

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
CITY OF BAINBRIDGE, GEORGIA
COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL
BUDGET 2007-2008 PRESENTATION AND PUBLIC HEARING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2007
6:30 P.M.

PRESENT: MAYOR MARK HARRELL, PRESIDING

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

ABSENT: GREG WADDELL

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

GUESTS: BRENNAN LEATHERS, TED SNELL, JIM SMITH, LARRY
FUNDERBURKE, DENNIS MOCK, AL KELLEY, TOMMY
KING, RONNIE PARISH AND BEVERLY ALLEN

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.

BUDGET 2007-2008

City Manager Hobby presented the Budget 2007-2008 to the Mayor and Council. He gave an overview of each Division and entertained questions. City Manager Hobby stated three reasons for the difficult decision-making: the cost of conducting city business has increased more rapidly than its revenue, the growth in revenue and sales tax has slowed, and an approximately 12 percent increase in payroll due to implementation of a study to bring employees' salaries in line with those working at similarly-sized cities around Georgia.

Looking toward the future the City may not be able to continue its recent trend of millage rollbacks in its 2008-09 fiscal year. Utility rates are proposed a 4 percent increase for water, sewer and trash pickup services.

The proposed budget would almost eliminate capital purchases from the budget. The City will not buy vehicles or major pieces of equipment, with the exception of an \$800,000 fire truck for Public Safety, an addition recommended by a recent ISO study of how the city could reduce its fire insurance risk rating.

At the next City Council meeting, September 18, 2007, the Mayor and Council will have another public hearing and the adoption of the proposed 2007-2008 Budget on the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

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

BY: _____
MARK HARRELL, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
LISA TAYLOR, CITY CLERK