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

**MINUTES**  
**March 14, 2024**

**Item 1: Meeting Called to Order - by Mayor Pro Tem Dennis Nelson presided over the meeting in the absence of Mayor Roberts.**

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

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

**Recognize Veteran of the Month - Council Member Dennis Nelson recognized Charles Tucker as Veteran of the Month. A proclamation was presented to Mr. Tucker along with a challenge coin for his service.**

**Item 2: Pledge of Allegiance led by Charles Tucker, Veteran of the Month.**

**Item 3: Approve Agenda**

**Council Member Barnes put forth a motion, Seconded by Council Member Benefield to approve the meeting agenda as presented.**

**Motion Unanimously Approved.**

**Item 4: Appearances/Public Comments - None**

**Item 5: Announcements/Informational Items**

**April 6 – BBQ & Brews**

**April 23 – Touch-A-Truck**

**May 11 – Ball Ground Garden Club Annual Plant Sale & Festival**

**May 25 – Concert in the Pak**

**Item 6: Consider Approval of Minutes: February 8, 2024 Council Meeting**

**Council Member Rogers put forth a motion, Seconded by Council Member Barnes to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2024 Council Meeting as submitted in writing by the City Clerk.**

**Motion Unanimously Approved.**

**Item 7: Old Business - None**

**Item 8: New Business**

a) Request by Mountain Brooke Developer to accept the following infrastructure.

- N Mountain Brooke Drive - 1,132 linear feet with curb/gutter/sidewalk @ \$173,321
- Madison Cout - 415 Linear Feet with curb/gutter/sidewalk @ \$63,541
- Tom Avery Drive - 1,490 Linear Feet with curb/gutter/sidewalk @ \$228,134
- Water Lines along aforementioned streets \$123,155.77
- Sewer Line along aforementioned streets \$160,262.14
- Storm Water System: \$160,262.14

Council Member Rogers put forth a motion, Seconded by Council Member Homiller that from this day forward to accept, authorize and exercise general authority and control over the aforementioned streets, curb/gutter/sidewalk, water lines, sewer lines and storm water system within its jurisdiction, including the acceptance of aforementioned streets, curb/gutter/sidewalk, water lines, sewer lines and storm water system for maintenance purposes.

**Motion Unanimously Approved.**

b) Consider RPF for Sanitation Provider

Council Member Homiller put forth a motion, Seconded by Council Member Rogers, to approve entering into a contract with Waste-Pro for solid waste services upon review and approval by City Attorney Darrell Caudill.

**Motion Unanimously Approved.**

**Item 9: City Manager Comments**

City Manager Wilmarth presented the mayor and council with an unaudited report of account balances and statement of revenue and expenditures for the month ended February 29, 2024.

City Manager Wilmarth provided the mayor and council with updates regarding ongoing projects in the city. Projects mentioned were:

- Jamie Gianfala has joined the Police Department to fill the position as Chief of Police due to the recent retirement of Chief Bryon Reeves.
- Officer Stuart Gonzalez was commended for his work organizing and preparing disposition of police department evidence.
- Capital Projects – The new concept plan for the proposed round-about at Howell Bridge and Hwy has been approved by GDOT.

- **Recreation – The pocket park located downtown is nearing completion. The Park Master Plan will be considered for approval at the April City Council Meeting. Anticipate May 1 to be the opening date of the entrance to Roberts Lake Trail.**
- **Community Development - Efforts continue to develop the Capital Improvements Element in accordance with the Development Impact Fee Compliance Requirements and Minimum Standards and Procedures for Local Comprehensive Planning. Anticipate adoption at the April City Council Meeting.**

**Item 10: Mayor Roberts Comments**

**Mayor Pro Tem Dennis Nelson encouraged those in attendance to download the My Town App. He stated the app is a great way to stay informed about events and happenings around the city.**

**Item 11: Council Comments – Council Members thanked everyone for their attendance at tonight’s meeting.**

**Item 12: Executive Session (If Needed)**

**Item 12: Adjourn**

**There being no further business for council consideration a motion was duly made and seconded to adjourn at 7:50 PM.**

**Motion Unanimously Approved.**

**The minutes of this meeting will be considered for approval at the April 4, City Council Meeting**

**Respectfully submitted**

**Karen L. Jordan**