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City Council
William Whaley, Mayor Pro
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Bill Bivins
Angie Arp



City Clerk
Amy Mintz

City Attorney
Chuck Conerly

City of Blue Ridge
City Council Meeting Agenda
February 20, 2024

6:00 p.m.

Blue Ridge City Hall

480 West First Street

Blue Ridge, Ga 30513

- 1. Call Meeting to Order**
- 2. Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting**
 - a. January 16, 2024 – Council Meeting
- 4. Approval of Agenda or Motion to Amend Agenda (if applicable)**
- 5. Public Hearings**
 - a. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 24-3 (“WATER AND SEWER SERVICE IMPROVEMENT 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. **SECOND READING BR2024-02**

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- b. A ZONING ORDINANCE/ACTION AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF BLUE RIDGE, GEORGIA, BY REZONING A PARCEL OF LAND WITHIN THE CITY OF BLUE RIDGE, BEING TAX PARCELS 0045-20E, 0045-20C01, AND 0045-20C02 OWNED BY CHNA HOLDINGS LLC AND BEING APPROXIMATELY 4.14 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN THE DEED(S) ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE INTO THIS ZONING ORDINANCE (“PROPERTY”), AND REZONING THE PROPERTY FROM MANUFACTURING (“M-1”) TO COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL (“C-2”); REPEALING CONFLICTING ZONING ORDINANCES APPLICABLE TO THE PROPERTY; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. **FIRST READING BR2024-07.**

6. Consent Agenda

- a. MOTION TO REMOVE CITY ADMINISTRATOR ERIC SOROKA AND CITY CLERK AMY MINTZ AS SIGNATORIES AND TO ADD COURT CLERK BARBARA GERALD, UTILITIES DIRECTOR REBECCA HARKINS, AND CUSTOMER SERVICE MANAGER GINA QUINTON AS ADDITIONAL SIGNATORIES FOR CHECKS ISSUED FROM OR WITHDRAWALS MADE FROM ACCOUNTS MADE BY THE CITY OF BLUE RIDGE.
- b. A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLUE RIDGE, STATE OF GEORGIA, TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT FOR THE DRINKING WATER SRF SERVICE LINE PROGRAM GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,500 FROM THE GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCE AUTHORITY, GRANT NO. DWLSL2022023, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. **BR2024-04.**

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- c. A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLUE RIDGE, STATE OF GEORGIA, TO ENTER INTO A LOAN AGREEMENT NO. GF2023011 WITH THE GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCE AUTHORITY IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000,000 **BR2024-05**.
- d. MOTION TO ADOPT THE GMEBS RETIREMENT PLAN RESTATED AGREEMENT.
- e. A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLUE RIDGE, STATE OF GEORGIA, TO APPROVE THAT CERTAIN SECOND MODIFICATION TO THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2022 LAON FROM THE GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCE AUTHORITY, LOAN NO. CW2021037, ORIGINAL AMOUNT OF \$3,500,00.

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

- a. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLUE RIDGE, GEORGIA AWARDING AND LETTING A BID/CONTRACT FOR C&S PROJECT No. B7970.010, DOWNTOWN BLUE RIDGE STORM SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS, TO NORTH GEORGIA CONCRETE, INC. AT THE LOW BID PRICE OF \$3,892,362.38; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR 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. **BR2024-06**
- b. DOWNTOWN RESTROOM PROJECT
- c. PURCHASING POLICY

8. Discussion Agenda Items

9. Reports

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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.

11. Executive Session (If Needed)

12. Adjournment

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