



City of Blairsville, GA
Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting
June 6, 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:

Jody Cook, WWTP

VISITORS:

Pastor Bill Honaker
Darren Harper, DDA
Johnny Carroll, PD
Drew Stewart, PD
Ottis Franklin, W/S
Larry Stephens, WTP
John Hamler, Airport
Joan Mannheim
RL Jennings, Auditor
Marvin Chance, Auditor
Regina Allison, BUCCC
Lily Avery, NGN
Mark Smith/Fetch Your News

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 Bill Honaker and Mayor Conley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Approval - Motion was made by Rhonda Mahan, 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 May 9, 2017 regular meeting of the City Council.

Unfinished Business

- Truck Ordinance – The Truck Ordinance is a work in progress.

New Business

- Mayor Conley introduced auditor RL Jennings and Marvin Chance who performed the audit for the City of Blairsville's 2016 financial records. Mr. Chance reported the audit being presented is in draft form as they are in the process of completing the notes in the back of the audit. Mr. Chance did report with the projects the City had in 2016 and the federal funding received, they found no

compliance issues and they have no comments or recommendations to report. He complimented the City staff for having documents ready and being prepared. They will forward finalized audited statements upon completion but there will be no changes in the financial numbers reported in the draft.

- Department Head Reports
 - Chief Johnny Carroll, PD, distributed May 2017 Blairsville Police Department report. Motion was made by Buddy Moore, seconded by Tony Dyer with a unanimous vote to approve the hiring of part time police officer Phillip Hammond at a rate of \$14.00/hour.
 - Larry Stephens, WTP, reported he has received bids to inspect and clean five (5) large water storage tanks; he is still receiving bids for the actuators.
 - Darren Harper, DDA, distributed June 6, 2017 Blairsville DDA report. He is continuing his training to receive his State of Georgia Economic Developer Certification; he reported there were more vendors at the Arts & Craft Festival than in previous years; there will be three Downtown events in June. Discussion about the proceeds from sale of a parcel of Haralson property will be used to construct parking spaces and pay down the debt owed to the City by the DDA.
 - Ottis Franklin, W/S, reported the installation of the 73 meters at the Meadows Apartments is complete.
 - John Hamler, Airport, reported the following has been done in the new terminal building: the flooring to replace the defective flooring has been installed; a few interior revisions have been made which include relocating bulletin boards and a bookshelf; two (2) donated Dell computer systems have been installed; picnic tables donated by the local EAA Chapter have been placed outside the new terminal. He stated there is a waiting list for hangars at the airport. Councilmember Moore suggested John consult the fire department to prepare escape plans and for smoke detectors for the new terminal building.
- City Clerk Kaye McCann presented the six (6) month employee performance review for Joan Mannheim, Accounting Clerk, to the Council and recommended that she be hired full time with a \$1.00/hour pay increase. After discussion whether employee performance reviews should be discussed in closed session, motion was made by Rhonda Mahan, seconded by Tony Dyer with a unanimous vote to hire Joan Mannheim full time with a \$1.00/hour pay increase.
- Motion was made by Tony Dyer, seconded by Betty Easter with a unanimous vote to approve the FY 2018 Work Detail Agreement with Georgia Department of Corrections.

- Motion was made by Tony Dyer, seconded by Betty Easter with a unanimous vote to approve purchase of a refurbished 1992 Ford F700 2200 gallon Jet-A fuel truck from Perry Brothers in the amount of \$45,000.
- Motion was made by Buddy Moore, seconded by Rhonda Mahan with a unanimous vote to approve purchase of furniture for new airport terminal to include two (2) sofas, chairs and table in the amount of \$5,000.
- Occupational Tax Certificate and Sign Permit Applications
 - Motion was made by Rhonda Mahan, seconded by Tony Dyer with a unanimous vote to approve the following Occupational Tax Certificate applications:
 - Peace River Screen Printing, 87 Pruitt Circle, Robert Dobbins, Owner
 - Faith Financial, LLC, 103 Ed Mauney, Bryan McCollister, Owner
 - Motion was made by Buddy Moore, seconded by Rhonda Mahan with a unanimous vote to approve the following Sign Permit applications:
 - Phantom Fireworks Eastern Division LLC, 152 Hwy 515, Rick Day, Applicant
 - Melissa's Custom Cakes, 102 Cleveland Street, Suite A, Melissa Roberts, Owner
 - Blairsville Antiques & Treasures, 49B Blue Ridge Street, Kathy Domsic, Owner

Motion was made by Betty Easter, seconded by Tony Dyer with a unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting. Time 7:13 p.m.

Kaye McCann
City Clerk