



**Minutes**  
City Council Meeting  
May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
6:30pm

Baldwin Courtroom, 155 Willingham Avenue, Baldwin, GA 30511

Acting Mayor Alice Venter, Council Member Larry Lewallen, 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 6:30 pm.

**Invocation and Pledge**

**Consent Agenda**

- a. Approval of Minutes: Council Meetings 3/27/23, 3/30/23, & 4/24/23, and Work Session 5/9/23.

**Action: A motion was made by Theron Ayers to approve the consent agenda as presented with a second by Stephanie Almagno. Motion Carried 4-0.**

**Citizen Comment**

**Public Hearings**

**Reports**

ISO Update – Chief Roy

Chief Joe Roy addressed Council regarding the City's ISO score. Baldwin's score is currently 3/3X, but our place on the point scale has increased. Chief Roy expressed that with the training several of our firefighters are currently receiving and potentially hiring another full-time firefighter, Baldwin's score could increase to a 2 after another ISO inspection.

**Old Business**

1. Consideration/Approval of 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading ReveSolutions SUP Ordinance #2023-04123Z

Council had no further comments or concerns regarding the ordinance.

**Action: A motion was made by Maarten Venter to accept the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of ReveSolutions SUP Ordinance #2023-04123Z as presented with a second by Larry Lewallen. Motion Carried 4-0.**

**New Business**

2. Consideration/Approval of Public Works Vehicle Purchase and Transfer

Public Works Director Scott Barnhart presented a request to Council to purchase a four-wheel drive pickup truck for his use, and to transfer his current leased

Dodge Durango to CAO Emily Woodmaster as her city vehicle. The Chevy Tahoe Woodmaster currently drives would be transferred to the new Code Compliance position proposed to start in FY24. Barnhart recommended this purchase and transfer for the purpose of keeping the leased vehicle in the best possible condition, and that a pickup truck would be better suited for him to take to worksites. Funds for purchasing the new pickup truck would come from SPLOST VII.

**Action: A motion was made by Stephanie Almagno to approve the purchase of a vehicle for public works from SPLOST VII, not to exceed \$60,000, with a second by Maarten Venter. Motion Carried 4-0.**

3. Consideration/Approval of 1<sup>st</sup> Reading HCDA Annexation Request Ordinance #2023-05124A

Woodmaster presented Council with a request for annexation from the Habersham County Development Authority. In 2014, HCDA annexed what is now the majority of the Airport Business Park into Baldwin. There was 3.87 acres land swap with a nearby property owner that was inadvertently left out of the annexation, and that piece was never annexed in. The 3.87 acres must be annexed in before the land can be sold and become part of city limits.

Woodmaster has no concerns regarding the request.

**Action: A motion was made by Theron Ayers to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of HCDA Annexation Request Ordinance #2023-05124A as presented with a second by Stephanie Almagno. Motion Carried 4-0.**

4. Consideration/Approval of 1<sup>st</sup> Reading HCDA Zoning Ordinance #2023-05125Z

The 3.87 acres in question is Currently zoned in Low Intensity within the County, which translates to Light Industrial for the City, and the zoning would remain as such with the proposed annexation.

**Action: A motion was made by Maarten Venter to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of HCDA Zoning Ordinance #2023-05125Z as presented with a second by Larry Lewallen. Motion Carried 4-0.**

### ***Executive Session***

#### ***Announcements***

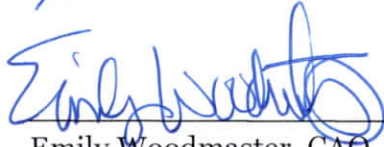
- a. Public Safety Day is this Saturday from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, hosted by SteelCell at 510 Industrial Park Road! This free event is for all ages, focusing on demonstrations and activities regarding public safety. Bring your appetite, because Bigfoot BBQ, PattyKakes, and Kona Ice will be there selling delicious food and treats!
- b. Join us for The Baldwin Water War on June 10<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 – 4:30 pm at Mitchell Gailey Park! Bring your water guns and a towel and get ready for a capture-the-flag style brawl to beat the heat! We will have water gun refill

stations set up around the park. Sign up today at City Hall, on the Facebook event, or email [baldwinevents@cityofbaldwin.org](mailto:baldwinevents@cityofbaldwin.org)

***Adjournment***

**Action: A motion was made by Theron Ayers to adjourn the meeting with a second by Maarten Venter. Motion Carried 4-0 at 7:29 pm.**

  
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Alice Venter, Acting Mayor

  
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Emily Woodmaster, CAO



5/30/2023

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Date Approved by Council