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

Special Called Meeting Agenda

April 2, 2024

7:00 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. Action Agenda Items (Items Requiring the Approval of the City Council)
 - a. HIRING OF PLANNING/ZONING MANAGER FOR CITY OF BLUE RIDGE TRIPP

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b. PURCHASE OF VEHICLE FOR USE DURING STORMWATER PROJECT - THIS

VEHICLE WILL BE USED TO TRANSPORT PEOPLE FROM THE FARMERS MARKET

PARKING AREA TO DOWNTOWN DURING THE CONSTRUCTION

- c. POTENTIAL LEASE FOR PARKING DURING CONSTRUCTION
- d. RED LIGHT REPLACEMENT AT EAST 1ST STREET AND CHURCH STREET

Our Mission Statement

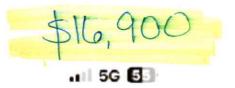
Our mission is to enrich the quality of life in Blue Ridge for all our citizens. We pledge to work in partnership with our residents, all stake holders and the Fannin County government to protect, preserve and secure the quaintness of our small-town community and to enhance the natural beauty of our environment.

- e. 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. **SECOND READING BR2024-09**
- 4. Adjournment

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Cherokee Auto Group LLC

Picked up an orphan this AM over at UGA! Pretty decent rig 2006 Ford E350 15 passenger with 112k these are super hard to find with no rust & all the seats still in it!



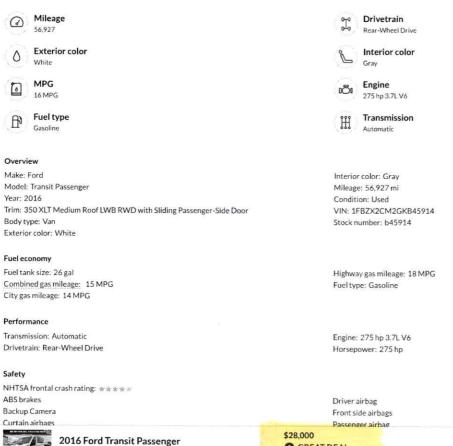
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Features



Mileage: 56,927 · Union City, GA (85 mi away) \$4,907 Below market

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Features

	Mileage 84,892
٥	Exterior color Silver Ice Metallic
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6-Speed Automatic Overdrive

Overview

Make: Chevrolet Model: Express Year: 2020 Trim: 2500 LT RWD Body type: Van Exterior color: Silver Ice Metallic

Fuel economy Fuel tank size: 31 gal

Performance

Transmission: 6-Speed Automatic Overdrive Drivetrain: Rear-Wheel Drive

Safety

ABS brakes Backup Camera Curtain airbags

Measurements Doors: 3 doors Front legroom: 41 in

Options Appearance Package Bluetooth Preferred Package

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Find financing options, value your trade-in, and choose service and protection plans.

2. Choose pick up time Schedule a time to get your new car at the dealership.

3. Finalize your sale Head to the dealership to finish up your sale.

History

Clean title No issues reported.

- 1 accident reported
- No damage reported.
- 1 previous owner

Mileage: 84,892 · Bogart, GA (76 mi away)





E. 18

Flex Fuel Vehicle

* Bluetooth

Interior color: Medium Pewter Mileage: 84,892 mi Condition: Used VIN: 1GAWGFFG6L1180542 Stock number: E3545

Fuel type: Flex Fuel Vehicle

Engine: 341 hp 6L V8 Flex Fuel Vehicle Horsepower: 341 hp

Driver airbag Front side airbags Passenger airbag

Back legroom: 36 in Cargo volume: 92 cu ft

Steel Wheels Third Row Seating



TRAFFIC SIGNAL

3/19/2024

To: Denny Cook

Re: East main @ Church St.

SCOPE OF WORK

North Cherokee Electrical, Inc. proposes to furnish and install the listed bid items in accordance with plans, and specifications unless amended or stated in detail below:

Items to be Furnished, Install and Connected by North Cherokee

- 1. Install new span wire, signal cale and loop wire following existing diagonal span configuration.
- 2. Install new signal heads and hardware in two 4 head clusters like original configuration.
- 3. Replace cabinet with new cabinet donated by District 6 DOT.
- 4. Install new controller, conflict monitor, load switches and loop detectors.
- 5. Install 1 new 6x40 quad loop on Church St.
- 6. Use existing conduit risers on cabinet pole.
- 7. Use existing power service.

Items to be furnished by others or excluded.

- 1. General Traffic control (We will maintain work zone safety for our work) Sidewalk Closures and temporary pedestrian control by others.
- 2. Power service and consumption fees associated with new or existing electrically operated systems.
- 3. Concrete or Asphalt replacement
- 4. Surveying (Station location by others)
- 5. Rock removal is not included, if required it shall be done at cost plus 10%.

Total quote: **\$49,275.00**

General Terms: Price good for 30 days Sales tax included. Bond not included (Add 1.5% if required)

Should you have any questions please give me a call.

