



City of Blairsville, GA
Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting
October 2, 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

VISITORS:

Pastor Terry Stuart
PD – Asst. Police Chief Baxter
W/S – Ottis Franklin
AP – John Hamler
WTP – Danny Dillard
WWTP – Jody Cook
DDA – Darren Harper
Chip McGaughey, EMI
Steve Rowe, BUCCC
David Dyer, UC Fire Chief
Lori Brothers, W. C. Nelson
Mark Smith/NGN
Stephanie Wright/FYN

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Invocation was led by Pastor Terry Stewart and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Robert Moore.

Call Meeting to Order: Mayor Conley called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

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

Minutes Approval: Motion was made by Councilmember Robert Moore, seconded by Councilmember Rhonda Mahan with a unanimous vote to approve the following minutes:

- Regular City Council Meeting – 9/4/2018

Public Hearing: Mayor Conley called for a Public Hearing for the 2019 Budget and 1st Reading of Ordinance No. 2018-09 to adopt 2019 Budget. Ms. Brothers asked for a copy of the budget which she received from Councilmember Moore. Being no further questions or comments Mayor Conley closed the Public Hearing and considered the 1st Reading of the ordinance completed.

Public Comments:

- No Public Comments

Unfinished Business:

- Mayor Conley reported that the closing on property located at 96 Blue Ridge Street will take place the week of October 8, 2018.

New Business:

- Department Head Reports –
 - DDA – Darren Harper distributed the DDA Report dated 10/2/18.
 - PD – Asst. Police Chief Baxter provided a verbal activity update for September which included 124 service calls and reported the UC Board of Education police officers have been sworn in as officers of the Blairsville Police Department.
 - W/S – Ottis Franklin reported 10 of the largest meters have been tested for accuracy as well as 10% of the ¾” meters.
 - WWTP – Jody Cook reported plant is running well; press issues have been addressed and process is in place to run press once per week.
 - WTP – Danny Dillard stated operation is fine, repairs on equipment have been completed and clean out of intake is scheduled.
 - AP – John Hamler stated self-serve AV Gas system is complete; reported proprietary cards have been issued to base customers who will be billed for purchases at the end of the month saving the City on credit card processing fees; receiving new Wi-Fi credit card processing machine which will resolve some billing issues; members of the fire department toured the airport facility; airport traffic has been steady; EAA Fall Fly In to be held on 10/20/18 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
 - Motion was made by Councilmember Robert Moore, seconded by Councilmember Betty Easter with a unanimous vote to approve rate increase for Assistant Airport Manager, Aaron Mannheim, to \$14.00/hour retroactive to 9/1/18.
 - Motion was made by Councilmember Robert Moore, seconded by Councilmember Rhonda Mahan with a unanimous vote to approve GEFA Resolution authorizing Mayor and City Clerk to execute Loan Agreement, Note and other documents related to Loan No. CW2017018. “Exhibit A”
 - Chip McGaughey, EMI Engineer, reported to the council the WWTP has had issues with the motive pumps used to provide treatment for the plant since they were first installed in 2011. He obtained prices to remove old pumps, install new piping and install two new pumps from Evoqua for \$99,900. Two new 25hp Flyght pumps will be \$74,202.68 to be purchased by the City and installed by Evoqua. After questions from Council were answered by Mr. McGaughey, motion was made by Councilmember Robert Moore, seconded by Councilmember Betty Easter with a unanimous vote to approve replacement of the two current motive pumps at the WWTP.
 - Mayor Conley reported Advanced Digital Cable has a small leak in their fire line. Because the apparent size of the leak is very small ADC has requested that the fire line account not be charged for usage until they can find and repair the leak. Motion was made by Councilmember Robert Moore, seconded by Councilmember Rhonda Mahan with a unanimous vote to approve ADC’s request.

- Motion was made by Councilmember Mary Ruth Cook, seconded by Councilmember Robert Moore with a unanimous vote to approve an increase in the library donation from \$5,000 to \$7,000 for 2019.

Consent Agenda:

Motion was made by Councilmember Robert Moore, seconded by Councilmember Betty Easter with a unanimous vote to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

- Occupational Tax Certificate & Sign Permit Applications:
 - Walgreens, #17943, 363 Blue Ridge Street, Amelia Legutki, Applicant – Occupational Tax Certificate
 - Hearing Solutions of North Georgia, 63 Plott Street Unit D, Julie Kraft, Owner – Occupational Tax Certificate and Sign Permit
 - The Book Cellar, 38B Merchant’s Walk, Shirley Maurer, Owner – Sign Permit

Red Ribbon Week Proclamation was ready by Mayor Jim Conley to be observed by the City of Blairsville the week of October 23, 2018 through October 31, 2018. “Exhibit B”

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Motion was made by Councilmember Robert Moore, seconded by Councilmember Betty Easter with a roll call – Rhonda Mahan, here; Betty Easter, here; Mary Ruth Cook, here; Robert Moore, here – to enter into executive session to discuss personnel. “Exhibit C”

Motion was made by Councilmember Robert Moore, seconded by Councilmember Betty Easter with a roll call – Rhonda Mahan, here; Betty Easter, here; Mary Ruth Cook, here; Robert Moore, here – to exit executive session.

Motion was made by Councilmember Robert Moore, seconded by Councilmember Rhonda Mahan with a unanimous vote to approve the following salary increases effective 10/1/18:

Police Officer Joseph Seth Dyer - \$1.50/hour

Police Officer Gary Hooper - \$1.25/hour

Motion was made by Councilmember Robert Moore, seconded by Councilmember Rhonda Mahan with a unanimous vote to approve an On Call Policy to be incorporated into the City of Blairsville Employee Manual. “Exhibit D”

Motion was made by Councilmember Rhonda Mahan, seconded by Councilmember Rhonda Mahan with a unanimous vote to adjourn meeting. 7:15 p.m.

Kaye McCann, City Clerk

Approved by City Council