



City of Blairsville, GA
Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting
October 3, 2017 – 6:00 P.M.
City of Blairsville City Hall
62 Blue Ridge Street, Blairsville, GA 30512

PRESENT:

Jim Conley, Mayor
Rhonda Mahan, Council
Robert Moore, Council
Tony Dyer, Council
Betty Easter, Council
David Barrett, City Attorney
Kaye McCann, City Clerk

ABSENT:

Larry Stephens, WTP
John Hamler, AP

VISITORS:

Pastor Terry Stuart
Darren Harper, DDA
Johnny Carrol, PD
Gary Hooper, PD
Ottis Franklin, W/S
Joan Mannheim, Accounting
Jody Cook, WWTP
Lily Avery, NGN
Mark Smith/Fetch Your News
Wayne Tanner, Chuck Holloway
Tommy Jones, Charlie Brown
Dick Mills, LaTrece Mills
W. C. Nelson

Call Meeting to Order: Mayor Conley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Invocation was led by Pastor Terry Stuart and Councilmember Robert Moore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Approval: Mayor Conley added to the agenda ratifying the approval of ASC Paving estimate. Motion was made by Betty Easter, seconded by Tony Dyer with a unanimous vote to approve the amended agenda.

Minutes Approval: Motion was made by Tony Dyer, seconded by Betty Easter with a unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2017 regular meeting of the City Council.

Public Comments:

- Mayor Conley called upon Blairsville Cruisers to speak. Charlie Brown, VP of the car club, addressed the Council and explained they have two events per month from April through October, one of those events being held on the square. Mr. Brown stated they wanted to know if the Cruisers would have continued support from the Council next year in allowing them to set up on the square and asked for support from merchants on the square. DDA Manager Darren Harper will work with the Cruisers to see how the merchants can help.

Unfinished Business

- Truck Ordinance – The Truck Ordinance is a work in progress. Mayor Conley did report that a turn lane will be put in on 129 to turn left onto Shoe Factory Road (Glenn Gooch Bypass).

- Mayor Conley called for a public hearing and second reading for Alcohol Ordinance 2017-03 to amend the ordinance to include Sections 10-76(a), 10-76(b) and 10-79(n) regulating signage advertising or promoting alcohol sales. Dick Mills, co-owner of Nate's on the Square, asked about the advertising of alcohol at certain restaurants. Mayor Conley explained the ordinance addressed this issue. There being no further comments Mayor Conley asked if Council or City Attorney Barrett had comments. There being no comments Mayor Conley asked for a motion to approve Alcohol Ordinance 2017-03 to amend Ordinance No. 2017-02. Motion was made by Tony Dyer, seconded by Robert Moore with a unanimous vote to approve Alcohol Ordinance 2017-03. Attachment A

New Business

- Department Head Reports
 - Johnny Carroll, PD: distributed September 2017 Blairsville Police Department report.
 - Darren Harper, DDA: distributed October 2017 DDA report; stated that the City is advertised in the Vacation Guide and there is an 11-page spread on City of Blairsville in the Mountain Traveler Magazine; reported the Christmas Parade will be on Saturday, December 3 this year in the evening with events on the square following the parade.
 - Ottis Franklin, W/S: reported they have been repairing leaks and Overlook Apartments opened a second section of the complex with one more section still to open.
 - Jody Cook, WWTP: stated the WWTP passed the EPD inspection with no points against the plant; the generator preventative maintenance inspections have been held with some routine repairs needed.
- Mayor Conley announced the next Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 14 due to the election being on the next regularly scheduled Council meeting evening of November 7.
- Bids and Estimates:
 - Mayor Conley presented two bids for camera systems at the Airport which would be paid from SPLOST, lowest bid coming from Jeff Burks at a cost of \$5,290. After discussion regarding quality of the cameras, this is being tabled until next meeting.
 - Mayor Conley presented an estimate from Laney Construction for the foundation of a Jet A fuel storage tank as well as a bid from Charles Nobles for the storage tank itself. An additional bid will be provided at the next meeting.

- Motion was made by Tony Dyer, seconded by Rhonda Mahan with a unanimous vote to approve a hydraulic thumb claw for the backhoe from Nelson Tractor not to exceed \$7,100 as per quote dated 9/15/17 – to be paid from SPLOST.
- Motion was made by Tony Dyer, seconded by Rhonda Mahan with a unanimous vote to approve repair of North GA Tech pump 1 by Pro Pump Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$11,981 as per estimate #0054 dated 9/27/17 – to be paid from SPLOST.
- Motion was made by Tony Dyer, seconded by Rhonda Mahan with a unanimous vote to approve SC2000 controller for the North GA Tech pump station by Pro Pump Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$5,980 as per estimate dated 9/29/17 – to be paid from SPLOST.
- Motion was made by Betty Easter, seconded by Tony Dyer with a unanimous vote to ratify approval of ASC Paving estimate dated 9/13/17 in the amount of \$10,220 with a separate asphalt cost of \$30,117.60 – to be paid from SPLOST. This is for paving of Rogers and Reid Streets and portions of Hunt Martin and Young Harris Streets.
- Mr. Mills thanked the Council for the job they do. Mr. Mills explained he was upset when asked to remove a sign from city property advertising his restaurant, Nate's, when there are other restaurants allowed to have signs, tables and chairs on city property and at times blocking sidewalks. Discussion followed about options for signage for the Seasons Plaza such as a directional stand-alone sign that would list the businesses in the plaza, which will be discussed with the property owner.
- Occupational Tax Certificate Applications: There were no applications.
- Sign Permit Applications:
 - Motion was made by Betty Easter, seconded by Tony Dyer with a unanimous vote to approve the following Sign Permit applications:
 - The Rock Church, 101 Cook Street, Barry Dotson, Applicant.

Motion was made by Betty Easter, seconded by Tony Dyer with a unanimous vote to adjourn meeting. 7:15 p.m.

Kaye McCann, City Clerk

Approved by City Council