



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

**MINUTES
August 11, 2016**

Item 1: Meeting Called to Order by Mayor Rick Roberts

Council Members Present: John Byrd, Frank Homiller, Lee Prettyman and Andrenia Stoner

Council Member Mickey O'Malley absent

Staff Present: Darrell Caudill, Michael Chapman, Donna England, Eric Wilmarth and Karen Jordan

Item 2: Pledge of Allegiance

Item 3: Appearances

Item 4: Announcements/Informational Items/Project Updates – City Manager

- **August 13, 2016 Concert in the Park**
- **August 18, 2016 Informational Meeting in City Hall to seek comments on the proposed sign ordinance and architectural guidelines for downtown development**
- **August 27, 2016 Movie in the Park**

Item 5: Approval of July 14, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes

Council Member Prettyman put forth a motion, Seconded by Council Member Byrd to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2016 Council Meeting as submitted in writing by the City Clerk.

Motion Unanimously Approved

Item 6: Old Business

a) 2nd Reading of Application for New Alcoholic Beverage License

Applicant: Sharmishthaben D. Patel

Business Name: Ball Ground Liquor LLC.

Address: 263 Commerce Lane, Ball Ground, Ga. 30107

Council Member Byrd put forth a motion, Seconded by Council Member Prettyman to approve the second reading of the Application for New Alcoholic Beverage License for Ball Ground Liquor, LLC.

Motion Unanimously Approved

Item 7: New Business

a) Consider 1st Reading of Annexation Petition

Applicant: Danny Jordan

Location: 263 Commerce Lane – 0.51 acres

Council Member Byrd put forth a motion, Seconded by Council Member Stoner to approve the first reading of an Annexation Petition submitted by Danny Jordan for 0.51 acres located at 263 Commerce Lane.

Motion Unanimously Approved

- b) **Consider advertisement of bid for resurfacing Valley St. (South)**
City Manager Wilmarth asked Council Members to consider advertising for bid for the resurfacing of a portion of Valley Street. He stated the sealed proposals should be delivered to City Hall on or before 10:00 AM on or before Thursday, September 15, 2016 at which time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read. The amount of paving is identified as follows:

Roadway to be resurfaced: Valley Street

Start Point: Intersection with Howell Bridge Road Extension (Southern Terminus)

End Point: Approximately 1,600 feet north of the start point (note change in pavement).

Council Member Byrd put forth a motion, **Seconded by Council Member Homiller** to approve the proposal to seek bids for the Valley Street Paving Project as outlined: Roadway to be resurfaced: Valley Street
Start Point: Intersection with Howell Bridge Road Extension (Southern Terminus)
End Point: Approximately 1,600 feet north of the start point (note change in pavement).
Motion Unanimously Approved

- c) **Consider AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND ENACTING A NEW CODE FOR THE CITY OF BALL GROUND, GEORGIA; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES NOT INCLUDED THEREIN; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER OF AMENDING SUCH CODE; AND PROVIDING WHEN SUCH CODE AND THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE.**

Mayor Roberts put forth for Council's consideration an ordinance to adopt a new code for the City of Ball Ground.

City Manager Wilmarth stated staff had been working with Municipal for the past year to consolidate, update and better organize the existing Code of the City of Ball Ground.

Council Member Homiller put forth an motion, **Seconded by Council Member Stoner** to approve an Ordinance **ADOPTING AND ENACTING A NEW CODE FOR THE CITY OF BALL GROUND, GEORGIA; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES NOT INCLUDED THEREIN; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER OF AMENDING SUCH CODE; AND PROVIDING WHEN SUCH CODE AND THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE** following the second reading at the September 8, 2016 Council Meeting.
Motion Unanimously Approved

- d) **Consider Partnership Agreement Between The Cherokee County Board of Education and City of Ball Ground**

Mayor Roberts stated he and City Clerk Karen Jordan met with Barbara Jacoby Director of Public Information, Communications & Strategic Planning for the Cherokee County Board of Education (BOE) to discuss the renewal of the proposed Partnership Agreement between the BOE and City of Ball Ground. The Partners in Education Program is sponsored by the Cherokee Co. Chamber of Commerce to promote supporting schools ranging from monetary contributions to volunteer support.

Council Member Prettyman put forth a motion, **Seconded by Council Member Byrd** to approve enter into the Partnership Agreement with the Cherokee

County Board of Education as part of the Cherokee County Chamber of Commerce Partners in Education Program.
Motion Unanimously Approved

- e) **Consider Approval of Lease Purchase for New Police Vehicle**
Council Member Byrd put forth a motion, Seconded by Council Member Prettyman to add this item of business for council consideration.
Motion Unanimously Approved

Chief Reeves submitted for council consideration a quote of \$36,652.18 for a 2016 Dodge Charger Police Cruiser. Financing of the vehicle will be through the financial source with the best interest rate.

Council Member Homiller put forth a motion, Seconded by Council Member Stoner to approve the request by Chief Reeves to lease/purchase a new 2016 Dodge Charger Police Cruiser fully equipment.
Motion Unanimously Approved

Council Member Byrd put forth a motion, Seconded by Council Member Stoner to authorize City Manager Wilmarth to sign any and all documents related to the financing of the vehicle.
Motion Unanimously Approved.

Item 8: Staff Comments

- **City Manager Eric Wilmarth Financial Report – City Manager Wilmarth presented an unaudited report of account balances, statement of revenue and expenditures for the month ended July 31, 2016. The report showed cash on deposit totaled \$710,876.02.**
- **A request has been made to Georgia Power to replace 19 box style 450 watt commercial lights along Canton Highway and Howell Bridge Road with 19 long arm cobra style 250 watt lamps that will result in a cost savings of approximately \$300.00 per month.**
- **Valley Streetscapes Project – Staff issued a notice to proceed to a GDOT Certified Estimator to provide full estimates for acquisition for property and rights of way in the project area.**
- **Construction of the new fire station is well ahead of schedule. Estimated time of completed project is November 2016 rather than March 2017.**
- **The amount of water purchased from the Cherokee County Water and Sewage Authority for the month of July exceeded the normal amount due to drought conditions.**
- **Water consumption for the month of June set a record high; exceeding 6 million gallons. July usage was an estimated 50,000 gallons less than June.**
- **Chief Reeves is currently attending the FBI Senior Leadership Training.**
- **Sgt. Murphy will be attending the TAC Officer Training later this month.**

Item 9: Mayor Roberts Comments

Mayor Roberts asked Council Members to consider a date for a 2016/2017 Planning Retreat. Mayor Roberts stated dates could be discussed at the next meeting.

Item 10: City Council Comments

Item 11: Public Comments

Item 12: Executive Session – None

Item 13: Adjourn

There being no further business for Mayor and Council consideration a motion was duly made and seconded to adjourn at 8:00 PM.

The minutes of this August 11, 2016 City Council Meeting approved this 8th Day of September, 2016.

Mayor A. R. Roberts, III

Mayor Pro Tem Frank Homiller

Council Member John Byrd

Council Member Mickey O'Malley

Council Member Lee Prettyman

Council Member Andrenia Stoner

Attest: _____
Karen L. Jordan, City Clerk