



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

**AGENDA  
December 8, 2022**

**Item 1: Meeting Called to Order by Mayor Rick Roberts**

**Council Members Present: Vicki Benefield, Dennis Nelson, Lee Prettyman, Kristine Rogers and Andrenia Stoner**

**Staff Present: City Attorney Whit Frost, Finance Director Donna England, Police Chief Bryon Reeves, City Planner Chris Luly, City Manager Eric Wilmarth and City Clerk Karen Jordan.**

**Item 2: Pledge of Allegiance led by Mark Popham, Veteran of the Month.**

**Mayor Roberts recognized Mark Popham as Veteran of the Month. Mayor Roberts stated that Mark is a lifelong resident of Ball Ground. He was drafted into the United States Army on September 28, 1973. During Marks' time in the Army, he would receive an Army Commendation Metal and achieved the rank of Specialist 4. Mark was Honorably discharged in September 1976. Upon returning home Mark continued to serve Ball Ground. He was elected to serve on the city council and served as Scoutmaster to the Ball Ground Boy Scout Troop until recently.**

**Item 3: Approve Agenda**

**Council Member Stoner put forth a motion, Seconded by Council Member Prettyman to approve the December 8, 2022 Agenda as submitted.**

**Motion Unanimously Approved**

**Item 4: Appearances/Public Comments - None**

**Item 5: Announcements/Informational Items**

**City Manager Wilmarth announced that City Hall would be closed Friday, December 23, 2022, and Monday, December 26, 2022, in observance of the Christmas Holiday. City Hall will also be closed on Monday, January 2, 2023, in observance of New Year's.**

**Item 6: Consider Approval of Minutes: November 3. Work Session  
November 10, 2022, Council Meeting**

**Council Member Benefield put forth a motion, Seconded by Council Member Nelson to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2022, Work Session and November 10, 2022, Council Meeting as submitted in writing by the City Clerk.**

**Motion Unanimously Approved**

**Item 7: Old Business – None**

**Item 8: New Business**

**a) Consider Hough/Cherry Grove Deannexation Application**

Council Member Prettyman put forth a motion, Seconded by Council Member Rogers to approve the Deannexation Application submitted by John Hough of 3601 Cherry Grove Road. The applicant requests the deannexation of 1,000(+/-) described as 04N05-033E.

**Motion Unanimously Approved.**

**Item 9: City Manager Report**

City Manager Wilmarth provided Council Members with an unaudited report of account balances and a statement of revenue and expenditures for the month ended November 30, 2022. The report showed cash on deposit totaled \$2,701,652.68.

City Manager Wilmarth also provided Mayor Roberts and Council Members with an update of current city projects.

Chief Reeves presented a written report of the Police Department's activities for the month of November 30, 2022.

**Item 10: Mayor Roberts's Comments**

Mayor Roberts commended City Manager Wilmarth and the Public Works Department for their dedicated service. Their deeds keep the day-to-day operations of the City up and going.

**Item 11: City Council Comments**

Council Member Stoner expressed her enjoyment of serving on the City Council for the past 34 years. She stated it has been good to see people attend council meetings and learn about the efforts it takes to operate the city. She said Ball Ground has finally become a place to live, work and play.

Council Members Benefield, Nelson, and Rogers each expressed their appreciation of the time served on the City Council by Council Members Stoner and Prettyman.

Mayor Roberts expressed his appreciation to Council Members Stoner and Prettyman for being involved in so many projects that have been accomplished during their combined 42 years of service. Mayor Roberts stated that Council Member Stoner is the second longest-serving council member on record. Council Member Prettyman is the fourth longest-serving council member on record. Mayor Roberts stated he is so proud of Council Members Stoner and Prettyman and the contributions each has made. Together Council Members Stoner and Prettyman supported numerous projects throughout their years in office, making Ball Ground a great place to live, work and play.

Mayor Roberts presented Council Members Stoner and Prettyman with a plaque recognizing each for their respected years of service to the City of Ball Ground. Each also received a Key to the City.

Following the presentation, a reception was held to honor Council Members Stoner and Prettyman.

**Item 12: Executive Session - None**

**Item 13: Adjourn**

**There being no further business for consideration Council Member Stoner put forth a motion, Seconded by Council Member Prettyman to adjourn the meeting.**

**Motion Unanimously Approved.**

**The minutes of this December 8, 2022, City Council approved this 12<sup>th</sup> Day of January 2023.**