

Mayor
Rhonda Haight

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



City Clerk
Amy Mintz

City Attorney
Chuck Conerly

City of Blue Ridge City Council Meeting

RECAP

March 19, 2024

6:00 p.m.

Blue Ridge City Hall

480 West First Street

Blue Ridge, Ga 30513

1. **Call Meeting to Order 6:00 PM**
2. **Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance Led by Council Member Whaley.**
3. **Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting Approved**
 - a. February 20, 2024 – Council Meeting
 - b. February 28, 2024 – Special Called
4. **Approval of Agenda or Motion to Amend Agenda (if applicable) Approved**
5. **Public Hearings**
 - a. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLUE RIDGE, GEORGIA GRANTING A VARIANCE FROM SECTION 140-213 (“C-2 AREA, YARD AND HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS”) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BLUE RIDGE (“CODE”) TP PERMIT A 14.8 FEET FRONT SETBACK WHERE A TWENTY-FIVE FEET FRONT SETBACK WOULD OTHERWISE BE REQUIRED BY THE CODE FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED

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AT 341 E. MAIN STREET AND IDENTIFIED AS TAX PARCEL BR01-024. **BR2024-10**

Approved.

6. Consent Agenda

- a. MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROJECT FOR THE WET WELL OF THE SEWER LIFT STATION IN THE AREA OF CVS FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$49,324.00. **Approved**

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

- a. MOTION TO APPROVE THE UPDATED 2024 CITY OF BLUE RIDGE COMPREHENSIVE PAY PLAN. **Approved**
- b. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION REGARDING INVESTIGATION.

A motion to resend the action taken by the Council at the February 20, 2024 meeting, to retain an independent investigator, to investigate allegations made against a City Council Member for violating the City Charter, and that we authorize no further investigation on this matter, was offered by Council Member Taylor, seconded by Council Member Arp. Motion passed with Council Member Whaley voting no.

- c. 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. **BR2024-08 Adopted**
- d. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 22 ("TRAFFIC CODE") OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BLUE RIDGE, GEORGIA TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE IV ("OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES"); TO ALLOW FOR CERTAIN "OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES" TO BE DRIVEN ON CITY STREETS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF SAME; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. **FIRST READING**

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- e. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE MOTION FOR THE SIDEWALK AND STREET AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS. **PHASE I APPROVED.**

8. Discussion Agenda Items NONE

9. Reports MAYOR PROVIDED REPORT ON STORMWATER PROJECT

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.

- a. Kim Deutsch
- b. Sally Pfeiffer
- c. Cindy Gilbert
- d. Dale Greene
- e. Brian Avery
- f. Donna Thompson
- g. Heny Fehrmann
- h. Josh Snider

11. Executive Session (If Needed) Entered into at 7:16 PM. Adjourned at 8:39 PM.

12. Adjournment 8:40 PM.

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