



## *Agenda*

City Council Work Session

October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024

6:30pm

Baldwin PD Training Facility, 155 Willingham Avenue, Baldwin, GA 30511

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Mayor Stephanie Almagno, Council member Erik Keith, Council member Kerri Davis, Council member Maarten Venter, and Council member Alice Venter were all in attendance.

### ***Call Meeting to Order***

*Mayor Stephanie Almagno called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.*

### ***Public Hearing***

Millage Rate – Public Hearing 1 of 3

Mayor Almagno opened the public hearing for the 2024 millage rate at 6:31 pm. No one came forward. The public hearing was left open for the remainder of the meeting.

### ***Old Business***

#### ***New Business***

1. LACI Fire Service Mutual Aid Agreement

CAO Emily Woodmaster presented a mutual aid agreement with Lee Arrendale Correctional Institute (LACI) for fire services. LACI holds mutual aid agreements with all municipalities in the county, and this agreement was last updated in 2016. One change made to the agreement was eliminating the use of their fire truck – LACI will still respond to calls but cannot guarantee the apparatus will be utilized. Woodmaster also requested Fire Chief Joe Roy be authorized to sign the agreement.

Mayor Almagno asked Legal Counsel Bubba Samuels if there were any concerns about the agreement's lack of time constraints or expiration. Samuels stated that while there is not any termination language, the law would treat it effectively as a month-to-month agreement, but the City cannot be bound to this beyond what's been agreed to. The agreement is terminable if Council so chooses.

Council was in consensus to bring this forward at Tuesday's meeting.

2. Purchase of Scag Mowers (Water and Wastewater Treatment Facilities)

Woodmaster presented purchase requests from the Water and Wastewater Treatment Facilities, each for a new 52" Scag mower for each respective facility. These new mowers would be replacing the current mower of more than 15 years old. Both mowers are budgeted items for their respective department.

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### ***Announcements***

- a. The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Baldwin Fall Festival will be on October 19<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 pm – 8:00 pm at the Baldwin Farmers Market and Downtown City Park. Enjoy live music, local crafters

and vendors, a wide variety of food trucks, and a closing fireworks show. As always, admission and all activities are FREE!

- b. Join us for Movies in the Market on October 25<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:30 pm.. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and join us for a FREE night of fun at the Farmers' Market at 110 Airport Road. This month we are showing "Kangaroo Jack." Concessions will be available, with all proceeds going to Shop with a Hero.
- c. The City of Baldwin is holding a Fall Amnesty Day on November 7<sup>th</sup>. Baldwin Public Works will pick up and dispose of trash that would normally need to be taken to the landfill. We will accept scrap metal, paint cans, furniture, and old appliances. Tires and batteries will not be picked up. All items must be placed at the curb no later than 8:00 am on November 7<sup>th</sup>. Call City Hall at 706-778-6341 by 4:30 pm on November 4<sup>th</sup> to get your name on the list!
- d. Council member Alice Venter shared a Baldwin initiative to gather supplies to provide aid for the Hurricane Helene victims. Propane, kerosene, and lamp oil are especially needed for the colder weather but cannot be transported by air and will need to be transported by ground. Baldwin Fire Department will be taking supplies north to the affected areas. Donations can be made at Baldwin City Hall or Baldwin Fire Department. Venter thanked Partnership Habersham for committing to helping Baldwin by canvassing their network of connections to help gather donations.
- e. City Hall will be closed on Monday October 14<sup>th</sup> in observance of Indigenous Peoples Day/Columbus Day. The regular Monday council meeting will be on Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> at the same time of 6:30 pm.


Mayor Almagno opened the floor again for those who wanted to address the Council regarding the 2024 millage rate. No one came forward. Mayor Almagno closed the public hearing at 6:45 pm.

### ***Adjournment***

**Action: A motion was made by Maarten Venter to adjourn the meeting with a second by Erik Keith. Motion carried at 6:45 pm.**

  
Stephanie Almagno, Mayor

10/15/2024  
Date Approved by Council

  
Erin Gathercoal, City Clerk

