



City of Blairsville, GA
Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting
July 11, 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:

Ottis Franklin, W/S

VISITORS:

Pastor Bill Schakat
Darren Harper, DDA
Shawn Dyer, PD
Larry Stephens, WTP
Jody Cook, WWTP
Curtis Corn, W/S
John Hamler, AP
Joan Mannheim
Michael Adams
Brian Thomas
Shawn Jarrard, 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 Schakat and Councilmember Robert Moore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Approval - Motion was made by Tony Dyer, seconded by Betty Easter 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 June 6, 2017 regular meeting of the City Council.

Unfinished Business

- Truck Ordinance – The Truck Ordinance is a work in progress.
- Motion was made by Rhonda Mahan, seconded by Betty Easter to approve United Community Bank service fee of \$25 per month for payroll direct deposit.

New Business

- Department Head Reports
 - Darren Harper, DDA: distributed July 11, 2017 Blairsville DDA report. Mr. Harper announced \$2,236.26 was the net profit for each the DDA and the UC

Historical Society from the Arts and Crafts Festival. There is discussion about having this Memorial Day weekend festival a three day event rather than just two days for next year. He addressed the Council regarding the need for sidewalks around the square and a crosswalk in front of City Hall across to the businesses on the other side of Blue Ridge Street.

- John Hamler, Airport: reported there has been a lot of traffic at the airport this past month.
 - Larry Stephens, WTP: the valve actuator has been ordered. Liquid Engineering was the lowest bid for the tank cleaning and inspection. Mr. Stephens will confirm the proposal of \$5,995 is for all five tanks and not per tank (email dated 7/12/17 from Liquid Engineering to Larry Stephens confirmed \$5,995 is total price for 5 tanks). Motion was made by Buddy Moore, seconded by Rhonda Mahan with a unanimous vote to approve Proposal Number 51292 and Proposal Number 51293 for a total of \$7,295 to clean and inspect five tanks and one clearwell.
 - W/S: Mayor Conley stated the City Clerk, certain W/S Maintenance staff and he met with EMI staff earlier this year to go over the City's AWWA Water Audit. There are several ways for the City to increase its audit score which includes writing water related policies, currently being done by the City Clerk. Annual calibration of ten percent of the 1 ½" to 8" meters is one of the policies that will be included. Mr. Corn has received several bids, with Reed and Shows Meter Solutions providing the best price of \$1,600 for 11 meters. Motion was made by Betty Easter, seconded by Tony Dyer with a unanimous vote to approve contracting with Reed and Shows Meter Solutions for meter calibration services.
 - Jody Cook, WWTP: Yearly maintenance has been completed on pumps which has resulted in finding that there is a grit issue that is causing damage to the SBR pumps. They are working with EMI to get a cost of installing a grit removal system. Motion was made by Tony Dyer, seconded by Betty Easter with a unanimous vote to approve Goforth Williamson, Inc Quote #207172 for \$13,755.26 to repair Flygt Submersible pump and Quote #207143 for \$3,620 repair SBR Motive Can. Councilmember Dyer asked if this could come from SPLOST.
 - Shawn Dyer, PD: Distributed June 2017 Blairsville Police Department report. Sergeant Dyer reported a stolen vehicle was recovered through the use of the tag reader. Mayor Conley stated that Sergeant Dyer has received state contract pricing for a Chevy Tahoe from Hardy Chevrolet to replace Assistant Police Chief Baxter's vehicle which will be used as a trade for the new purchase. For a two wheel drive the state contract price would be \$32,900; a four wheel drive would be \$35,000. He will report back to the Council at a future meeting for their approval when they are ready to make the purchase.
- Motion was made by Rhonda Mahan, seconded by Betty Easter with a unanimous vote to

approve additional furniture purchase of \$400 from Towne & Country, \$2,589.92 from Hoyt's Furniture & Appliances and \$504.69 from Home Depot for the new airport terminal. Grand opening will now be sometime around August 17, 2017.

- Motion was made by Betty Easter, seconded by Rhonda Mahan with a unanimous vote to approve resurfacing of Kimsey Street with ASC Paving Division in the amount of \$9,438. This does not include cost of the asphalt to be paid directly by the City.

- Occupational Tax Certificate and Sign Permit Applications
 - Motion was made by Tony Dyer, seconded by Rhonda Mahan with a unanimous vote to approve the following Sign Permit applications:
 - Huddle House, 29 Golf Course Road, Betty Brothers, Applicant
 - Rustic Mountain Décor, 294 Hwy 515, Suite A, June McEldowney, Applicant
 - Pat's Hallmark, 23-C Murphy Highway, Becky Dyer, Applicant

Executive Session

Motion was made by Rhonda Mahan, seconded by Robert Moore with a unanimous yea vote to enter into executive session to discuss matters related to personnel issues.

Motion was made by Rhonda Mahan, seconded by Betty Easter with a unanimous yea vote to exit executive session.

Motion was made by Robert Moore, seconded by Rhonda Mahan with a unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting. Time 7:30 p.m.

Kaye McCann
City Clerk