



City of Blairsville, GA
Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting
October 10, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.
Blairsville City Hall
62 Blue Ridge Street, Blairsville, GA 30512

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Mayor Jim Conley
Councilmember Robert Moore
Councilmember Tony Dyer
Councilmember Mary Ruth Cook
Councilmember Kayla Hemphill
ABSENT:
Councilmember Rhonda Mahan

STAFF PRESENT:

Kaye McCann, City Clerk
Chief Michael Baxter, Police Dept
Aaron Mannheim, AP
Joan Mannheim, City Hall
Jody Cook, WWTP

OTHERS PRESENT:

Steve Rowe, BUCCC
Chief David Dyer, UC Fire Department
Brittany Holbrooks, North Georgia News
Carol Krone, Courtney Waller, Megan Kimsey
Kristen and Brandon Bentley, Matthew Leonard
Wayne Wolke, WC Nelson, Bob Kenny
Nate Johnson, Debbie Kennedy

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Invocation was led by Steve Rowe and pledge of allegiance was led by Councilmember Robert Moore.

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

Approve Proposed Agenda: Motion was made by Councilmember Kayla Hemphill, seconded by Councilmember Tony Dyer with a unanimous vote to approve agenda.

Dispense reading and approve minutes: Motion was made by Councilmember Mary Ruth Cook, seconded by Councilmember Tony Dyer with a unanimous vote to dispense reading of and approve minutes from the September 12, 2023 regular city council meeting.

Public Hearing: None

Public Comments: None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

1. Steve Rowe, BUCCC, provided a Chamber update.
2. UC Fire Chief David Dyer provided update on 911, Fire Department and Emergency Management operations.
3. Department Head Reports:
 - a. Aaron Mannheim, Airport, provided update on airport operations; reported that they passed the fuel quality control inspection.
 - b. Jody Cook, WWTP, reported the plant is running well; a pump was ordered to replace a failed pump which is being repaired to have as a spare.
 - c. Chief Baxter, PD, reported average month; new software is working good.
4. City Attorney was not present.
5. Wayne Wolke presented a proposal for a new hangar on south side of airport in the area of the “old terminal building”. After hearing from Mr. WC Nelson this is being tabled to give elected officials time to visit proposed site. A special called meeting will be held on Friday, October 13 at 5:00 pm for further discussion and decision.
6. Discuss Dana Nelson request for two mobile homes on property on Kimsey Street – this item was removed from agenda prior to meeting.
7. Discuss proposal by Leadership Union for Amphitheater in park behind City Hall – this item was removed from agenda prior to meeting.
8. Motion was made by Councilmember Kayla Hemphill, seconded by Councilmember Robert Moore with a unanimous vote to approve DDA Board recommendation Kristen Bentley for DDA Manager.
9. Mayor Conley held first reading of Ordinance 2023-01 to annex certain Board of Education property into the city limits. Exhibit A
10. Motion was made by Councilmember Robert Moore, seconded by Councilmember Tony Dyer with a unanimous vote to approve purchase of Utility Air Compressor from Georgia Underground & Supply in the amount of \$18,568.74.
11. Motion was made by Councilmember Tony Dyer, seconded by Councilmember Kayla Hemphill with a unanimous vote to ratify additional expenditure for Earnest Street Paving project in the amount of \$29,423.94 to be paid from SPLOST.
12. Motion was made by Councilmember Robert Moore, seconded by Councilmember Tony Dyer with a unanimous vote to approve poll workers for 2023 General Election Advance Voting and Election Day:

David McCann, Poll Manager, Don Powell, Carol Krone, Tracie Shields, Joan Mannheim, Krystal Berry, Jacob McCann

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Consent Agenda:

Motion was made by Councilmember Kayla Hemphill, seconded by Councilmember Rhonda Mahan with a unanimous vote to approve the following:

13. Blairsville Restaurant; 40 Earnest Street; Matthew Leonard, Owner; Alcohol License – Malt Beverage, Wine and Distilled Spirits for Consumption on the Premises
14. LIS Engineering; 426 Cleveland Street, Suite A-4; Robert W. Case, Owner; Occupational Tax and Sign Permit; Drafting/Engineering
15. Empire Sensations Tanning; 19 Cobalt St, Unit J; Ernest Valdes Jr and Kristy Valdes; Occupational Tax Certificate and Sign Permit; Tanning Salon
16. Hillcrest Medical Center; 401 Pat Haralson Drive; Aldre Properties, LLC dba Hillcrest Medical Center, Owner; Sign Permit

Adjournment: Motion was made by Councilmember Robert Moore, seconded by Councilmember Kayla Hemphill with a unanimous vote to adjourn. 7:04 pm

Kaye McCann, City Clerk

November 14, 2023

Approved by City Council