



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

Darren Harper, DDA
John Hamler, AP
Ottis Franklin, W/S

VISITORS:

PD – Police Chief Carroll, Officer S Dyer
AP – Aaron Mannheim
WTP – Danny Dillard
WWTP – Jody Cook
Joan Mannheim
Steve Rowe, BUCCC
Pat Malone
Shawn Jarrard, NGN

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Invocation was led by Pastor Marty Duncan and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Robert Moore.

Call Meeting to Order: Mayor Conley called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

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

Minutes Approval: Motion was made by Councilmember Betty Easter, seconded by Councilmember Mary Ruth Cook with a unanimous vote to approve the following minutes:

- Regular City Council Meeting – 10/2/2018

Public Hearing:

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Unfinished Business:

- Mayor Conley presented a proposal from A & R Engineering to perform a traffic study at the intersection of Young Harris Street and Pat Haralson Memorial Drive. After discussion there was a unanimous decision to not proceed with the study.

New Business:

- Department Head Reports –
 - WWTP – Jody Cook reported drop ceiling is installed. Everything has been quiet this month.
 - WTP – Danny Dillard reported maintenance has been performed on the raw water intake.
 - AP – Aaron Mannheim shared with the Council a story of how the airport impacted a young Blairsville man who is now a pilot flying all over the world. The young man was influenced earlier in life by pilots at the airport.
 - PD – Johnny Carroll distributed October 2018 Police Department report.
- 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.

- Mayor Conley called for a Public Hearing for the 2nd reading of Ordinance No. 2018-09 to adopt the 2019 Operating Budget and asked for public comments. There being no comments Mayor Conley closed the Public Hearing and asked for comments from the Council. Councilmember Cook asked what Confiscated Asset Fund is. Mayor Conley explained the fund is for items or cash confiscated by the Police Department. Cash and proceeds from sale of confiscated items are deposited into this fund and can only be used for police department related expenses. Motion was made by Councilmember Tony Dyer, seconded by Councilmember Rhonda Mahan with a unanimous vote to approve the 2019 Budget Ordinance No. 2018-09. “**Exhibit A**”
- Motion was made by Councilmember Robert Moore, seconded by Councilmember Rhonda Mahan with a unanimous vote to approve a three year service contract with Pro Pump Solutions for yearly inspection services of lift (pump) stations (see “**Exhibit B**”) at a price of \$3,283 per year. This contract will be approved by Council annually as a multi-year contract.
- Motion was made by Councilmember Tony Dyer, seconded by Robert Moore with a unanimous vote to ratify the Easement and Encroachment Agreement with BRMI Properties, Inc. “**Exhibit C**”
- Motion was made by Councilmember Tony Dyer, seconded by Councilmember Robert Moore to approve the Blairsville Municipal Airport FY 2020-2024 CIP prepared by Croy Engineering dated 11/4/2018. “**Exhibit D**”
- Motion was made by Councilmember Robert Moore, seconded by Councilmember Tony Dyer with a unanimous vote to approve the 2019 Occupational Tax Certificate Renewal Packet. **Exhibit “E”**
- Motion was made by Councilmember Robert Moore, seconded by Councilmember Betty Easter with a unanimous vote to approve the proposal from Ware Chevrolet to trade even the 2018 Tahoe police vehicle for a 2019 Tahoe police vehicle. The only cost will be to switch out the equipment to the new vehicle and for police lettering.
- Mayor Conley presented two proposals for a 2019 Dodge Charger Police vehicle. The lowest proposal was from Smoky Mountain Chrysler Dodge Jeep in the amount of \$24,107. Motion was made by Councilmember Tony Dyer, seconded by Councilmember Robert Moore with a unanimous vote to approve the purchase from Smoky Mountain Chrysler Dodge Jeep.

Consent Agenda:

- Occupational Tax Certificate & Sign Permit Applications:
 - KKL Creations, LLC, 94J Town Square, Kayla Lovell, Owner – Occupational Tax Certificate
 - Abide Coffee LLC, 53 Merchants Walk, Suite A, Anthony & Heather Zammetti, Owners – Occupational Tax Certificate and Sign Permit
 - Margaret Alice’s Flowers & Framing, 176 Veteran’s Memorial Drive, Brittany Pack, Applicant – Sign Permit

Motion was made by Councilmember Betty Easter, seconded by Councilmember Tony Dyer with four (4) yea votes by Councilmembers Mahan, Moore, Dyer and Easter and one (1) nay vote by Councilmember Cook to approve Consent Agenda items.

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

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6:00 P.M.

Motion was made by Councilmember Robert Moore, seconded by Councilmember Rhonda Mahan with a roll call – Rhonda Mahan, here; Betty Easter, here; Tony Dyer, 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 Condemnation Resolution No. R2018-02. “**Exhibit G**”

Motion was made by Councilmember Robert Moore, seconded by Councilmember Rhonda Mahan with a unanimous vote to adjourn meeting. 7:20 p.m.

Kaye McCann, City Clerk

Approved by City Council