



City of Blue Ridge
City Council Meeting
Minutes
August 16, 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) July 19,2022 (Council Meeting)

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

b) August 3,2022 (Workshop Meeting)

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

5. Called Public Hearings

City Attorney explained the following to be voted on:

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

A motion to adopt was offered by Council Member Whaley, seconded by Council Member Taylor, passed unanimously. Adopted as BR2022-25.

City Attorney explained the following to be voted on:

b) 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) SECOND READING

A motion to adopt was offered by Council Member Whaley, seconded by Council Member Bivins, passed unanimously. Adopted as BR2022-26.

City Attorney explained the following for the first reading:

- c) AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 140 ("ZONING"), ARTICLE XVI ("SIGNS AND OUTDOOR ADVERTISING") OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BLUE RIDGE, GEORGIA TO PROVIDE FOR A NEW SECTION 140-474 ("MURALS"), TO ALLOW FOR AND REGULATE MURALS WITHIN THE CITY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.(BR2022-30) 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 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 DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (R-2) TO HIGH DENSITY 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

- b) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLUE RIDGE, GEORGIA APPROVING THE CERTIFICATE OF DISTRIBUTION FOR THE LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX BETWEEN FANNIN COUNTY, CITY OF MCCAYSVILLE AND THE CITY OF BLUE RIDGE; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR ON THE CITY'S BEHALF TO EXECUTE THE ATTACHED CERTIFICATE OF DISTRIBUTION AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BR2022-29

- c) MOTION TO RELEASE AND TERMINATE THE CITY'S INTEREST IN AN EASEMENT DATED NOVEMBER 18, 1986, WHICH IS RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF FANNIN COUNTY, GEORGIA AT DEED BOOK 605, PAGE 4273 AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE RELEASE OF EASEMENT.
- d) MOTION TO APPROVE A NON-BUDGETED EXPENDITURE OF \$25,000 FOR APPALACHIAN FENCE LLC TO INSTALL A NEW FENCE AND GATES AROUND THE FARMERS MARKET.

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

- a) MOTION TO APPROVE THE MAYOR'S RECCOMENDATION TO APPOINT STEVEN MARTIN TO THE FANNIN COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD.

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

8. Discussion Agenda Items (NONE)

9. Reports

- a) Downtown Development Authority Update – Provided by Council Member Arp.
- b) Blue Ridge Business Association Update – Not present for meeting.

10. Public Comments

- a) Elliot Wilborn – Liquor License Cost - Not present for meeting.

11. Executive Session (if needed)

A motion to enter into executive session was offered by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Bivins, passed unanimously and executive opened at 5:25 pm.

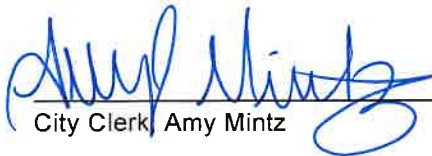
A motion to adjourn executive session was offered by Council Member Whaley, seconded by Council Member Taylor, passed unanimously, and executive session adjourned at 6:56 pm.

12. Adjournment

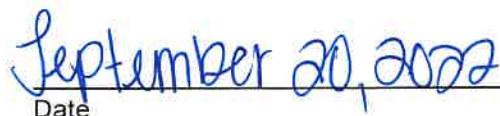
Mayor Rhonda Haight adjourned the meeting at 6:56 pm.



Mayor, Rhonda Haight



City Clerk, Amy Mintz



Date

