

**MINUTES**

**CITY OF BAINBRIDGE, GEORGIA**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2006**

**6:30 P.M.**

PRESENT: MAYOR MARK HARRELL, PRESIDING

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

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

GUESTS: LARRY STEINER, BRANNAN LEATHERS, TED SNELL,  
JOYCE BARR, GILDA BROME, JIM YORK, DENNIS MOCK,  
LARRY FUNDERBURKE, CAROLYN FUNDERBURKE,  
COLEY VOYLES, LENORIS CLAEY, BLAINE PALMER,  
VERA CUSTER, DANIEL BEARD, JOCELYN BEARD,  
KESHA PARISH, RONNIE PARISH, WILKIN RUFFIN,  
JEANNE OHLINGER, DRORNNE LANE, ALICIA J. GORDON,  
JAMES CHANEY, JACK LEVERETT, JOYCE LEVERETT, BO  
LADNER, BRENDA STRICKLAND, DIANNE HAIRE,  
STERLING WIDNER, AREVL FORD, RAMSEY, PEGGY,  
MAX GRIFFIN , CHARLES, POLLY, TAMMY WHITE, MIKE  
CONDER, ASHLEY, WASHINGTON, ALISON WILFORD,  
BROOKE THOMAS, MEAGAN SMITH NORRIS AKINS,  
CANDACE M. HOWARD, BOB GARDNER, SHIRLEY  
GARDNER, TARA GAY, ASHLEY MCCOY, CECILEY POPE  
AHMAD SCRUGGS, KATY FAIRCLOTH, AUDREY MILLER,  
KIRCIA GAINES, DEREK MARTIN, LAKESHA SHOATS,  
ANDREA LANDERS, ASHLEY ANVAR, DANIEL DUNLAP,

CHARLES ROZIER, GLENNIE ROZIER, C. JACKSON, JARED DOWDY, CHAD WADDELL, REESE MOSELY, SHANTYL TOMLIN, GILDA BRAMA, LONNIE WATSON, DAVID PEACOCK, AMANDA GLOVER, JAMES CHENEY, WALTER LANDRUM, GAIL LANDRUM, PAUL HICKS, DARIEN WILLIAMS, ANNA REYNOLDS, SUG REYNOLDS, AND BILL REYNOLDS.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

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

**RECOGNIZE “If I Were Mayor” ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS:**

Alderman Palmer recognized the winner and runner up of the “If I Were Mayor” contest. Alderman Palmer presented Claire Worthington the runner up of Hutto Middle School with a plaque and twenty-five dollars in Bainbridge Bucks. The winner, Jocelyn Beard of West Bainbridge Middle School was presented a plaque and fifty dollars in Bainbridge Bucks. Ms. Beard read her winning essay.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR REGULAR SESSION—APRIL 4, 2006**

Upon motion by Alderman Hunt, seconded by Alderman Reynolds, and unanimously carried, the Council in a 6-0 decision approved the minutes of the regular session held April 4, 2006.

**RECOGNITION OF FORMER MAYOR B. K. REYNOLDS**

Johnny Medley, Mayor of Attapulcus, presented former Mayor B. K. Reynolds with a plaque and thanked him for all support through the years. Mayor Harrell asked everyone to join him out in the lobby. Mayor Harrell turned over the presentation to former City Manager Charles Tyson. Mr. Tyson stated a group of friends that honor former Mayor B. K. Reynolds, with a celebration of his retiring from Mayor wanted to do something to

honor him forever. A portrait of former Mayor B. K. Reynolds was then revealed in the foyer of the City Council Chambers. Mr. Tyson stated there was no better place to hang the portrait because he and the former Mayor sat there for sixteen years before each council meeting drinking coffee. Former Mayor B. K. Reynolds stated the City has a great Mayor and Council to continue the growth of Bainbridge.

