



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

ABSENT:

Jody Cook, WWTP

VISITORS:

Pastor Terry Stewart
PD-Johnny Carroll, Bradley Glass
W/S-Ottis Franklin
WTP-Danny Dillard
AP-John Hamler, Storman Glass
DDA-Darren Harper
Al Harper, BUCCC
Lily Avery, NGN
Mark Smith/Fetch Your News

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

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

Oath of Office: City Attorney David Barrett administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Conley and Councilmembers Robert Moore and Tony Dyer. Exhibit A

Agenda Approval: Motion was made by Rhonda Mahan, seconded by Betty Easter with a unanimous vote to approve the proposed agenda.

Minutes Approval: Motion was made by Mary Ruth Cook, seconded by Tony Dyer with a unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2017 regular meeting of the City Council.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Unfinished Business

- Truck Ordinance – The Truck Ordinance is a work in progress.

New Business

- Motion was made by Robert Moore, seconded by Betty Easter with a unanimous vote to appoint David Barrett as City Attorney for 2018.
- Motion was made by Mary Ruth Cook, seconded by Tony Dyer with a unanimous vote to appoint Kaye McCann as City Clerk for 2018.
- Department Head Reports
 - Johnny Carroll, PD: Distributed December 2017 Blairsville Police Department report. The report has a new look, with more detail. After discussion regarding two bids for new police car for the department, motion was made by Robert Moore, seconded by Rhonda Mahan with a unanimous vote to approve the purchase of a 2018 Ford Explorer from

King Ford in the amount of \$26,180.

- Darren Harper, DDA: Distributed DDA report dated 1/2/2018; stated next DDA Board meeting will be Tuesday, 1/9/2018.
- Ottis Franklin, W/S: Installation of 4" line for new building on Merchants Walk is complete.
- Danny Dillard, WTP: Appreciates the opportunity to see what he can do for the City.
- John Hamler, AP: Commissioning of new AWOS system will be in January; Cost of \$119,000 for the new AWOS system was paid for by GDOT; New camera system is up and running;
- Mayor Conley introduced Al Harper as interim President for the Blairsville-Union County Chamber of Commerce.
- Mayor Conley reported that the Jet A fuel tank cannot be located on the north side as originally planned due to helicopter medical service utilizing the Jet A fuel. Plans are to relocate the tank on the south side where the AV Gas tank is currently located once the AV Gas can be moved to the north side. A plan to pay for the move of the AV Gas tank is to propose to current hangar owners to extend their hangar lease an additional five (5) years. Additional T-hangars can be built by the Bill Elliott hangar. John Hamler reported the Fire Marshall said we need a self-serve permit issued by the state to release liability for pilots self-fueling aircraft.
- The following Councilmembers were assigned as liaisons: UC Historical Society – Mary Ruth Cook; Airport – Betty Easter; Streets – Tony Dyer; Police and DDA– Rhonda Mahan; W/S and Mayor Pro Tempore – Robert Moore.
- Motion was made by Mary Ruth Cook, seconded by Tony Dyer with a unanimous vote to approve the 2018 Intergovernmental Agreements for Hotel/Motel Tax distribution as follows: Blairsville DDA – 25%; UC Historical Society – 25%; Blairsville-UC Chamber of Commerce – 40%. Exhibits B, C, D
- Motion was made by Tony Dyer, seconded by Betty Easter with a unanimous vote to approve the resolution reinstating the multi-year contracted services for 2018. Exhibit E
- After discussion of increasing library donation for 2019, motion was made by Betty Easter, seconded by Tony Dyer with a unanimous vote to approve a donation to the Union County Public Library in the amount of \$5,000.
- Council considered request to change language in Alcohol Ordinance that would mandate county taxes be paid as well as city taxes prior to an alcohol license being issued. The Council unanimously decided against changing the ordinance for this reason.

- Occupational Tax Certificate Applications – Motion was made by Rhonda Mahan, seconded by Betty Easter with a unanimous vote to approve the following Occupational Tax Certificate applications:
 - Blairsville Internal Medicine, Inc., 374-A Pat Haralson Drive, Mary E. Wiles, President
- Sign Permit Applications – Motion was made by Robert Moore, seconded by Tony Dyer with a unanimous vote to approve the following Sign Permit applications:
 - Kenya L. Patton PC/North Georgia Law Group, 44B Blue Ridge Street, Kenya Patton, Applicant
 - Made By Mamz, 294 W. Highway 515, Ste L, Anna Burbage, Applicant
- Occupational Tax and Sign Permit Applications – Motion was made by Tony Dyer, seconded by Betty Easter with a unanimous vote to approve the following Occupational Tax and Sign Permit applications:
 - Chelsea Stephens Photography, 307C Cleveland Street, Chelsea Stephens, Owner
 - Custom Cakes by Stacy, 307C Cleveland Street, Stacy Moot, Owner
- Motion was made by Rhonda Mahan, seconded by Tony Dyer with a roll call – Rhonda Mahan, here; Betty Easter, here; Tony Dyer, here; Marth Ruth Cook, here; Robert Moore, here to enter into executive session to discuss personnel. Exhibit F
- Motion was made by Robert Moore, seconded by Rhonda Mahan with a roll call - Rhonda Mahan, here; Betty Easter, here; Tony Dyer, here; Marth Ruth Cook, here; Robert Moore, here to exit executive session.
- Mayor Conley recommended promotion of Danny Dillard to supervisor of WTP at an hourly rate at least that of the current WTP supervisor, considering his years of service already with the department. Motion was made by Mary Ruth Cook, seconded by Robert Moore with a unanimous vote to promote Danny Dillard as supervisor of the WTP at an hourly rate of \$33.50/hour.

Motion was made by Robert Moore, seconded by Betty Easter with a unanimous vote to adjourn meeting.
7:10 p.m.

Kaye McCann, City Clerk

Approved by City Council