



**City of Blue Ridge
City Council Meeting
MINUTES**

July 19, 2022

5:00 p.m.

Blue Ridge City Hall

480 West First Street

Blue Ridge, Ga 30513

1. Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Rhonda Haight called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. Present were Mayor Rhonda Haight, Council Members William Whaley, Angie Arp, Jack Taylor, Christy Kay, Bill Bivins, City Attorney Chuck Conerly, City Administrator Eric Soroka, and City Clerk Amy Mintz.

2. Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Council Member Whaley.

3. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

a) June 21, 2022 – Council Meeting

A motion to approve was offered by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Kay, passed unanimously.

4. Approval of Agenda or Motion to Amend Agenda (if applicable)

Mayor Haight asked for a motion to amend the agenda and move item 6C to 8A.

A motion was offered by Council Member Arp, seconded by Council Member Kay, passed unanimously.

5. Called Public Hearings (rezoning or appeals authorized by Ordinance)

City Attorney discussed the following item to be voted on:

a) AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 ("ADMINISTRATION"), ARTICLE VII ("TAXATION AND FINANCE"), DIVISION 3 ("ADMINISTRATION, COLLECTION AND ENFORCEMENT OF TAXES AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS") OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BLUE RIDGE, GEORGIA TO REASSIGN CERTAIN DUTIES TO THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR OR HIS/HER DESIGNEE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. (BR2022-22) SECOND READING

A motion to adopt was offered by Council Member Whaley, seconded by Council Member Taylor, passed unanimously.

City Administrator discussed the following item to be voted on:

- b) MOTION TO ACCEPT THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECCOMENDATION OF JULY 5, 2022 TO APPROVE THE REZONING OF A PORTION OF PARCEL BR01 02801, OWNED BY KAREN A. STEPHENS AND BEING APPROXIMATELY 0.18 ACRES, FROM R2 TO R3.

A motion to approve was offered by Council Member Arp, seconded Council Member Bivins, passed unanimously.

City Administrator discussed the following item to be voted on:

- c) MOTION TO ISSUE A NON-EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE FOR GARBAGE COLLECTION SERVICE IN THE CITY IN THE NAME OF ALLEN DISPOSAL, LOCATED IN HIAWASSEE, GEORGIA, WHOSE OWNER IS TRUDY R. ALLEN, BASED ON THE APPLICATION DATED JUNE 14, 2022 ON FILE WITH THE CITY.

A motion to approve was offered by Council Member Whaley, seconded by Council Member Bivins, passed unanimously.

City Attorney discussed the following item for the first reading:

- d) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BLUE RIDGE, GEORGIA, ESTABLISHING SURPLUS PROPERTY REGULATIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (BR2022-25) FIRST READING

City Attorney discussed the following item for the first reading:

- e) AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 18 ("SOLID WASTE") OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BLUE RIDGE, GEORGIA WITH RESPECT TO APPLICATIONS FOR AND THE ISSUANCE OF CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR GARBAGE COLLECTION WITHIN THE CITY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. (BR2022-26) FIRST READING

City Attorney discussed the following item for the first reading:

- f) A ZONING ORDINANCE/ACTION AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF BLUE RIDGE, GEORGIA, BY REZONING ONE PARCEL OF LAND WITHIN THE CITY OF BLUE RIDGE, BEING A PORTION OF TAX PARCEL BR01 02801 OWNED BY KAREN A. STEPHENS AND BEING APPROXIMATELY 0.18 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN THE METES AND BOUNDS DESCRIPTION TO BE PROVIDED BY THE APPLICANT AS A CONDITION OF THE REQUESTED REZONING ("PROPERTY"), AND REZONING THE PROPERTY FROM MEDIUM DENISTY RESIDENTIAL ("R-2") TO HIGH DENISTY RESIDENTIAL ("R-3"), WITH CONDITIONS; REPEALING CONFLICTING ZONING ORDINANCES APPLICABLE TO THE PROPERTY; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. (BR2022-28) FIRST READING

6. Consent Agenda

A motion to approve the consent agenda was offered by Council Member Whaley, seconded by council

Member Kay, passed unanimously.

- a) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLUE RIDGE, GEORGIA APPROVING THE UPDATED SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY FOR FANNIN COUNTY AND THE CITIES OF BLUE RIDGE, MCCAYSVILLE AND MORGANTON; AUHORIZING THE MAYOR ON THE CITY'S BEHALF TO EXECUTE THE ATTACHED UPDATED SERVICE DELIVERY STRATEGY AGREEMENTS AND TRANSMIT SAME TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNTIY AFFAIRS AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (BR2022-23)
- b) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLUE RIDGE, GEORGIA AWARDING AND LETTING A BID/CONTRACT FOR C&S PROJECT No.:B7970.052, MINERAL SPRINGS ROAD SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION, TO PORTLAND UTILITIES CONSTRUCTION CO.,LLC (PUCC) AT THE BID PRICE OF \$1,192,936.54; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE NOTICE OF AWARD AND ASSOCIATED CONTRACTS; PROVIDING FOR THE APPROPRIATION AND ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR SAID BID AWARD; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (BR2022-24)
- c) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLUE RIDGE, GEORGIA APPROVING THE LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN BLUE RIDGE ON ICE, LLC AND THE CITY OF BLUE RIDGE; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR ON THE CITY'S BEHALF TO EXECUTE THE ATTACHED LICENSE AGREEMENT AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (BR2022-27) **MOVED TO 8A**
- d) MOTION TO APPROVE A NON-BUDGETED EXPENDITURE OF \$12,680 FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH QPUBLIC TO EXPAND WEB-BASED PROPERTY INFORMATION.

7. Action Agenda Items (Items requiring the approval of the City Council) (NONE)

8. Discussion Agenda Items

City Administrator discussed the following item to be voted on:

- a) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLUE RIDGE, GEORGIA APPROVING THE LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN BLUE RIDGE ON ICE, LLC AND THE CITY OF BLUE RIDGE; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR ON THE CITY'S BEHALF TO EXECUTE THE ATTACHED LICENSE AGREEMENT AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (BR2022-27)

A motion to adopt was offered by Council Member Whaley, seconded by Council Member Taylor, passed unanimously.

9. Reports

- a) Downtown Development Authority Update

Update provided by Council Member Arp and Vice Chairman Cesar Martinez

- b) Blue Ridge Business Association Update

Update provided by President Cesar Martinez

10. Public Comments

- a) Shahab Fard – Parking – Not present
- b) Brian Higgins – Sidewalk adjacent to Farmers Market
- c) Sam Walker

11. Executive Session (if needed)

A motion to enter into executive session was offered by Council Member Whaley, seconded by Council Member Taylor, passed unanimously. Executive session opened at 5:41 PM.

A motion to adjourn executive session was offered by Council Member Whaley, seconded by Council Member Taylor, passed unanimously. Executive session adjourned at 6:29 PM.

A motion to approve hiring George A Kelley for Field Superintendent was offered by Council Member Whaley, seconded by Council Member Taylor, passed unanimously.

12. Adjournment


A motion to adjourn the meeting was offered by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Whaley, passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM.



Mayor, Rhonda Haight



City Clerk, Amy Mintz



Date