#### **RECOGNIZE VISITORS AND DELEGATIONS**

James Lodman, President of Black Men United, was before the Mayor and Council to obtain a permit for their annual family fun day the last Sunday in May. Upon motion by Alderman Hunt, seconded by Alderman Conyers, and unanimously carried, the Council in a 6-0 approved for the event to take place as long as the city can work out the public safety issues.

#### **RECOGNITION OF SCHEDULED VISITORS:**

Mr. Norris Akins was before the Mayor and Council to seek a relaxing of city regulations governing temporary businesses. Mayor Harrell recused himself from the discussion. City Clerk, Lisa Bryant read the letter from Mayor Harrell. {Attachment A} Mr. Akins along with Frank Sapp, desire to locate a car wash at 309 Simms Street, in the parking lot of Kings Corner. This would not be a permanent business but would instead be operated on weekends. This arrangement runs counter to several city regulations. First, temporary businesses are only allowed to operate four times a year for a period not to exceed 15 consecutive days. This provision was included in the city's zoning ordinance in response to complaints from local businesses that temporary parking lot operations presented unfair competition to a business that had made the investment in a permanent location. Secondly, this car wash operation has erected a covered carport that is located within the required setback for the permanent structure located at this address. This violated the city zoning ordinance. Finally, this car wash is draining directly into the city's storm water system which is also in violation of local ordinance. For all of these reasons, city staff has informed this business that it will not be able to locate, even temporarily, at this location. Mr. Akins wanted to know why the City issued him a license, however the City does not issue business licenses. Each business owner has to pay an occupational tax.

The Council informed Mr. Akins and his partner to meet with Brian Barnett, maybe the issues could be worked through.

#### **ACTION ON PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS**

Mr. Mike Conder of DeHildren Development & Construction Company, Inc. presented his preliminary plat review for Wyndham Subdivision. A proposed 31 lot subdivision located between Legette Drive and College Road. The Planning Commission met on this item and approved the preliminary plat. This is 92.449 acres of land that lies between Legette and College Road. This property is zoned SR-3, Suburban Residential District. The road will be paved, curb and gutter, storm drainage, sanitary sewer and water mains and hydrants. The minimum square footage for a home will be 2000 square feet. The City Planner and the City Engineer have both reviewed the preliminary plat for Wyndham Subdivision. Mr. Conder stated this subdivision would have less than 1% storm water run off. Alderman Hunt asked what he was doing to protect the wetlands. Mr. Conder said the wetlands would be considered conservation property. Derrick Martin was concerned with the water moving faster to the wetlands. He confirmed that Mr. Conder said less than 1%. Mr. Martin lives on Leggette Drive he already experiences water in his backyard about twice a year. He wanted to make sure that with the water running into the wetlands from the proposed subdivision would not cause the problem more frequently. Mayor Pro Tem, Greg Waddell, stated he had met with Mr. Conder. He likes the plans and discussed concerns of neighboring citizens and himself because he lives in the surrounding area. He stated for the record he would like no change of water flow from areas currently flowing such as across Lake Douglas Road at Winston Brock and Mrs. Alec Poitevent's residences, no change to the plans that we approve tonight without coming back to council for approval – in other words, should the Core of Engineers/etc. development run into a hiccup, make sure homeowners' covenants in place and approved prior to development or maybe this is done in the City Planners office; however he thinks the council should review them and the taxpayers or the City of Bainbridge should not assist in the subdivision. Upon motion by Mayor Pro Tem Waddell, seconded by Alderman Palmer, and unanimously carried, the Council in a 6-0

decision approved the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the preliminary plat approval for the Wyndham Subdivision.

**CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTING STREET OWNERSHIP FROM ED  
MITCHELL**

After a brief discussion, Alderman Conyers moved to table accepting street ownership from Ed Mitchell.

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION AND LETTER OF SUPPORT – PINE  
RIDGE ESTATES (APARTMENT COMPLEX)**

Upon motion made by Alderman Hunt, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Waddell, and unanimously carried, the Council in a 6-0 decision approved the Resolution of the City of Bainbridge outlining support for housing affordable to the City of Bainbridge and Decatur County families through Public/Private partnership funding.

