



**City of Blairsville, GA**  
**Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting**  
**May 9, 2017 – 6:00 P.M.**  
**City of Blairsville City Hall**  
**62 Blue Ridge Street, Blairsville, GA 30512**

**PRESENT:**

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

**ABSENT:**

**VISITORS:**

Pastor Marty Duncan  
Darren Harper, DDA  
Johnny Carroll, PD  
Seth Dyer, PD  
Ottis Franklin, W/S  
Larry Stephens, WTP  
Jody Cook, WWTP  
John Hamler, Airport  
Shawn Jarrard, NGN  
Mark Smith/Fetch Your News  
Pat Malone

**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 Marty Duncan and Chief Johnny Carroll led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Conley called for a moment of silence in memory of Councilmember Martha Cone.

**Agenda Approval** - Motion was made by Betty Easter, seconded by Tony Dyer with a unanimous vote to approve the agenda as presented.

**Minutes Approval** - Motion was made by Rhonda Mahan, seconded by Betty Easter with a unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2017 regular meeting of the City Council.

**Unfinished Business**

- Truck Ordinance – The Truck Ordinance is continuing to be developed and will be presented to Council upon completion of a draft.
  
- Mayor Conley presented the Council with the revised agreement between the City of Blairsville and Notla Water Authority for Notla to provide water to the City along Pat Haralson Drive. The agreement was approved and signed by the Council and Mayor. Attachment A

- Motion was made by Tony Dyer, seconded by Betty Easter with a unanimous vote to approve and adopt Resolution R2017-02 to amend Alcohol License Fee Schedule. Attachment B

### **New Business**

- Mayor Conley read and signed the Municipal Clerks Week Proclamation, recognizing the accomplishments of the Office of the Municipal Clerk. City Clerk Kaye McCann thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to serve them, the citizens and the employees of the City. Attachment C
- Department Head Reports
  - Chief Johnny Carroll distributed April 2017 Blairsville Police Department Report. Mayor Conley asked for motion to approve hiring of Andrew Glass as part-time Police Officer at a rate of \$14/hour. Motion was made by Betty Easter, seconded by Rhonda Mahan with a unanimous vote to approve the hiring of Andrew Glass.
  - Ottis Franklin, W/S Maintenance, stated maintenance work has been done on the Ross Ridge pump and 53 of the 73 water meters have been set at The Meadows Apartments behind Save A Lot.
  - Larry Stephens, WTP, reported the raw water intakes have to be cleaned; he is receiving bids to replace the valve actuators; auto dialer is being repaired and ACT-PAC is being replaced. Both of these items were damaged by lightning.
  - Darren Harper, DDA, distributed May 9, 2017 Blairsville DDA update and reported there are 59 vendors signed up for the Arts & Crafts Festival on Memorial Day Weekend. An offer has been received on a piece of the Haralson Property across from Foodland. Movie night and Concert on the Square will begin in June.
  - Jody Cook, WWTP, stated the actuator is failing intermittently. A new one has been ordered and once installed the failing one will be repaired and serve as a backup; the relief pipe on SBR canister is corroded and leaking due to a flaw in the design. He is consulting with a welder to change design for easier flow. GWI preventative maintenance contract for lift station and pump was presented for approval. Motion was made by Buddy Moore, seconded by Betty Easter with a unanimous vote to approve maintenance contract.
  - John Hamler, Airport, reported they had an active weekend. He is working to get detainee services to help with grass cutting and weeding; discussed need for signage at entrance to new terminal across from Walmart; he has 26 names on hangar waiting list; David Brown Transportation will be taking

over AWOS maintenance. John stated that he could be looking to retire in September 2019 and mentioned the possibility of hiring a trainee who could eventually have staggered hours to keep the airport open longer.

- Motion was made by Betty Easter, seconded by Tony Dyer with a unanimous vote to approve Resolution R2017-03 to adopt the 2017 Union County/City of Blairsville Comprehensive Plan. Attachment D
- Motion was made by Tony Dyer, seconded by Buddy Moore with a unanimous vote to approve GDOT Contract AP017-9031-33(291) Union for aviation and land acquisition service and obstruction removal design for the Blairsville Airport. Attachment E
- Motion was made by Rhonda Mahan, seconded by Betty Easter with a unanimous vote to approve delegation of authority to Union County Board of Health to issue non-profit food service permits at temporary events of 120 hours or less which are sponsored by City of Blairsville or a non-profit organization. Attachment F
- Mayor Conley reported that Youngstown Baptist Church has requested sewer service at their new location off Pat Haralson Drive. This would consist of a two (2) inch sewer line to carry gray water only. The City would provide water under the agreement with Notla Water Authority that was approved during this meeting under Unfinished Business. Motion was made by Rhonda Mahan, seconded by Tony Dyer with a unanimous vote to approve this request.
- City Clerk Kaye McCann presented information from Accounting Clerk Joan Mannheim regarding payroll direct deposit requested from some employees. Motion was made by Buddy Moore, seconded by Rhonda Mahan with a unanimous vote to approve offering payroll direct deposit as an option to employees contingent on confirming banks other than UCBI do not charge fees for direct deposit.
- After discussion regarding options for special election to fill vacant Council seat, motion was made by Buddy Moore, seconded by Tony Dyer with a unanimous vote to hold a special called election on November 7 along with the regular election.
- Occupational Tax Certificate and Sign Permit Applications
  - Motion was made by Buddy Moore, seconded by Tony Dyer with a unanimous vote to approve Sign Permit application from Beil Chiropractic, 428 Pat Haralson Drive, Floyd Beil, Owner.
  - Motion was made by Tony Dyer, seconded by Buddy Moore with a unanimous vote to approve Sign Permit application from Blue Mountain Vapor, 63 Plott Street, Unit C, David Craig, Applicant.

- Motion was made by Rhonda Mahan, seconded by Buddy Moore with a unanimous vote to approve Occupational Tax Certificate application from Crawford Collections, 35-A Blue Ridge Street, Candace Youngberg, Owner.
  
- Motion was made by Tony Dyer, seconded by Buddy Moore with a unanimous vote to approve the following Occupational Tax Certificate and Sign Permit applications:
  - Britt & Capri, 80 Town Square B, Debbie Wickersham, Owner;
  - Winslow Real Estate Services, Inc., 211 Cleveland Street, #A, Faron King, Owner;
  - Granny's House, 40 Town Square, Melissa Mashburn and Tammy Tanner, Owners;
  - Blairsville Antiques and Treasures, 49B Blue Ridge Street, Jeff Domsic, Owner;
  - Blue Ridge Cotton Company, 35 Blue Ridge Street, Suite B, Joshua Durst & Gary Steverson, Owners.

Motion was made by Betty Easter, seconded by Buddy Moore with a unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting. Time 7:16 p.m.

Kaye McCann  
City Clerk