



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

April 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) March 15, 2022 (Council Meeting)

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

b) April 7, 2022 (Workshop/ Visioning Session)

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

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

A motion to approve the agenda was offered by Council Member Whaley, seconded by Council Member Arp, passed unanimously.

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

City Attorney discussed the following ordinance to be voted on:

- a) AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 22 ("TRAFFIC CODE"), ARTICLE II ("PARKING SCHEDULES") OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BLUE RIDGE, GEORGIA BY REPEALING AND REPLACING, IN ITS ENTIRETY, SECTION 22-51 ("RESTRICTED PARKING") PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SECOND READING)

A motion to table was offered by Council Member Kay, no second. Motion denied.

A motion to approve was offered by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Arp, passed 3-2, with Council Member Kay and Council Member Bivins voting no.

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City Attorney discussed the following ordinance to be voted on:

- b) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BLUE RIDGE, GEORGIA, ESTABLISHING GENERAL PURCHASING REGULATIONS PURSUANT TO CITY CHARTER SECTION 6.31 ("PURCHASING"); PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SECOND READING)

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

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City Administrator discussed the following item to be voted on:

- c) MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PREPARE THE REQUIRED LEGISLATION TO ALLOW THE PROPERTY LOCATION AT 180 MOUNTAIN HIDEAWAY TRAIL, BLUE RIDGE BE DEANNEXED FROM THE INCORPORATED AREA OF THE CITY.

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

City Attorney discussed the following ordinance for the first reading:

- d) AN ORDINANCE (I) TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 ("ADMINISTRATION"), ARTICLE III ("DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS"), DIVISION 1 ("GENERALLY"), SECTION 2-52 ("DEPARTMENTAL ORGANIZATION") OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BLUE RIDGE, GEORGIA; (II) TO DELETE DIVISION 2 ("DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL"), DIVISION 3 ("DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE"), DIVISION 4 ("WATER MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT"), DIVISION 5 ("STREET MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT"), AND DIVISION 6 ("DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND BUILDING INSPECTION") IN THEIR ENTIRETY; AND (III) TO RENUMBER DIVISION 7 ("CITY PLANNING COMMISSION"), DIVISION 8 ("BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS"), AND DIVISION 9 ("AREA PLANNING COMMISSION"). (FIRST READING)

6. Consent Agenda

A motion to approve the consent agenda was offered by Council Member Whaley, seconded by Council Member Taylor, passed unanimously.

- a) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLUE RIDGE, GEORGIA, ADOPTING THE PLANNING AND ZONING APPLICATION FEE SCHEDULE ATTACHED AS EXHIBIT "A" AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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- b) MOTION TO APPROVE A NON-BUDGETED EXPENDITURE OF \$3,100 FOR A POLICE BODY CAMERA FOR THE PART-TIME POLICE OFFICERS.
- c) MOTION TO APPROVE A NON-BUDGETED EXPENDITURE FOR SECURITY CAMERAS TO BE LOCATED AT THE CITY'S WATER PLANT FACILITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,412.83.
- d) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLUE RIDGE, GEORGIA AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR ON THE CITY'S BEHALF TO EXECUTE THE ATTACHED CONTRACT FOR PROBATION SUPERVISION SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY AND CSRA PROBATION SERVICES, INC. AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
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- e) MOTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE TASK RELEASE NO. 38 UNDER MASTER ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BLUE RIDGE AND CARTER SLOOP, INC. FOR PAVING AND SIDEWALK EVALUATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26,500.

7. Action Agenda Items (Items requiring the approval of the City Council)

- a) APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO PLANNING COMMISSION

A motion to appoint two (2) new members and reappoint three (3) members was offered by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Bivins, passed unanimously. Appointments and terms: John Suave – 2 years, Cindy Trimble – 2 years, Brian Higgins – 4 years, Dale Greene – 4 years, and Greg Arnold – 4 years.

- b) A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLUE RIDGE, STATE OF GEORGIA, TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. BR 2018-12-11, BY WHICH THE CITY OF BLUE RIDGE CREATED THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF BLUE RIDGE, GEORGIA (“DDA”), TO RESTATE AND CLARIFY THE POWERS AND DUTIES CONFERRED UPON THE DDA.

A motion to table until May meeting was offered by Council Member Whaley, seconded by Council Member Taylor, passed unanimously.

8. Reports None

9. Public Comments

- a) Downtown Development Authority Update – No update
- b) Blue Ridge Business Association Update – Not Present
- c) Cody Chinn
- d) Robert Borgwat – Trout Festival

10. Executive Session (if needed)

A motion to enter into executive session was offered by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Bivins, passed unanimously. Executive session opened at 5:32 PM.

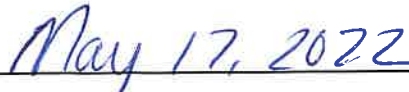
A motion to adjourn executive session was offered by Council Member Whaley, seconded by Council Member Taylor, passed unanimously. Executive session adjourned at 6:13 PM.

11. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was offered by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Bivins, passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:13 PM.



Mayor, Rhonda Haight



Approved



City Clerk, Amy Mintz

