



City of Blairsville, GA
Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting
June 2, 2020 – 6:00 P.M.
62 Blue Ridge Street, Blairsville, GA 30512
Via Teleconference

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mayor Jim Conley
Councilmember Rhonda Mahan
Councilmember Robert Moore
Councilmember Tony Dyer
Councilmember Betty Easter
Councilmember Mary Ruth Cook

STAFF PRESENT:

City Clerk Kaye McCann
Police Chief Michael Baxter

OTHERS PRESENT:

City Attorney David Barrett
BUCCC President Steve Rowe
Shawn Jarrard – North Georgia News
Mark Smith – North Georgia News
Lauren Souther – Fetch Your News
Clay Pilgrim - Rushton & Company
Eric Seifarth – Blairsville Animal Hospital
Pat Malone - WJRB

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Invocation was led by City Attorney David Barrett followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilmember Robert Moore.

Call Meeting to Order: Mayor Conley began the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Agenda & Minutes Approval: Motion was made by Councilmember Tony Dyer, seconded by Councilmember Betty Easter with a roll call vote – Councilmembers Dyer, Easter, Mahan, Moore and Cook - to approve the proposed agenda and minutes from the 5/5/20 regular council meeting.

Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business.

New Business:

- Clay Pilgrim, Rushton & Co, provided a summary of the 2019 audit. Motion was made by Councilmember Rhonda Mahan, seconded by Councilmember Betty Easter with a roll call vote – Councilmembers Mahan, Easter, Dyer, Moore and Cook – to approve the 2019 audit report.
- Motion was made by Councilmember Robert Moore, seconded by Councilmember Tony Dyer with a roll call vote – Councilmembers Moore, Dyer, Mahan, Easter and Cook – to approve installation of guard rail on Blairsville Animal Hospital side of Jackson Street.
- Motion was made by Councilmember Rhonda Mahan, seconded by Councilmember Betty Easter with a roll call vote – Councilmembers Mahan, Easter, Moore, Dyer and Cook – to approve contribution of \$7,000 to Blairsville Union County Chamber of Commerce to support 2020 fireworks display.
- Motion was made by Councilmember Robert Moore, seconded by Councilmember Betty Easter with a roll call vote – Councilmembers Moore, Easter, Dyer, Cook and Mahan – to approve Georgia Department of Corrections agreement for July 2020 – June 2021 in the amount of \$49,318.
- Motion was made by Councilmember Tony Dyer, seconded by Councilmember Rhonda Mahan with a roll call vote – Councilmembers Dyer, Mahan, Moore, Easter and Cook – to approve Resolution R2020-04 to authorize acceptance of Georgia Department of Transportation Contract for CARES Act Funding associated with Blairsville Municipal Airport.
- Mayor Conley summarized department shifts at this time and recommended continuing to operate this way through the end of July. After discussion regarding GMA’s model face mask policy motion was made by Councilmember Tony Dyer, seconded by Councilmember Rhonda Mahan with a roll call vote – Councilmembers Dyer, Mahan, Moore, Cook and Easter – to adopt the policy.

Executive Session

- Motion was made by Councilmember Tony Dyer, seconded by Councilmember Rhonda Mahan with a roll call vote – Councilmembers Dyer, Mahan, Moore, Easter and Cook – to enter into executive session. 7:03 pm

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- Motion was made by Councilmember Betty Easter, seconded by Councilmember Robert Moore with a roll call vote – Councilmembers Easter, Moore, Mahan, Dyer and Cook – to exit executive session. 7:32 pm
- Motion was made by Councilmember Tony Dyer, seconded by Councilmember Betty Easter with a roll call vote – Councilmembers Dyer, Easter, Mahan, Moore and Cook - to adjourn meeting. 7:35 p.m.

Kaye McCann, City Clerk

Approved by City Council