

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
CITY OF BAINBRIDGE, GEORGIA
COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL
TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 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, RALNA
PEARSON, RICK AND NANCY PARSONS, ROY REYNOLDS,
MICHAEL HAMMER, TOM CONVINGTON, JEFF
WIMBERLY, RONALD RITTER, SR., VINCENT INLOW, AND
MATT LESZYRSKI, JIM YORK, WALTER LANDRUM,
LARRY FUNDERBURKE, RYAN WIMBERLY AND TOMMY
KING.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION – DECEMBER 18, 2007

Upon motion by Alderman Reynolds, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Conyers and unanimously carried, the Council in a 5-0 decision approved the minutes of the regular session held December 18, 2007.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY:

Luther Conyers - Councilmember

Roslyn Palmer – Councilmember

Dean Burke – Councilmember Elect

A. Wallace Cato, Judge, Superior Court conducted the swearing in of each Councilmember. Each councilmember swore that they would faithfully perform the duties of councilmember of the City of Bainbridge and that they would support and defend the charter thereof as well as the constitution and laws of the State of Georgia and the United States of America.

APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR PROTEM – ROSLYN PALMER

Upon motion by Alderman Reynolds, seconded by Alderman Conyers, and unanimously carried, the Council in a 5-0 decision to appoint Roslyn Palmer as Mayor Pro Tem for 2008.

RECOGNIZE VISITORS AND DELEGATIONS

None.

RECOGNIZE SCHEDULED VISITOR – NANCY PARSONS

Nancy Parsons was before the Mayor and Council to discuss concerns in her neighborhood. She wanted to let them know she was going to do a better job when situations arise. She will call Public Safety to handle the call instead of her handling it herself. She also left a letter with the Mayor and Council members that addressed her concerns and suggestions. Sgt. Wimberly, who is the Training Officer for Public Safety and also is in charge of Neighborhood Watch spoke about the Neighborhood Watch program, he explained how the program works now and how he envisions the program in the future.

RECOGNIZE EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER – RYAN WIMBERLY

Sgt. Ryan Wimberly of the Public Safety Division was before the Mayor and Council being recognized as Employee of the Quarter for the 1st Quarter of FY2008. Sgt. Wimberly was presented a plaque by Mayor Harrell and a check by the City Manager Hobby.

PRESENTATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY OPERATIONS MANUAL AND CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION

Sgt. Wimberly, in his capacity as training officer for the Public Safety Division, has worked the past couple of years to develop an Operations Manual for the division. This manual includes division policies and procedures and provides clear direction to Supervisors and Public Safety Officers concerning city policy. Alderman Luther Conyers stated the Council needed more time to review the policy before the manual is adopted.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE #603 - ESTABLISHMENT OF FRANCHISE FEE FOR STATE ISSUED CABLE OR VIDEO FRANCHISES

This was the first reading of Ordinance #603. This is an ordinance establishing a franchise fee of 5% for state issued cable or video franchises.

ACTION ON REQUEST FROM BAINBRIDGE BIKEFEST – USE OF COMMODORE PARK (SEPTEMBER 12 – 22, 2008)

Upon motion by Alderman Conyers, seconded by Alderman Reynolds, and unanimously carried, the Council in a 6-0 decision to approve the request from Bainbridge Bikefest the use of Commodore Park for September 12 -22, 2008.

CONSIDERATION OF PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS:

- a) Zoning Text Amendment Application #ZTA07-004*
- b) Zoning Text Amendment Application #ZTA07-005*
- c) Preliminary Plat Approval – Southgate Subdivision Phase I*

- a) The Zoning Text Amendment Application #ZTA07-004 was tabled for further review.
- b) Upon motion by Alderman Reynolds, seconded by Alderman Waddell, and unanimously carried, the Council in a 6-0 decision to approve zoning test amendment application #ZTA07-005. The text amendment changes the method by which the maximum area of wall signs is calculated. See Article 13, Chapter 13.4.1 (a) I, of the city’s zoning ordinance – Wall Sign and Free Standing Sign.
- c) Mayor Harrell turned the meeting over to Mayor Pro Tem Palmer. Mayor Harrell recused himself from voting and discussion due to him obtaining his Realtor license

and will be an associated with DeHildren Realty. Mike Conder owns DeHildren Realty and is one of the owners of Southgate Subdivision Phase I. Upon motion by Alderman Waddell, seconded by Alderman Sweet, and unanimously carried, the Council in a 5-0 decision to approve the preliminary plat approval for Southgate Subdivision Phase I.

DEPARTMENTAL PRESENTATION – PUBLIC WORKS

Tommy King, Public Works Director was before the Mayor and Council to present the activities of the division during the previous year. Public Work Divisions has four departments: Street Department, City Shop, Sanitation and Building Maintenance.

CONSIDERATION OF MAYORAL NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD APPOINTMENT:

Jon McRae – Industrial Development Authority
Gene Hendrix – Regional Development Center
C.T. Stafford – Regional Development Center

Upon motion by Alderman Conyers, seconded by Alderman Burke, and unanimously carried, the Council in a 6-0 decision to accept the Mayoral appointments: Jon McRae – Industrial Development Authority, Gene Hendrix – Regional Development Center, and C. T. Stafford – Regional Development Center.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Bids:

1. USA BLUEBOOK GURNEY, IL STP SUPPLIES/PARTS	\$ 23,239.38
2. CALDWELL TANKS, INC. BAINBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL WATER TANK	\$875,600.00
3. H.D. SUPPLY TALLAHASSEE, FL WATER METERS	\$ 3,875.04
4. GRIFFIN APPLIANCE BAINBRIDGE, GA 5-TON GAS PKG. UNIT FOR FINANCE	\$ 4,346.16
5. CDW-G VERNON HILLS, IL COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	\$ 9,867.18
6. ALLEN SPORTS A.D. STARR THE SPORT GROUP, INC. BASEBALL/SOFTBALL SUPPLIES	\$ 6,176.75 \$ 2,730.00 \$ 584.42

Bills:

1. DECATUR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BAINBRIDGE, GA LANDFILL/INMATE CHARGES	\$35,396.15
2. BAINBRIDGE-DECATUR COUNTY YMCA BAINBRIDGE, GA REIMBURSEMENT FOR FOOTBALL/CHEERLEADING	\$ 5,549.74
3. YORK AND ASSOCIATES ENGINEERING, INC. BAINBRIDGE, GA INVOICE #: 293 INVOICE #: 294 INVOICE #: 296	\$ 3,480.00 \$ 15,000.00 \$ 8,700.00
4. NAMI DOCKS ADDITIONAL BONDING CHARGE	\$ 4,428.00
5. BOARD OF ELECTIONS	\$14,881.41

Upon motion by Alderman Reynolds, seconded by Alderman Sweet, and unanimously carried, the Council in a 6-0 decision to approve to pay the bills and to approve the bids as presented, except for Bid #1, USA Bluebook.

Upon motion by Alderman Reynolds, seconded by Alderman Waddell, the Council in a 5-1 decision, with Mayor Pro Tem Palmer casting the only nay vote, awarded Bid #1 to Thompson Pump for \$23,011 instead of USA Bluebook \$23,239.38.

ADJOURNMENT

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

BY: _____
MARK HARRELL, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
LISA TAYLOR, CITY CLERK