

Minutes

City of Baldwin Special Called Meeting

November 2nd, 2023

Baldwin Courtroom, 155 Willingham Avenue, Baldwin, GA 30511

Acting Mayor Alice Venter, Council Member Erik Keith, Council Member Theron Ayers, Council Member Stephanie Almagno, and Council Member Maarten Venter were all in attendance.

Call Meeting to Order

Acting Mayor Alice Venter called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

Public Hearing

Old Business

New Business

1. Consideration/Approval of Sewer Use Agreement

Acting Mayor Venter explained how Reve Solutions approached the City of Baldwin to create a partnership of accepting the city's waste sludge at an agreed upon rate. The City was previously paying \$75 per ton to the Banks County landfill to accept Baldwin's wastewater solids. With this agreement, Baldwin will pay Reve Solutions \$10 per ton of waste sludge.

Council Member Maarten Venter left the room at 6:32 pm and returned at 6:35 pm.

This agreement has been reviewed and approved by legal counsel and city engineer Fletcher Holliday. This is a five-year agreement that runs alongside the lease agreement Reve Solutions signed earlier this year.

Action: A motion was made by Stephanie Almagno to approve the sewer use agreement between the City of Baldwin and Reve Solutions as presented with second by Theron Ayers. Motion Carried 4-0.

2. Consideration/Approval of Alto Fire Service IGA

Fire Chief Joe Roy explained to Council that Alto's fire service agreement with Banks County is expiring soon, which would leave Alto without fire protection. Chief Roy and CAO Emily Woodmaster spoke with the Alto mayor and an Alto council member about Baldwin resuming fire service. With a steady increase in calls, Banks County's one fire station is struggling to promptly respond. Alto accepted a contract with Baldwin for a flat rate of \$125 per hour, minimum one hour, for the duration of each call.

Action: A motion was made by Maarten Venter to approve the Alto Fire Service Intergovernmental Agreement as presented with a second by Theron Ayers. Motion Carried 4-0.

Executive Session

Announcements

a. City Offices will be closed on Friday, November 10^{th} in observance of Veterans' Day.

Adjournment

Action: A motion was made by Theron Ayers to adjourn the meeting with a second by Maarten Venter. Motion Carried at 6:39 pm

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Stephanie Almagno, Mayor

Date Approved by Council

Erin Gathercoal, City Clerk