



**Work Session of the Mayor and City Council
City of Ball Ground, Georgia
Ball Ground City Hall ~ 6:00 P.M.**

**AGENDA
January 5, 2023**

Item 1: Meeting Called to Order

Item 2: Pledge of Allegiance

Item 3: Discussion of January 12, 2023 Council Meeting Agenda

Old 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.
- b) Consider Second Reading of Hough/Cherry Grove Deannexation Application

New Business

- a) Consider Appointment of Mayor Pro Tem
- b) Consider Appointment of 2023 Department Heads, Committees and Board Members
- c) Reaffirm Check Signers for any/all banking/checking accounts
- d) Consider Establishing and Fixing Qualifying Fees for Municipal Elections per O.C.G.A. §21-2-131(1)(a)
- e) Consider Arbor Day Proclamation
- f) Consider GMA Lease Purchase Hydro Vac Excavator
- g) Consider Advertising for Proposed Land Swap Agreement
- h) Consider Updated Intergovernmental Agreement for Cherokee County to Conduct Elections for the City of Ball Ground.

Item 4: Adjourn

Memorandum

To: Mayor A. R. (Rick) Roberts, III
CC: Each Member of Council
From: City Manager
Date: 12/30/2022
Re: Staff Input for January 5th, 2023 Work Session and January 12th, 2023 Meeting of Mayor and City Council

The following staff comments are provided concerning the agenda items for the **January 5th, 2023 Work Session and January 12th, 2023 Regular Meeting of Mayor and Council.**

During the January 12th meeting we will welcome two new council members and one incumbent who will be sworn into office by the City Clerk. While they will not be sworn in until the 12th, we are inviting both newly elected officials to participate fully in the work session.

Item 4: Appearances: Mr. James Bence from Mauldin and Jenkins will provide Mayor and Council with a report on the results of the annual audit and financial position of the City.

Item 5: Announcements: City Manager will share the tentative 2023 events calendar

Item 7: Old Business:

- a) Consider application for alcohol license – Manufacturing Distilled Spirits/Micro Distillery-Package Sales & Consumption on Premise. This item has previous been before Mayor and Council and was tabled until January and is therefore back on the agenda. The applicants will attend the work session on January 5th to address any questions.
- b) Consider Second Reading of Hough/Cherry Grove Deannexation Application. Cherokee County has accepted the De-annexation, but has asked for the City to vote on the de-annexation a second time. While we don't believe this is a legal requirement there is no harm in accepting a second reading and finalizing this petition.

Item 8: New Business:

- a) Consider Appointment of Mayor Pro-Tem – action by Mayor Roberts.
- b) Consider Appointment of 2023 Department Heads, Committees and Board Members – action by Mayor Roberts
- c) Reaffirm Check Signers for any/all banking/checking accounts: Staff is recommending that we reaffirm our existing check signers as the City Clerk, Police Chief, City Manager and Mayor. The staff is further recommending continuing the requirement that all checks in excess of \$500 require signatures from either of the aforementioned individuals.
- d) Consider Establish and Fixing Qualifying Fees for Municipal Elections per O.C.G.A. 1-2-131(1)(a). While we are not scheduled for an election this year, we are required to adopt and publish qualifying fees each January. Staff recommends maintaining our current fee structure of \$35.00 for the position of City Council and \$108 for the Office of Mayor. (While we have to adopt, the rates are set in the State Code).
- e) Consider Arbor Day Proclamation: As a “Tree City” we are required to annually adopt a proclamation for observance of Arbor Day. This year in Georgia Arbor Day will be Friday, February 17th, 2023.
- f) Consider GMA Lease Purchase of a Hydro Excavator: Request authorization to enter a GMA Lease Purchase Agreement to obtain a CV SGT Vacuum Excavator by Vermeer. Our Thanksgiving crisis highlighted the need for this piece of equipment. We anticipate the formal quote by work session time but should be just under \$70,000. We are recommending purchasing through the GMA Lease Purchase on a four-year note with monthly payments at \$1,466.77 at a projected interest rate of 3.97%. Staff recommendation would be to create a line-item budget transfer to move \$6,000 from the “Small Equipment Purchase Line” and create a line for “Hydro Vac Lease Payments” for \$6,000 to fund the payments for the remainder of this fiscal year.
- g) Consider Advertising for Proposed Land Swap Agreement. When the City purchased the 50-acre green space (Roberts Lake) from Alexander Land Management the City incurred an obligation to establish a 50-foot-wide ingress/egress corridor to guarantee future access to the remaining 450 acres of Alexander Land holdings. With one property owner declining to sell the City the necessary land we were forced to establish two very harsh curves in the access road to establish this access. That landowner has since sold their holdings and the new owner has agreed to swap the land – the City giving up the area we had obtained in exchange for a much more direct route. This was

