



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

**MINUTES  
October 12, 2023**

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

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

**Saff Present; Darrell Caudill, Eric Wilmarth, Bryon Reeves, Donna England, Chris Luly, and Karen Jordan**

**Recognize Veteran of the Month – Jonathan Nelson**

**Item 2: Pledge of Allegiance - Led by Jonathan Nelson, Veteran of the Month**

**Item 3: Approve Agenda**

**Council Member Benefield put forth a motion, Seconded by Council Member Homiller to approve the agenda with the following add on of Item 8 (b) Consider appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals.**

**Motion Unanimously Approved.**

**Item 4: Appearances/Public Comments**

**Innovation In Planning Award Presented by Cherokee County Officials**

**Cherokee County officials Margaret Stallings, Brantley Day and Geoff Morton presented the City of Ball Ground with The Georgia Chapter of the American Planning Association's Distinguished Leadership and Service Contribution Award for Innovation in Planning. Ball Ground along with the cities of Canton, Holly Springs, Woodstock, and Cherokee County received this award.**

**Item 5: Announcements/Informational Items**

**October 14 - Safety Super Hero Day & Stream Clean Up Day**

**October 28 – Spooktacular in the Garden**

**November 11 – Veterans Day Ceremony**

**December 1 – Parade of the Toys Parade for Toys for Tots**

**Item 6: Consider Approval of Minutes: September 14, 2023**

**Council Member Nelson put forward a motion, Seconded by Council Member Barnes to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2023 meeting as submitted in writing by the City Clerk.**

**Motion Unanimously Approved.**

**Item 7: Old Business**

- a) **Consider Second Reading of Ordinance to Establish Standards for Vending Machines**

Council Member Banes put forth a motion, Second by Council Member Homiller to approve the second reading of the Ordinance to Establish Standards for Vending Machines as proposed.

**Motion Unanimously Approved.**

**Item 8: New Business**

- a) **A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of City of Ball Ground State of Georgia, to enact a temporary moratorium on the acceptance of any application for variances or other appeals within the purview of the Board of Zoning Appeals.**

Council Member Benefield put forward a motion, Seconded by Council Member Rogers to approve A Resolution to enact a temporary moratorium on the acceptance of any application for variances or other appeals within the purview of the Board of Zoning Appeals. This temporary moratorium will expire on January 11, 2024 unless extended by the council.

**Motion Unanimously Approved.**

- b) **Consider Appointment to Fill Vacant Seat on the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA)**

Council Member Rogers put forward a motion to appoint Gloria Barko-Thomas to the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA).

**Motion Unanimously Approved.**

**Item 9: City Manager Comments**

**Item 10: Mayor Roberts announced that on October 20 Council Members and Staff would meet with members of the Cherokee Office of Economic Development and the Georgia Power Regional Economic Development Coordinator. The purpose of the meeting is to help us determine exactly where we want to focus our time and efforts regarding economic development and to understand what economic development means to the City.**

**Item 11: Council Comments**

Council Members encouraged residents to participate in upcoming events. They also thanked the Public Works Department for their work and dedication.

Council Members congratulated Police Officer Eric Witherington, who was recently recognized as Officer of the Year by the Canton Optimist Club.

**Item 12: Public Comments**

**Item 14: Executive Session (If Needed)**

**Item 15: Adjourn**

**There being no further business for consideration Council Member Benefield put forth a motion, Seconded by Council Member Barnes to adjourn the meeting at 8:15PM.**

**Respectfully submitted by:  
Karen L. Jordan  
City Clerk**