



City of Blairsville, GA
Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting
February 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
Joan Mannheim, Accounting Clerk

ABSENT:

Ottis Franklin-W/S
Kaye McCann, City Clerk

VISITORS:

Pastor Bill Honaker
PD-Johnny Carroll, Keith Lockwood
WWTP-Jody Cook, Adam Born
WTP-Danny Dillard, Missie Kirkland
AP-John Hamler, Ed Marshall
DDA-Darren Harper, Buck Levins
Al Harper, Kimberly Miller,
Kim Madran, Sharon Penner,
David Murphy, Rebecca Brendle
Daniel Liberatore, Dawn Saraney
Maureen Price, Renee Deibert,
Norm Cooper
Shawn Jarrard/NGN
Jason Beek/Fetch Your News

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Invocation was led by Pastor Bill Honaker and Councilmember Robert Moore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Call Meeting to Order: Mayor Conley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Agenda Approval: Motion was made by Tony Dyer, seconded by Mary Ruth Cook 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 January 2, 2018 regular meeting & Executive Session of the City Council.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.
Mayor Jim Conley welcomed the Leadership Union group in attendance.

Unfinished Business

- Truck Ordinance – The Truck Ordinance is a work in progress.
- Annexation of 83 Conley Road, Blairsville, GA; Tract 070 028 Union County Records (13.15 acres) – David Barrett, City Attorney reported a 50’ easement at Birdie Lane needs to be resolved with a target day for early March 2018.

New Business

- Department Head Reports
 - Johnny Carroll, PD: Distributed January 2018 Blairsville Police Department report.
 - Jody Cook, WWTP: Reported problems on operating tank without mixing pump, which circulates the air in the tank, the part has been ordered. There has been an increase of flow from the Industrial Park area that was traced back to a faulty valve which has been addressed. The line from the Golf Course/Avigen have been tested at 3000 parts per million of BOD causing the oxygen problems with the tank which need immediate attention to stay in compliance with the EPD. Mayor Jim Conley will contact Avigen on February 7, 2018 to discuss test findings.
 - Darren Harper, DDA: Distributed DDA report dated 2/6/2018; stated next DDA Board meeting will be Tuesday, 2/13/2018. Presentation of a “Downtown Directory Board” to be located by Hole In The Wall/parking lot access, costing \$500. Taste of the Mountains in Blairsville will be held on August 25, 2018 in the green space behind City Hall. Radio station 93.1 has changed its format and broadcasting “Visit Blairsville” announcements at no charge and has made available 20 minute interviews with local merchants to promote their business and the City. Tony Dyer commented on the DDA owned property and possible grading development. Action Item to appoint Bob Head to Honorary Board Member and approve Robert Rogers as new DDA Board Member; motion made by Tony Dyer, seconded by Betty Easter to approve Robert Rogers as DDA Board Member.
 - Danny Dillard, WTP: Will schedule more operations from the plant, less on the ground wells which need a rest to let the aquifer naturally replenish. Future plans for hiring a third person.
 - John Hamler, AP: Reported AWOS is running well and will benefit other agencies. The hanger lease extensions have been well received. Fuel tank relocation is on-going with an April 2018 completion. A window cleaning service has been contracted to professionally clean the new terminal building and they still need to furnish the meeting room with chairs and a table. Storman Glass will be resigning in May 2018 and Edgar Marshall will begin part-time moving to full-time once Storman Glass resigns. Mayor Jim Conley noted the long term plan is for Ed to be future AP Manager when John Hamler retires. Motion was made by Betty Easter, seconded by Rhonda Mahan to hire Edgar Marshall at \$14 per hour.

- Mayor Conley commented on the hanger lease extensions – to move the tank will cost \$46,768 and the City has received enough to cover that cost and maybe enough to pay balance of Jet A tank.

- Mayor Conley reported customer complaint regarding inability to pay by credit/debit card. After a brief discussion it was agreed to begin the process of credit/debit card payments with the cost being passed directly to the user. Motion was made by Buddy Moore, seconded by Tony Dyer to accept credit/debit card payments.

- Transfer cash from General Fund to Airport Fund – Mayor Conley reported a cash deficit in the Airport Fund of \$180,084.43. The City has one cash account to cover the General Fund, W/S

Fund & Airport Fund, this transfer is a journal entry only. Motion was made by Buddy Moore, seconded by Tony Dyer with a unanimous vote to approve the transfer from the General Fund to the Airport Fund of \$180,084.43 to cover the cash deficit in the Airport Fund.

- Motion was made by Betty Easter, seconded by Rhonda Mahan with a unanimous vote to ratify hiring Rushton and Company for the 2017 City audit.
 - Managing Agent Change Application – Motion was made by Betty Easter, seconded by Tony Dyer with a unanimous vote to approve the Alcohol License Managing Agent Change Application for Rite Aid #4557 to Evia M. Kirkland.
 - Alcohol License Application – Motion was made by Betty Easter, seconded by Tony Dyer with a unanimous vote to approve the Alcohol License Application from Walgreens Co. dba Rite Aid #4557, 363 Blue Ridge Street, Evia Kirkland, Managing Agent.
- Occupational Tax Certificate Applications – Motion was made by Tony Dyer, seconded by Rhonda Mahan with a unanimous vote to approve the following Occupational Tax Certificate applications:
 - Walgreen Co. dba Rite Aid #4557, 363 Blue Ridge Street, Collin Smyser, Applicant.
- Occupational Tax and Sign Permit Applications – Motion was made by Rhonda Mahan, seconded by Betty Easter with a unanimous vote to approve the following Occupational Tax and Sign Permit applications:
 - Cousins’ Cuisine, LLC dba Sammies Sub Shop, 294 Highway 515 W., Suite N, Glen A & Patricia V. Cousins, Owners
 - Farmers Daughters Etc, 307D Cleveland Street, Rodney Gilbert, Owner
 - Waves for Weight Loss, Inc. dba Smoothies & Supplements, 38 Merchant’s Walk, Unit C Elizabeth Dyer, Owner.
 - John E. Mahan, Attorney at Law, 126 Blue Ridge Street, Suite C, Blairsville, John E. Mahan, Owner

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

Joan Mannheim, Accounting Clerk

March 6, 2018

Approved by City Council