



**Regular Meeting of the Mayor and City Council  
City of Ball Ground, Georgia  
Ball Ground City Hall | 7:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES  
August 14, 2025**

**Item 1: Meeting Called to Order by Mayor Roberts at 7:00 PM**

**Council Present:** Scott Barnes, Vicki Benefield, Annette Homiller, Dennis Nelson, and Kristine Rogers.

**Staff Present:** Ashley Bryd, Donna England, Michelle Tanner, Darrell Caudill, Karla Weaver, Eric Wilmarth, Palmer Rogers, Matthew Young, and Kaylyn Bush.

**Item 2: Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Roberts**

**Item 3: Approve Agenda**

**Council Member Nelson made a motion, Seconded by Council Member Barnes to approve the agenda as presented.**

**Motion unanimously approved.**

**Item 4: Appearances- None.**

**Item 5: Announcements – City Manager**

**9/6- Art on Main**

**10/24- Spooktacular in Downtown Ball Ground**

**10/25- Halloween in the Garden**

**Item 6: Approval of July 17, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Council Member Benefield made a motion, Seconded by Council Member Rogers to approve the July 17, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes.**

**Motion unanimously approved.**

**Item 7: Old Business- None.**

**Item 8: New Business**

**a. Consider Potential Right of Way Abandonment**

**Council Member Homiller made a motion, Seconded by Council Member Barnes to Abandon the Right of Way with the ability of the public to pass through.**

**Council Member Rogers suggested table item a8.**



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Council Member Homiller withdrew her motion, Seconded by Council Member Barnes to Abandon the Right of Way with the ability of the public to pass through.

Council Member Homiller made a motion, Seconded by Council Member Barnes to Table item 8a.

Motion Failed with a vote of 2-3.

Council Members Homiller and Barnes voted in favor of table item 8a.

Council Members Benefield, Nelson, and Rogers voted in opposition to table item 8a.

Council Member Benefield made a motion, Seconded by Council Member Nelson to approve Potential Right of Way Abandonment.

Motion Approved with a vote of 3-2.

Council Member Benefield, Nelson, and Rogers voted in favor.

Council Members Homiller & Barnes voted in opposition.

Note: It was determined by legal counsel following the meeting that this action is not complete, and cannot be finalized until a corrected survey, exact land determination, public hearing, and second reading are accomplished.

- b. Consider First Reading of Possible Zoning Code Changes for Car Washes as Conditional Use

Council member Barnes made a motion, Seconded by Council Member Rogers to approve the First Reading of Possible Zoning Code Changes for Car Washes as Conditional Use

Motion unanimously approved.

- c. Consider Acceptance of "Roberts Pass" as a City Street

Council Member Nelson made a motion, Seconded by Council Member Benefield to approve the Acceptance of "Roberts Pass" as a City Street.

Motion unanimously approved.

- d. Consider a First Reading of Ordinance for Mandatory Back Door Trash Service Downtown (Gilmer Ferry from Old Canton to Northridge Road)



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Item 11: Mayor Roberts Comments- Provided.

Item 12: Council Comments- Provided.

Item 13: Public Comments-

David Westrick discussed concern with mandatory backdoor trash pickup for businesses on Gilmer Ferry and the idea of paid parking lots.

Thomas Weaver thanked Mayor Roberts for his dedication to the City of Ball Ground the past 35 years due to the public announcement that he will not be seeking reelection.

Dale Phillips discussed topics related to development.

Tony Stancil informed Mayor Roberts, City Council, and the Public about some upcoming events that the Ball Ground Historical Society is hosting.


Item 14: Executive Session- None.

Item 15: Adjourn

Council Member Barnes made a motion, Seconded by Council Member Homiller to adjourn at 8:22 PM.

Motion unanimously approved.

APPROVED THIS 11 DAY OF September 2025

  
A.R. (Rick) Roberts, III  
Mayor

  
Kaylyn Bush  
City Clerk