

City of Blue Ridge

480 West First Street • Blue Ridge, Georgia • (706) 632-2091

Special Called Meeting

January 26th, 2022

6:00 p.m.

Blue Ridge City Hall

MINUTES

Present:

Mayor: Rhonda Haight

Council Members: Bill Bivins, Christy Kay, Jack Taylor, Angie Arp, and William Whaley

City Clerk: Amy Mintz

1) Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Rhonda Haight called meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2) Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member William Whaley led the prayer.

Mayor Rhonda Haight led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3) Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

None

4) Approval of Agenda or Motion to Amend Agenda (if applicable)

None

Called Public Hearings (Rezoning or Appeals Authorized by Ordinance)

None

Consent Agenda (Multiply Items for Approval Set by the Mayor)

None

Action Agenda Items (Items requiring the approval of the Council):

1) Award Bid for Depot Street and C&S Project

Mayor Haight recommended the project be awarded to Wilson Construction Management for \$259,788.97 for Depot Street and the C&S project for the railway. Mayor Haight stated we do not have part of an easement signed, so we are not able to do the backside of the project at this time, it will stop at the property line. A meeting is scheduled with Wojohn, his attorney, and the City Attorney on February 15, 2022, to discuss options. If that portion of the project is removed, it would be approximately \$45,000 to \$50,000.00 that will come off of the base price.

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Mayor Rhonda Haight explained there were two projects that were approved by the previous council. One was Depot Street, where they will have to replace a series of drains due to the flooding issue in the area. The remainder of the project will be at the railroad tracks.

Council Member William Whaley moved to approve the bid.

Council Member Bill Bivins seconded.

WILLIAM (M) ANGIE (X) JACK (X) CHRISTY (X) BILL (S)

Approved bid of \$259,788.97

2) 2nd reading of Municode Ordinance

Mayor Rhonda Haight read Ordinance BR2022-03.

Council Member William Whaley moved to adopt the ordinance.

Council Member Angie Arp seconded.

WILLIAM (M) ANGIE (S) JACK (X) CHRISTY (X) BILL (X)

Ordinance BR2022-03 enacted.

3) Hiring of City Administrator

Mayor Rhonda Haight recommended Eric M. Soroka for the position at a salary of \$70,000.00 per year, with no provision health benefits. Mayor Haight stated he would work 30 hours a week, in office and would be attending council meetings as well.

Council Member Jack Taylor made a motion to hire Eric M. Soroka as City Administrator.

Council Member William Whaley seconded.

WILLIAM (S) ANGIE (X) JACK (M) CHRISTY (X) BILL (X)

Eric M. Soroka hired as City Administrator at \$70,000.00 a year.

Discussion Agenda Items (Items for discussion only):

None

Reports

None

Public Comments

None

Adjournment

Council Member William Whaley moved to adjourn the meeting.

Council Member Angie Arp seconded.

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm.

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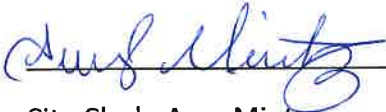
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Mayor, Rhonda Haight

February 15, 2022

Approved



City Clerk, Amy Mintz

(city seal)



