



City of Blairsville, GA
Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting
August 4, 2020 – 6:00 P.M.
62 Blue Ridge Street, Blairsville, GA 30512
Via Teleconference

COUNCIL PRESENT:

Mayor Jim Conley
Councilmember Robert Moore
Councilmember Tony Dyer
Councilmember Mary Ruth Cook

STAFF PRESENT:

Kaye McCann, City Clerk
Jody Cook, WWTP
Michael Baxter, PD Chief
Shawn Dyer, PD Asst. Chief
Aaron Mannheim, Airport
Joan Mannheim, Accounting

OTHERS PRESENT:

David Barrett, City Attorney
Steve Rowe, BUCCC President
Shawn Jarrard, North Georgia News
Lauren Souther, Fetch Your News
Pat Malone, WJRB
David Dyer, UC Fire Chief
Ross Malme
Jeanne Link
Ruth and Jim Flemister
Doy Lively
Brittany Stainback

Invocation: Invocation was led by City Attorney David Barrett.

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

Agenda & Minutes Approval: Motion was made by Councilmember Tony Dyer, seconded by Councilmember Mary Ruth Cook with a roll call vote – Councilmembers Dyer, Cook and Moore – to approve the proposed agenda. Motion was made by Councilmember Robert Moore, seconded by Councilmember Mary Ruth Cook with a roll call vote – Councilmembers Moore, Cook and Dyer – to dispense of the reading and approve minutes as written from the 7/7/20 regular council meeting.

Public Comments:

- Jeanne Link asked if there was going to be racial sensitivity training or guidelines. Assistant Police Chief Dyer reported there is state mandated training for police officers for community policing as well as other training. They also critique and discuss other departments when issues happen. City Clerk McCann also reported the City Council adopted an Ethics ordinance which is renewed every four years. In the ordinance it states that elected officials, employees and volunteers will treat all people fairly.
- Doy Lively expressed concerns regarding the waste water system accepting leachate from outside landfills trucked in by Steve Gooch (Senator) and wanted to know why such a dramatic increase in the amount of waste to be processed. Jody Cook, WWTP Supervisor, explained every 5 years EPD requires WWTP to renew its permit. The application was sent in 2018 and EPD is just now getting out the final draft. Jody contacted EPD when first approached about processing leachate to ensure the plant could legally process without violating the WWTP permit. He was informed that EPD would allow up to 25,000 gallons of leachate per day to be treated. Jody assured there is no intention of processing more than what the plant is currently doing. He reported Chris (Bruegge) at EPD wants to do a public hearing on September 23. Mr. Lively requested document from EPD allowing 25,000 gallons of leachate to be processed and requested that a Blairsville/Union County pipeline be installed from the WWTP to below the dam. Mayor Conley asked how much is being discharged to Butternut Creek; Jody responded between 225,000 and 250,000 gallons (per day).
- Ross Malme stated he is a homeowner on the lake and a chemical engineer by trade. He asked about sorting the hazardous materials and design a process to treat. He asked what due diligence did the city do to ensure safety of water supply?

Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business.

New Business:

- Motion was made by Councilmember Robert Moore, seconded by Councilmember Tony Dyer with a roll call vote – Councilmembers Moore, Dyer and Cook – to accept the Coronavirus Relief Fund Grant. Exhibit “A”

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- Motion was made by Councilmember Mary Ruth Cook, seconded by Councilmember Tony Dyer with a roll call vote – Councilmembers Cook, Dyer, and Moore – to award the city’s 2020-2021 propane bid to the lowest bidder, Freeman Gas.

Consent Agenda:

- Motion was made by Councilmember Robert Moore, seconded by Councilmember Tony Dyer with a roll call vote – Councilmembers Moore, Dyer and Cook – to approve the following consent agenda items:
 - Occupational Tax Certificate – Union County Coatings, LLC; 32B Young Harris Street; James A. Wheeler, Owner – New Business/Powder Coating Services
 - Occupational Tax Certificate – Mountain Life Mercantile; 36A Town Square; Sarah Gazzara, Owner – New Business/General Mercantile Store
 - Occupational Tax Certificate – Dovetail Roofing, LLC; 160 Rogers Street; Scott Glosson, Owner – New Business/Restoration and Roofing
 - Sign Permit – Forget Me Not Collectible & Gifts; 294 Highway 515 West, Unit B; Elizabeth Angling, Owner – New Business/Retail
 - Occupational Tax Certificate & Sign Permit – Mountain Yoga Massage & Boutique; 98 Cleveland Street, Suite A; April Bell, Owner – Change in ownership
 - Occupational Tax Certificate – You Lucky Dog Salon; 32 Plott Street; Carlee Gresham, Owner – New Business/Pet Grooming
- Motion was made by Councilmember Robert Moore, seconded by Councilmember Tony Dyer with a roll call vote – Councilmembers Moore, Dyer and Cook – to adjourn meeting. 6:25 p.m.

Kaye McCann, City Clerk

Approved by City Council 9/1/2020

Minutes will be in final form after they have been approved at the next regular scheduled Council meeting.