



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

**MINUTES
November 10, 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 Darrell Caudill, City Manager Eric Wilmarth, Police Chief Bryon Reeves, City Planner Chris Luly and City Clerk Karen Jordan.
Roger Morse**

Item 2: Pledge of Allegiance led by Roger Morse, Veteran of the Month.

Item 3: Approve Agenda

- a) **Council Member Nelson put forth a motion, Seconded by Council Member Rogers to approve the meeting agenda with the following amendment: Delete item 7(a) Second Reading of Annexation Application 2022-A03. Applicant Lee Lusk.**

Motion Unanimously Approved.

Item 4: Appearances/Public Comments

Dennis Holt of 343 Old Canton Rd. spoke in opposition to large delivery trucks traveling Mound Street. He asked council members to consider restricting big trucks the use in this street unless improvements are made.

Brian Choat, owner of Choat BBQ spoke in favor of the proposed distillery to be located at 110 Old Dawsonville Road.

Spencer Nix spoke in favor of the proposed distillery to be located at 110 Old Dawsonville Road.

Chad Jenkins of 1770 Canton Rd spoke in favor of the proposed distillery to be located at 110 Old Dawsonville Road.

Bo Pollard, owner of the building at 110 Old Dawsonville Road where the proposed is to be located spoke in favor of the distiller located in Ball Ground.

Justin Bryant of 118 Cummings Court spoke in favor of the proposed distillery to be located at 110 Old Dawsonville Road.

David Boone of 9975 Ball Ground Hwy spoke in opposition to the proposed distillery at 110 Old Dawsonville Road because of the location.

Item 5: Announcements/Informational Items

**November 11, 2022 – Veterans Memorial Dedication Ceremony
December 2, 2022 – March of the Toys for Toys for Tots Parade**

**Item 6: Consider Approval of Minutes: October 6, Work Session
October 13, 2022 Council Meeting**

Council Member Benefield put forth a motion, Seconded by Council Member Rogers to approve the minutes of the October 6 Work Session and October 13 Council Meeting as submitted in writing by the City Clerk.

Motion Unanimously Approved.

Item 7: Old Business

- a) **Removed**
- b) **Consider Second Reading Amendment to The Code of The City of Ball Ground Alcohol Ordinance DIVISION 2. - LICENSES AND SPECIAL PERMITS; Subdivision I. - In General Sec. 4-56. - Transferability of license; change in ownership.**

Council Member Rogers put forth a motion, Seconded by Council Member Nelson to approve the second reading of the Amendment to the Code of the City of Ball Ground Alcohol Ordinance DIVISION 2. - LICENSES AND SPECIAL PERMITS; Subdivision I. - In General, as proposed.

Motion Unanimously Approved.

Item 8: New Business

- a) **Consider Application for Alcohol License – Manufacturing Distilled Spirits/Micro Distillery-Package Sales & Consumption on Premises Applicant: David Westrick & Gary Lamb/Savage Gentleman Distillery Location: 110 Old Dawsonville Rd.**

Council Member Rogers put forth a motion, Seconded by Council Member Benefield, to table this item of business for 60 days.

Motion Unanimously Approved.

- b) **Consider Capital Improvement Plan**

Council Member Rogers put forth a motion, Seconded by Council Member Nelson to approve the Capital Improvement Plan with the following add-on: Perform an ADA Assessment of the City sidewalk system and make improvements at several intersections so to comply with ADA guidelines.

Motion Unanimously Approved.

- c) **Consider Ross +Associates Proposal to Create and Impact Fee Program**

Council Member Benefield put forth a motion, Seconded by Council Member Rogers to approve a proposal from Ross +Associates for services that will include advice and assistance to the City in general on impact fee matters, the preparation of an Impact Fee Methodology Report, Preparation of a final impact fee schedule for adoption, preparation of an impact Fee Ordinance conforming to all current state law requirements, and assistance to staff in implementing the program.

Motion Unanimously Approved.

d) Consider Signage to Restrict Thru Trucks on Chestnut St.

Council Member Rogers put forth a motion, Seconded by Council Member Prettyman to approve the placement of signs on Mound Street to restrict trucks from turning left on Chestnut Street. All trucks are to continue straight on Mound Street.

Motion Unanimously Approved.

Item 9: City Manager Report

City Manager Wilmarth provided Council Members with an unaudited report of account balances and statement of revenue and expenditures for the month ended October 31, 2022. The report showed cash on deposit totaled \$2,302,772.68.

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 October 31, 2022.

Item 10: Mayor Roberts Comments

Mayor Roberts announced the time is approaching to begin planning the council's annual planning retreat. He asked council members for input on the date and location.

Item 11: City Council Comments

Council Member Prettyman thanked everyone for the cards and prayers he received during his illness.

Council Members and Mayor Roberts commended Council Member Benefield for her work in coordinating the program for the Veterans Memorial Dedication Ceremony.

Item 12: Executive Session

Council Member Stoner put forth a motion, Seconded by Council Benefield to adjourn into Executive Session for the purpose to consult and meet with legal counsel pertaining to pending or potential litigation settlement, claims, administrative proceeding, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the City of Ball Ground or a council member or employee or in which the council member or employee may be directly involved; (O. C. G.A. 50-14-2).

No action taken.

Motion Unanimously Approved.

Council Member Stoner put forth a motion, Seconded by Council Member Benefield, to adjourn the Executive Session and reconvene the City Council Meeting.

Motion Unanimously Approved

Item 13: Adjourn

There being no further business for council consideration, Council Member Stoner put forth a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM

Motion Unanimously Approved.

The minutes of this November 10, 2022, City Council Meeting approved this 8th Day of December 2022.