property of Neighborhood Business. Mr. Chad Waddell wanted to know the definition of “Retail Trade Establishment” and stated the zoning should never have been changed from Highway Commercial to Neighborhood Business. Mr. Chad Waddell is aware he has an option to go before the Planning and Zoning Commission to request a zoning change; however, he understands the Mayor and Council have the final decision. Alderman Palmer commented Southern Belle was required to discontinue their business operation until their zoning issue was resolved. She recommends the City identify businesses that previously were zoned Highway Commercial who could fit in the Neighborhood Business and make them conditional

uses. Alderman Palmer made a motion for letters to be mailed to commercial property owners affected by the recent adoption of the zoning map. Alderman Palmer subsequently rescinded her motion to discuss this matter with City Manager Hobby. Alderman Waddell wants certified letters mailed to each individual who has been rezoned and to provide all relevant and pertinent information to each one.

Mayor Reynolds stated Port City Tire should have checked with the City before relocating their business to 816 S. Scott Street. Mr. Chad Waddell began to argue with Mayor Reynolds. A motion was made by Alderman Greg Waddell to allow Port City Tire to open for business as an “*Enclosed Retail Trade Establishment*” until the matter could be resolved. Alderman Hunt stated the motion does not provide relief for the occupant. Mayor Pro Tem Sweet stated the only thing he can vote on is if they can do business as normal. Neighboring business owner Steve Reynolds inquired as to who will police the area. Alderman Greg Waddell said to allow the business, Port City Tires, to open on October 5, 2005, under *Retail Trade Establishment* so long as all goods and services are conducted inside the building. Alderman Harrell stated we were out of order of procedure. City Planner Bryan Barnett denied the Occupational License due to his interpretation of Neighborhood Businesses and the applicant needs to appeal to the Planning Board. Mayor Reynolds stated the motion dies for a lack of a second.

RECOGNIZE COUNCILMAN GREG WADDELL

Alderman Waddell discussed several items with the Mayor and Council. The first item discussed was Code Enforcement. Alderman Waddell recently received a citation for violation of the “Tree Ordinance”. In Mr. Waddell’s opinion, if the City must convey a

“no” answer to the public it should be done with tact. According to Mr. Waddell, all citizens and business owners should have a good feeling when told “no” and we need to sell Bainbridge in a positive way. Alderman Waddell recommended the Mayor, City Manager, and all Department Heads attend an annual Public Relations class. He also stated no citizen should be treated with favoritism. Alderman Palmer stated the Mayor, Council, and Department Heads each conduct an annual retreat and each retreat would provide a great opportunity to conduct the Public Relations training.

Mr. Leroy King, a guest in attendance at the council meeting, feels he is being mistreated due to his race. According to Mr. King, he received a violation letter in error and stated the property in question belongs to the City. This matter will be investigated and if the City owns the property it will be cleaned up. He also stated he attended a council meeting approximately 2¹/₂ years ago to discuss the fact there were no street signs on Pearl or Hawthorne Streets. He was told signs would be installed; however, to date none have been installed.

Alderman Waddell stated the Tree Committee should be abolished. The responsibilities should be turned over to Bryan Barnett or end with the Mayor and Council making the final decision. He also stated the Tree Ordinance should be city-wide (residential and commercial). He said, “Do we really care or do we want to be a thorn in a developer’s side?” Mayor Pro Tem Sweet stated this is not the place to discuss this item and it should be discussed at the Mayor and Council Annual Retreat. Alderman Hunt thanked Alderman Harrell for the good leadership with the Tree Committee.

CONSIDERATION OF STREET CLOSURE REQUEST

Upon a motion made by Alderman Conyers, seconded by Alderman Palmer, and unanimously carried, the Council in a 6-0 decision approved for Water Street from Broad Street to West Street to be closed in order for the annual downtown Halloween trick-or-treat and games for children on October 31, 2005 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. and to notify affected businesses of the street closure.

**CONSIDERATION OF CHANGE ORDER REQUEST #2
CLAY STREET PROJECT**

Upon a motion made by Alderman Hunt, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Sweet, the Council in a 5-0 decision approved the use of SPLOST funds for the gravity line with Mike Conder paying for an additional 900 feet of force main line at Mallard Trace Subdivision. Alderman Waddell abstained.

MORATORIUM – HISTORIC DISTRICTS

Upon motion by Alderman Palmer, seconded by Alderman Hunt, the Council in a 6-0 decision approved an extension to the moratorium on demolition and new construction until January 31, 2006.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Mayor and Council considered the following bids and bills:

Bids:

1. ECO-TECH, INC.
CANTON, GA

	LIFT STATION PUMPS	\$11,070.00
2.	EQUIPMENT CONTROLS NORCROSS, GA ELECTRONIC VOLUME CORRECTORS	\$ 7,827.10
3.	BRANNEN MOTOR CO. UNADILLA, GA FORD CROWN VICTORIA	\$17,700.00

Bids (continued):

4.	FAMILY FORD DALLAS, GA TRUCKS	\$59,866.50
5.	PONDER'S THOMASVILLE, GA FURNITURE FOR PURCHASING	\$ 2,820.00
6.	BASS PRO SHOPS SPRINGFIELD, MO GUARD FOR BOAT DOCKS	\$ 1,449.40
7.	NU-LIFE ENVIRONMENTAL EASLEY, NC GARBAGE CONTAINERS	\$21,844.00
8.	ALL AMERICAN GRINDERING CO. GAINESVILLE, GA SERVICES RENDERED	\$ 2,072.41
9.	GORDEN TRACTOR COMPANY MADISON, FL PARTS FOR MOWER	\$ 2,700.72
10.	ADAMS EQUIPMENT COMPANY WHITE PLAINS, GA SERVICES RENDERED	\$ 7,079.24
11.	POST PRINTING BAINBRIDGE, GA PRINTING OF ANNUAL REPORT	\$ 2,482.97

Bills:

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| 1. | SUNBELT ASPHALT SURFACES
PAY REQUEST #7 (TENNIS COURT SITE) | \$37,474.31 |
| 2. | STEELE & ASSOCIATES, INC.
PAY REQUEST #1 (GAS REHAB) | \$212,339.03 |

Upon motion by Alderman Waddell, seconded by Alderman Hunt and unanimously carried, the Council in a 6-0 decision accepted the bids and agreed to pay the bills.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Reynolds announced Mayor Pro Tem Joe Sweet and Alderman Waddell will handle the Mayor's Motorcade. There being no further business, Mayor Reynolds adjourned the meeting.

BY: _____
B. K. REYNOLDS, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
BEVERLY ALLEN, ACTING CITY CLERK