



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

**MINUTES**

**September 11, 2025**

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

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

**Staff Present:** Ashley Byrd, Donna England, Darlene Pendley, Palmer Rogers, Whit Frost, Eric Wilmarth, Matthew Young, and Kaylyn Bush.

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

**Item 3: Approve Agenda**

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

**Motion unanimously approved.**

**Item 4: Appearances- None.**

**Item 5: Announcements – City Manager**

**10/18- Roots & Remembrance  
10/24- Spooktacular in Downtown Ball Ground  
10/25- Halloween in the Garden**

**Item 6: Approval of August 14, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Council Member Nelson made a motion, Seconded by Council Member Benefield to approve the August 14, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes.**

**Motion unanimously approved.**

**Item 7: Old Business**

**a. Second Reading of Zoning Code Changes for Car Washes**

**Council Member Barnes made a motion, Seconded by Council Member Homiller to approve the Second Reading of Zoning Code Changes for Car Washes.**

**Motion unanimously approved.**

**b. Second Reading of Ordinance for Downtown Mandatory Backdoor Trash Service (Gilmer Ferry Rd from Old Canton to Northridge Rd.)**

**Council Member Benefield made a motion, Seconded by Council Member Rogers to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance for Downtown Mandatory Backdoor Trash Service (Gilmer Ferry Rd from Old Canton to Northridge Rd.)**

**Motion Approved with a vote of 4-1.**



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Council Members Barnes, Benefield, Nelson, and Rogers voted in favor.

Council Member Homiller voted in opposition.

- c. **Second Reading of Zoning Code Change to make "Private Parking Lots" a Conditional Use to be Approved by Mayor and City Council**

Council Member Benefield made a motion, Seconded by Council Member Nelson to approve the Second Reading of Zoning Code Change to make "Private Parking Lots" a Conditional Use to be Approved by Mayor and City Council.

Motion unanimously approved.

Item 8: New Business- None.

Item 9: Chief of Police Report- Provided by Lieutenant Young.

Item 10: Community Development Comments- Provided.

Item 11: City Manager Comments-

City Manager Wilmarth made a request for Mayor Roberts and the City Council to approve the city to contribute \$10,000 to the Jordan Road Railroad Crossing Repair Project by Cherokee County.

Council Member Benefield made a motion, Seconded by Council Member Barnes to approve the City of Ball Ground to contribute \$10,000 to the Jordan Road Railroad Crossing Repair Project by Cherokee County.

Motion unanimously approved.

Item 12: Mayor Roberts Comments- Provided.

Item 13: Council Comments- Provided.

Item 14: Public Comments

Greg Edgar addressed Mayor Roberts and City Council regarding the Potential Right of Way Abandonment.

Thomas Weaver addressed Mayor Roberts and City Council about the signage on the City Hall door regarding weapons.

Stephen Homiller addressed Mayor Roberts and City Council regarding the potential right of way abandonment.

Cherie Martin thanked Mayor Roberts for his dedication to making Ball Ground a walking city which was something Mayor Roberts always set out to do.

Karen Yokley thanked Mayor Roberts for making Ball Ground so welcoming and a walking city.



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David Dean provided updates on the completed tasks performed by the City of Ball Ground Water Department.

Item 15: Executive Session- None.

Item 16: Adjourn

Council Member Barnes made a motion, Seconded by Council Member Rogers to adjourn at 8:10 PM.

Motion unanimously approved.

APPROVED THIS 9 DAY OF October, 2025.

A.R. Roberts, III  
A.R. (Rick) Roberts, III, Mayor

Kaylyn Bush  
Kaylyn Bush, City Clerk