Shannon Bryan

FIRST READING March 19, 2024

SECOND READING April 2, 2024

PASSED _____

AN ORDINANCE NO. BR2024-09

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WHEREAS, Chapter 22 ("Traffic Code") of the Code of the City of Blue Ridge, Georgia ("Code") provides generally for the regulation of traffic within the City of Blue Ridge, Georgia ("City"); and

WHEREAS, in 2023, the Georgia General Assembly passed House Bill 121, which Georgia Governor Brian Kemp signed into law on May 2, 2023; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 121 generally allows for the operation of "off-highway vehicles" on county roads and provides certain rules and regulations for same; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the City Council of Blue Ridge find it in the public interest to similarly allow for the operation of "off-highway vehicles" on City streets and to provide certain rules and regulations for same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the authority of the City Charter and general law, that Chapter 22 ("Traffic Code") of the Code of the City of Blue Ridge, Georgia is hereby amended to provide for a new Article IV ("Off-Highway Vehicles") as set forth herein:

SECTION 1. CHAPTER 22 ("TRAFFIC CODE"), ARTICLE IV ("OFF-ROAD VEHICLES")

Chapter 22 ("Traffic Code") of the Code of the City of Blue Ridge, Georgia is hereby amended to provide for a new Article IV ("Off-Highway Vehicles") as follows:

Chapter 22

TRAFFIC CODE

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ARTICLE IV. OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES

Sec. 22-90. Off-Highway Vehicle Defined.

For purposes of this article, *off-highway vehicle* shall mean any motorized vehicle having features specifically intended for utility use and having the following characteristics: (a) has the capability to transport persons or cargo or both; (b) operates between 25 miles per hour (40.2 kilometers per hour) and 65 miles per hour (80.4 104.6 kilometers per hour); (c) has an overall width of 80 inches (2,030 millimeters) or less, exclusive of accessories or attachments; (d) is designed to travel on four or more wheels; (e) uses a steering wheel for steering control; (f) contains a nonstraddle seat; (g) has a gross vehicle weight rating of less than 4,000 pounds (1,814 kilograms); and (h) has a minimum cargo capacity of 350 pounds (159 kilograms).

Sec. 22-91. Off-Highway Vehicles Permitted.

Subject to the rules and regulations set forth in this article, off-highway vehicles shall be permitted on city streets where the posted speed limit does not exceed 35 miles per hour and shall be authorized to cross highways that are part of the state highway system. Every person operating an off-highway vehicle shall be granted all the rights and shall be subject to all the duties applicable to the driver of any other vehicle under this chapter except as to special regulations in this article:

(a) All off-highway vehicles are entitled to full use of a lane, and no motor vehicle shall be driven in such a manner as to deprive any such vehicles of the full use of a lane.

(b) The operator of an off-highway vehicle shall not overtake and pass in the same lane occupied by the vehicle being overtaken.

(c) No person shall operate an off-highway vehicle between lanes of traffic or between adjacent lines or rows of vehicles.

(d) Off-highway vehicles shall not be operated two or more abreast in a single lane.

Sec. 22-92. Registration, Licensing, and Equipment.

Off-highway vehicles shall be registered with a state, shall be equipped with a license plate, and shall have the following equipment: (a) headlights; (b) brake lights; (c) taillights; (d) rearview mirror; and (e) safety belts.

Sec. 22-93. Penalty for violation of the article.

Any owner, operator, or driver, or any combination thereof, violating the provisions of this article is subject to a fine and/or imprisonment or community service, or any combination thereof, up to the maximum allowed under the city Charter or general state law for each violation of any provision of this article.

SECTION 2. <u>SEVERABILITY.</u>

If any paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or any portion of this ordinance shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction or if the provisions of any part of this ordinance as applied to any particular situation or set of circumstances shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity shall not be construed to effect the portions of this ordinance not so held to be invalid, or the application of this ordinance to other circumstances not so held to be invalid. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the City Council of the City of Blue Ridge to provide for separate and divisible parts, and it does hereby adopt any and all parts hereof as may not be held invalid for any reason.

SECTION 3. <u>REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES TO</u> THE EXTENT OF THE CONFLICT.

All parts of prior ordinances, in conflict with the terms of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict; but it is hereby provided, that any ordinance, or any provision of any ordinance, or law which may be applicable hereto and aid in carrying out and making effective the intent, purpose and provisions hereof, is hereby adopted as a part hereof, and shall be legally construed to be in favor of upholding this ordinance on behalf of the City of Blue Ridge, Georgia.

SECTION 4. <u>EFFECTIVE DATE.</u>

The effective date of this ordinance shall be upon its passage by the City Council.

SO ORDAINED this _____ day of _____, 2024.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BLUE RIDGE

Mayor, City of Blue Ridge

Clerk, City of Blue Ridge