



**City of Blairsville, GA**  
**Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting**  
**June 5, 2018 – 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  
Mary Ruth Cook, Council  
David Barrett, City Attorney  
Kaye McCann, City Clerk

**ABSENT:**

Ottis Franklin, W/S

**VISITORS:**

Pastor Bill Honaker  
PD-Chief Carroll, Officer Seth Dyer  
DDA – Darren Harper  
WTP-Danny Dillard  
AP-John Hamler, Aaron Mannheim  
WWTP – Jody Cook  
Joan Mannheim, Clay Pilgrim  
Mike Collins, Stephen Cochran  
Stephen Cockerham, Al Harper  
Mark Smith/NGN  
Jason Beck/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 Councilmember Robert Moore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Agenda Approval:** Motion was made by Councilmember Tony Dyer, seconded by Councilmember Betty Easter with a unanimous vote to approve the proposed agenda.

**Minutes Approval:** Motion was made by Councilmember Rhonda Mahan, seconded by Councilmember Mary Ruth Cook with a unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2018 regular meeting of the City Council.

**Public Comments:**

- There were no public comments

**Unfinished Business:**

Just Cremation Occupational Tax Certificate Application – Motion was made by Betty Easter, seconded by Rhonda Mahan with a unanimous vote to issue an Occupational Tax Certificate to Just Cremation.

**New Business:**

- 2017 Audit Presentation by Clay Pilgrim of Rushton & Company – Mr. Pilgrim distributed the 2017 Annual Financial Report and Audit Presentation to the Mayor and Council and stated they are able to report a clean, unmodified opinion with no non-compliance issues.

- Department Head Reports –
  - PD –Chief Johnny Carroll distributed May 2018 Blairsville Police Department Crime Summary Report.
  - DDA – Darren Harper reported the DDA has a signed contract from Stephen Cockerham for one parcel of the “Haralson property” and two pending contracts which were reviewed by the DDA Board on 6/5/18. Mr. Cockerham was present during the meeting and thanked Darren Harper and Mayor Conley for their work on this project.
  - WTP – Danny Dillard reported plant is in good shape, water production has increased and equipment that was damaged due to lightning is being repaired.
  - WWTP – Jody Cook also reported the plant is running good. Service inspection of the generator found contaminated fuel; a company will clean the fuel tanks and Jody is looking into the cost of a preventative maintenance contract to keep fuel clean.
  - AP – John Hamler stated the airport business is good and the new av gas fuel pad has been installed.
  - W/S – Mayor Conley reported the maintenance department has been replacing the water line on Stone Drive, which is one of the oldest lines with original installation being in the early 1950’s.
  
- Motion was made by Councilmember Betty Easter, seconded by Councilmember Robert Moore with a unanimous vote to approve the purchase of a Kubota Zero Turn Mower for the airport. Mayor Conley said this will be paid for from SPLOST. Exhibit “A”
  
- Motion was made by Councilmember Mary Ruth Cook, seconded by Councilmember Tony Dyer with a unanimous vote to approve the GDOT 2018 contract in the amount of \$113,787.74 for the jet-a fuel tank installation and Croy Engineering services regarding airport easement acquisition and airspace analysis. Exhibit “B”
  
- Motion was made by Councilmember Tony Dyer, seconded by Councilmember Robert Moore with a unanimous vote to approve reimbursement of \$5,392.10 to Union County. This is for BRMEMC utility bill for the Walmart Lift station that has been being sent to and paid by Union County since its inception in 2009. Commissioner Paris agreed to a reimbursement of 50% of the total amount paid by the County. Exhibit “C”
  
- Councilmember Mary Ruth Cook has received phone calls regarding adding a pedestrian crosswalk across Pat Haralson Drive from Millie’s Corner Plaza to the old ramp. Mayor Conley stated signage could be placed at this location cautioning drivers to slow down for pedestrians crossing.
  
- Motion was made by Councilmember Betty Easter, seconded by Councilmember Mary Ruth Cook with a unanimous vote to approve the 2018-2019 Work Detail Agreement with the Georgia Department of Corrections in the amount of \$39,500. Exhibit “D”

**Consent Agenda:**

- Managing Agent Change – El Manzanillo Restaurant, Pedro Godinez Perez

Motion was made by Councilmember Robert Moore, seconded by Rhonda Mahan with a unanimous vote to approve the managing agent change.

- Occupational Tax Certificate & Sign Permit Applications:
  - Rainbow, 294 Hwy 515 W, Suite K, Michael Holman, Owner – Occupational Tax Certificate
  - Callaway Auto, LLC, 14 Wayne Colwell Drive, Mike Callaway, Owner – Occupational Tax Certificate and Sign Permit
  - Charis Legacy Group LLC, 126 Blue Ridge Street, Suite B, Lori Watson, Owner – Occupational Tax Certificate
  - Finders Keepers, 327 Cleveland Street, Shelia Hardy, Owner – Occupational Tax Certificate

Motion was made by Councilmember Tony Dyer, seconded by Councilmember Betty Easter with a unanimous vote to approve Occupational Tax Certificate and Sign Permit applications.

Motion was made by Councilmember Tony Dyer, seconded by Councilmember Betty Easter with a unanimous vote to adjourn meeting. 7:20 p.m.

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Kaye McCann, City Clerk

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Approved by City Council