{ Attachment B }

**CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FROM RICHARD COOPER – ALLEY  
ABANDONMENT**

City Manager Hobby stated the City has no ownership in the said alley. Therefore the City has nothing to abandon. He would contact Mr. Cooper.

**DEPARTMENTAL PRESENTATION – UTILITIES DIVISION**

Ronnie Parish, Utilities Director for the City of Bainbridge opened the presentation. The Utilities is responsible for Water, Sewer, Gas, Meter Reading, and Sewage Treatment. He then turned it over to his Department Heads to give overviews of their departments.

## CONSENT AGENDA

The Mayor and Council considered the following bids and bills:

### Bids:

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| 1. | TRANSPOWER<br>ALBANY, GA<br>VOLVO FOR PULLING REFUGE TRAILERS                     | \$31,150.00 |
| 2. | NATIONAL WATERWORKS<br>TALLAHASSEE, FL<br>WATER DEPT. SUPPLIES (FRIENDSHIP HOUSE) | \$ 1,203.80 |
| 3. | ADIRONDACK<br>LONG ISLAND CITY, NY<br>TABLES/CHAIRS                               | \$ 3,991.25 |
| 4. | BECK MOTOR COMPANY<br>ALBANY, GA<br>CAB/CHASSIS/DUMP BODY/LOADER                  | \$95,046.00 |
| 5. | NERO TIRES<br>VALDOSTA, GA<br>STOCK REPLACEMENT                                   | \$ 1,342.80 |
| 6. | SOUTHERN TIRE AND BATTERY<br>BAINBRIDGE, GA<br>STOCK REPLACEMENT (TIRES)          | \$15,649.00 |

### Bills:

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| 1. | BAINBRIDGE MACHINE COMPANY<br>BAINBRIDGE, GA<br>WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT   | \$ 1,042.38  |
| 2. | YORK & ASSOCIATES ENGINEERING, INC.<br>BAINBRIDGE, GA<br>INVOICE #: 185<br>INVOICE #: 186<br>INVOICE #: 188<br>INVOICE #: 189 | \$ 1,440.00<br>\$ 1,315.50<br>\$ 5,997.50<br>\$ 2,160.00 |
| 3. | BOB ROBERSON & ASSOCIATES, INC.<br>MOULTRIE, GA<br>PROJECT #: 95p-x-043-2-3073  | \$ 1,000.00  |
| 4. | SOUTHWEST GA. RDC<br>CAMILLA, GA<br>DUES ASSESSMENT   | \$ 2,660.18  |
| 5. | M. JORDAN ROOFING, INC.<br>MANCHESTER, GA<br>PAY REQUEST #1   | \$52,733.00  |
| 6. | DEE'S ELECTRIC<br>BAINBRIDGE, GA<br>SERVICES RENDERED   | \$ 1,028.89  |
| 7. | BLANKENSHIP CONTRACTING, INC.<br>DOTHAN, AL<br>PAY REQUEST #7 (CLAY STREET)   | \$116,921.44   |
| 8. | SEMINOLE CO. TRANSFER STATION<br>DONALSONVILLE, GA<br>DISPOSAL FEES   | \$21,761.38  |

9. FLINT EQUIPMENT COMPANY \$ 1,630.71  
TALLAHASSEE, FL

Upon motion by Alderman Palmer, seconded by Alderman Hunt, and unanimously carried in a 6-0 decision, the Council accepted the bids, except bid number 5 and bills. Upon motion by Alderman Palmer, motion died for lack of a second, to award bid #5 to a local company Delta Tire. Upon motion by Mayor Pro Tem Waddell, seconded by Alderman Conyers, the Council in a 5-1 decision, with Alderman Palmer casting the nay vote, to award bid # 5, the low bid to Nero Tires, Valdosta, Georgia.

#### **APPOINTMENTS**

Upon motion by Alderman Conyers, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Waddell, and unanimously carried in a 6-0 decision, the Council approved the appointment of Letitia Austin to the Historic Preservation Board.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

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