



City of Blairsville, GA
Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting
July 3, 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
Betty Easter, Council
Mary Ruth Cook, Council
David Barrett, City Attorney
Kaye McCann, City Clerk

ABSENT:

Tony Dyer, Council
Ottis Franklin, W/S

VISITORS:

Pastor Terry Stewart
PD-Chief Carroll, Officer Bradley Glass
DDA – Darren Harper
WTP-Danny Dillard
AP-Aaron Mannheim
WWTP – Jody Cook
Bill McGlamery
Todd and Larissa Littler
Mr. and Mrs. Pat Malone
Loretta Durden
Linda Lawrence & Richard Daves
Mark Smith/NGN

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 Stewart and Councilmember Robert Moore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Approval: Motion was made by Councilmember Mary Ruth Cook, seconded by Councilmember Betty Easter with a unanimous vote to approve the proposed agenda.

Minutes Approval: Motion was made by Councilmember Betty Easter, seconded by Councilmember Rhonda Mahan with a unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2018 regular meeting of the City Council.

Public Comments:

- There were no public comments

Unfinished Business:

- There was no unfinished business

New Business:

- Motion was made by Councilmember Rhonda Mahan, seconded by Councilmember Mary Ruth Cone with a unanimous vote to approve the Alcohol License Application submitted by Litlo Wine Co LLC dba The Wine Shoppe, 6 Town Square, Suite A, Todd Littler, Applicant. Mr. McGlamery addressed Council thanking them, Mayor Conley and DDA Manager Darren Harper for the help while he was the owner of The Wine Shoppe.

- Four Special Event License Applications for A Taste of the Mountains event on August 25, 2018 at the Mock House were presented to the Council for approval. Linda Lawrence from A Taste of the Mountains addressed the Council about the event. A Taste of the Mountains is a non-profit organization raising money for North Georgia Technical College scholarships. Ms. Lawrence asked that the \$100 fee per application be reduced. Motion was made by Councilmember Robert Moore, seconded by Councilmember Betty Easter with a unanimous vote to waive the \$100 application fee and approve the Special Event License Applications for: Granddaddy Mims, Greenman Brewery, Copeland's LLC, and Paradise Hills.
- Department Head Reports –
 - PD –Chief Johnny Carroll distributed June 2018 Blairsville Police Department Crime Report Summary.
 - DDA – Darren Harper distributed DDA July 3, 2018 report.
 - WTP – Danny Dillard reported the plant is dealing with an increase in water usage.
 - WWTP – Jody Cook reported the plant is running best it has ever run.
 - AP – Aaron Mannheim updated the Council on Airport operations.
- Motion was made by Councilmember Robert Moore, seconded by Councilmember Mary Ruth Cook with a unanimous vote to approve the engineering services by EMI for the WWTP Grit Removal System. Mayor Conley stated this will be included in the GEFA financing for the system. Exhibit "A"
- Motion was made by Councilmember Robert Moore, seconded by Councilmember Rhonda Mahan with a unanimous vote to approve the hiring of three part time police officers – Perry Groves, Christopher Jackson and Russell Long.
- Uniti Grant of Right-of-Way Occupancy – City Attorney David Barrett stated issues with the agreement and advised against signing the agreement as presented. Motion was made by Councilmember Robert Moore, seconded by Councilmember Betty Easter with a unanimous vote authorizing City Attorney Barrett to prepare a response.
- Sign Permit Application for Empire of E-Cigs Vape was presented to Council for discussion. Motion was made by Councilmember Robert Moore, seconded by Councilmember Betty Easter with a unanimous vote to approve the application contingent on applicant removing film from either side of the window with the insignia design. Exhibit "B"

Consent Agenda:

- Occupational Tax Certificate & Sign Permit Applications:
 - Sensational Shakes, 94 Town Square, Suite E, Elizabeth Dyer, Owner – Occupational Tax Certificate and Sign Permit
 - Litlo Wine Co. LCC dba the Wine Shoppe, 6 Town Square, Unit A, Todd & Larissa Littler, Owners – Occupational Tax Certificate and Sign Permit
 - Kenya L. Patton, PC, 44B Blue Ridge Street, Kenya Patton, Owner – Occupational Tax Certificate
 - Watson Insurance Group, 267 Cleveland Street, Holly Watson Treadwell, Application – Sign Permit
 - Shane Wright, 215 Blue Ridge Street, Lindie Wright, Owner – Occupational Tax Certificate

Motion was made by Councilmember Robert Moore, seconded by Councilmember Rhonda Mahan with a unanimous vote to approve Occupational Tax Certificate and Sign Permit applications.

- Motion was made by Councilmember Rhonda Mahan, seconded by Betty Easter with a roll call – Rhonda Mahan, here; Betty Easter, here; Marth Ruth Cook, here; Robert Moore, here – to enter into executive session to discuss real estate and potential litigation. Exhibit “C”
- Motion was made by Councilmember Rhonda Mahan, seconded by Councilmember Robert Moore with a roll call – Rhonda Mahan, here; Betty Easter, here; Marth Ruth Cook, here; Robert Moore, here – to exit executive session.
- Mayor Conley called for a Public Hearing and 1st Reading of Ordinance #2018-04 to amend the Water Sewer Ordinance to clarify rate structure for Metered and Unmetered Fire Lines. There being no public comments the Public Hearing was closed and the 1st Reading of the ordinance was complete.

Motion was made by Councilmember Betty Easter, seconded by Councilmember Robert Moore with a unanimous vote to adjourn meeting. 7:40 p.m.

Kaye McCann, City Clerk

Approved by City Council