

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**

January 16, 2024

6:00 p.m.

Blue Ridge City Hall

480 West First Street

Blue Ridge, Ga 30513

1. Call Meeting to Order

City Clerk Amy Mintz called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

Swearing in of Council Members

City Clerk Amy Mintz Swore in Council Members Bill Bivins, Jack Taylor and Christy Kay.

A motion to make Council Member Whaley Mayor Pro Tempore was offered by Council Member Bivins, seconded by Council Member Kay, passed unanimously.

2. Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance Led by Council Member Whaley.

3. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting APPROVED

a. December 12, 2023 (Council Meeting)

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

A motion to amend the agenda to remove item 6B and 7A was offered by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Bivins, passed unanimously.

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5. Public Hearings

- a. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 24-3 (“WATER AND SEWER SERVICE IMPROVEMNET ACCOUNT”) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BLUE RIDGE, GEORGIA TO INCREASE THE SURCHARGE TO BE PAID BY APPLICANTS FOR WATER AND/OR SEWER SERVICES AT A LOCATION NOT PRESENTLY SERVED OR FOR EXPANDED SERVICES TO A SITE PREVIOUSLY BEING SERVED; TO INCREASE THE TAPS FOR WATER AND SEWER AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. **FIRST READING BR2024-02**

6. Consent Agenda

- a. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE SECOND MODIFICATION OF THE PROMISSORY NOTE AND LOAN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCE AUTHORITY (GEFA) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000,000. **BR2024-03 APPROVED**
- b. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLUE RIDGE, GEORGIA ADOPTING THE REVISIONS TO THE CITY OF BLUE RIDGE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. **BR2024-01 REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA**

7. Action Agenda Items (Items Requiring the Approval of the City Council)

- a. MOTION TO APPROVE THE SIDEWALK AND STEET INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS CONTAINED IN EXHIBIT A. AS PROPOSED BY THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR FOR 2024. **REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA**

8. Discussion Agenda Items

None.

9. Reports

None.

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10. Public Comment

Do not misconstrue this as a question-and-answer session with the Mayor/Council. Limit 3 minutes per person. Please state name and address before comments. All comments should be addressed to the Mayor.

None

11. Executive Session (If Needed)

A motion to enter into executive session was offered by Council Member Whaley, seconded by Council Member Kay. Motion denied with Council Members Bivins, Taylor and Arp voting no.

12. Adjournment

Council Member Whaley adjourned the meeting at 6:12 PM.

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