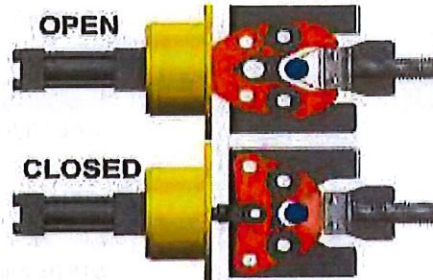
a staff-initiated proposal to provide better future access. The requested action before the council would be to simply advertise the potential swap as required by law. The actual execution of any potential swap would have to come back before council at a future date for approval/denial. We should have the completed survey to you by the work session.

- h) Consider Updated IGA (Intergovernmental Agreement) for Cherokee County to conduct elections for the City of Ball Ground. While the framework of this agreement remains the same, the new agreement provides for rate increases for fees to be paid to the county for everything from sequestered workers to ink cartridges for their printers. This would only pertain to special elections as we no longer pay for the County to conduct our elections when those elections are held in concurrence with another scheduled election.

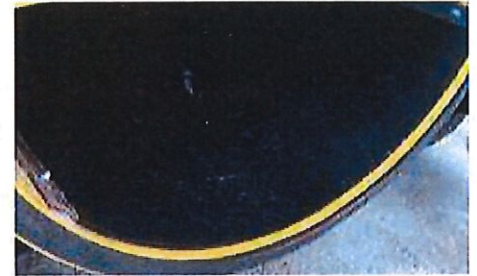
CV SGT VACUUM EXCAVATOR



.5 MICRON FILTRATION. Cyclonic filtration separator as well as a secondary filter to clean the air down to .5 microns.



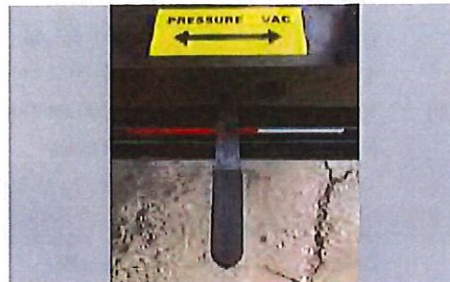
REAR HYDRAULIC CLAW DOOR. Rear hydraulic claw door has an over-center locking mechanism for a no-fuss positive lock and unlock.



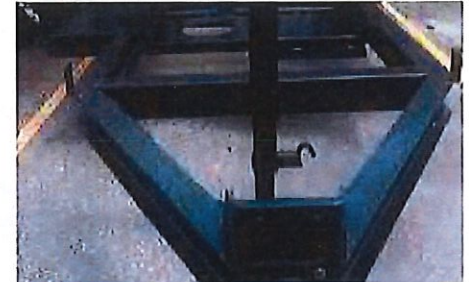
POLYMER LINER. The polymer liner inside the debris tank on the bottom half makes for ease of dumping and cleanout.



STRONG ARM (OPTION). With 270-degree rotation, the strong arm supports the weight of the vacuum hose, and the roller head makes handling efficient by allowing smooth, fluid movements and adjustments.



REVERSE PRESSURE. Reverse pressure to offload liquids and dislodge debris in hose.



I BEAM TRAILER. Units are built from start to finish at our factory, including the trailer which consists of a sturdy I beam construction.