



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

ABSENT:

John Hamler, AP
Darren Harper, DDA

VISITORS:

Pastor Marty Duncan
PD-Johnny Carroll, Gary Hooper
W/S – Ottis Franklin
WTP-Danny Dillard
WWTP – Jody Cook
Paul Thompson, Mike Greco
Sheriff Mack Mason
Heather Trask, David Brown
Pat Malone
Shawn Jarrard/NGN
Jason Beck/Fetch Your News

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 Marty Duncan and Councilmember Moore led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Minutes Approval: Motion was made by Councilmember Rhonda Mahan, seconded by Councilmember Mary Ruth Cook with a unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2018 regular meeting of the City Council.

Public Hearing: Mayor Conley called for a Public Hearing and 2nd reading of Environmental Health Ordinance #2018-01 to amend Ordinance #2010-02. There being no comments from the public Mayor Conley closed Public Hearing and asked the Council if there were any questions. With no questions or comments from the Council a motion was made by Councilmember Betty Easter, seconded by Councilmember Robert Moore with a unanimous vote to approve Ordinance #2018-01. Exhibit A

Public Comments:

- Heather Trask, server at Copelands Restaurant, addressed the Council stating she had lost her alcohol serving permit due to a DUI on New Year's Eve. She was asking the Council for leniency, stating this has had an impact on her income and being able to provide for her four children. A motion was made by Councilmember Robert Moore, seconded by Councilmember Tony Dyer with a unanimous vote to return the serving permit. Ms. Trask retrieved her permit from City Clerk Kaye McCann.

Unfinished Business:

- Conley Property Annexation – Attorney Barrett informed Mr. Greco of Fellowship of the Hills Church that the City needs a letter requesting the portion of the Conley property (Pat Haralson Drive) purchased by the church be included in annexation. Attorney Barrett will get a letter template to Mr. Greco. Motion was made by Councilmember Robert Moore, seconded by Councilmember Mary Ruth Cook with a unanimous vote to approve annexation of properties as per Exhibit B.
Councilmember Mary Ruth Cook asked the developer, David Brown, what would go on the property. Mr. Brown stated apartments for the elderly will be built.

New Business:

- Department Head Reports –
 - PD – Chief Johnny Carroll distributed March 2018 Police Department report. Mayor Conley asked for approval of the hiring of part-time police officer Ricky Henry. A motion was made by Councilmember Robert Moore, seconded by Councilmember Tony Dyer with a unanimous vote to ratify the hiring of Officer Ricky Henry.
 - WWTP – Jody Cook reported the plant is working much better than last month. He is continuing to work with the local business for alternative procedures to correct the previous issues.
 - W/S – Ottis Franklin reported it has been a good month; Cook Street waterline has been replaced, just waiting on street cuts to be paved.
 - WTP – Danny Dillard stated plant is running twelve hours per day, seven days a week and have not had to run the wells in 15 days; Operator Devan Mahan has received the reinstatement of his Class III license and will be working to obtain the Class II license.

- A motion was made by Councilmember Robert Moore, seconded by Councilmember Rhonda Mahan with a unanimous vote to approve City of Ethics Resolution #R2018-01. This resolution will be filed with Georgia Municipal Association in order to maintain the City’s Ethics Certification, which has to be done every four years. Exhibit C

- A motion was made by Councilmember Tony Dyer, seconded by Councilmember Betty Easter with a unanimous vote to approve the purchase of a 4X2 Gator utility vehicle with sprayer tank from Nelson Tractor in the amount of \$5,525 to be paid from SPLOST IV. This will be used by the W/S Maintenance Department.

Consent Agenda:

- Occupational Tax Certificate & Sign Permit Applications
 - Grace Center, LLC, 168 Rogers Street, William Harris, Managing Member (Sign Permit)
 - A Unique Boutique, 294 Hwy 515, Unit A, Connie Britt, Owner (Occupational Tax Certificate & Sign Permit)
 - Danny and Patricia Brown Enterprises, dba Pat’s Hallmark, 23-C Murphy Highway, Rebecca and Larry Dyer, Owners (Occupational Tax Certificate & Sign Permit)

Motion was made by Councilmember Betty Easter, seconded by Councilmember Tony Dyer with a unanimous vote to approve Consent Agenda.

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Mayor Conley recognized Sheriff Mack Mason, stating he appreciated the relationship between the Sheriff and Police Departments. Sheriff Mason addressed the Council stating he didn't know of any other counties in Georgia where the local police department officers have been deputized by the local sheriff's office. He appreciates working with the City and the relationship between the departments and that the Sheriff's Office is here for the City.

Mayor Conley asked for a motion to increase the hourly rate for all part-time police officers by \$1.00, making the hourly rate \$15/hour. A motion was made by Councilmember Tony Dyer, seconded by Councilmember Rhonda Mahan with a unanimous vote to approve the increase for part-time police officers to \$15/hour.

Motion was made by Councilmember Betty Easter, seconded by Councilmember Robert Moore with a unanimous vote to adjourn meeting. 6:50 p.m.

Kaye McCann, City Clerk

Approved by City Council