

Mayor
Rhonda Haight

City Council
Angie Arp, Mayor Pro Tempore
Jack Taylor
Christy Kay
Bill Bivins
William Whaley



City Administrator
Eric M. Soroka

City Clerk
Amy Mintz

City Attorney
Chuck Conerly

City of Blue Ridge
City Council Meeting
RECAP

August 16, 2022

5:00 p.m.

Blue Ridge City Hall

480 West First Street

Blue Ridge, Ga 30513

- 1. Call Meeting to Order 5:00 PM**
- 2. Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance Led by Council Member Whaley**
- 3. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting Approved**
 - a) July 19,2022 (Council Meeting)
 - b) August 3,2022 (Workshop Meeting)
- 4. Approval of Agenda or Motion to Amend Agenda (if applicable) Approved**
- 5. Called Public Hearings**
 - 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 **ADOPTED**
 - 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 **ADOPTED**
 - c) AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 140 ("ZONING"), ARTICLE XVI ("SIGNS AND OUTDOOR ADVERTISING") OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BLUE

Our Mission Statement

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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) 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. **ADOPTED**
- 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. **ADOPTED**
- 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. **APPROVED**
- 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. **APPROVED**

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

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

8. Discussion Agenda Items (NONE)

9. Reports

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- a) Downtown Development Authority Update
- b) Blue Ridge Business Association Update

10. Public Comments

- a) Elliot Wilborn – Liquor License Cost

11. Executive Session (if needed) Entered at 5:25 pm. Adjourned at 6:56

12. Adjournment 6:56

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