

**City of Ellijay  
Council Meeting  
January 25, 2010**

Mayor Al Hoyle called the meeting to order with the following in attendance:

**Council Members:**

Katie Lancey  
David Westmoreland  
Al Fuller  
Charles Barclay  
Ruth Caudell

**Staff Members:**

Don Schneider  
Sam West  
Candy Day  
Larry Callahan

Al Fuller opened with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Motion was made by David Westmoreland to approve the January 25, 2009 City Council Meeting Agenda. The motion was seconded by Katie Lancey and all voted for.

Motion was made by Al Fuller to approve the December 2009 City Council Meeting Minutes. Katie Lancey seconded the motion and all voted for.

Motion was made by Katie Lancey to approve the December 2009 Financial Statement. David Westmoreland seconded the motion and all voted for.

During Staff Report time, Better Home Town Manager Candy Day said she has moved her office back to the City Hall building due to the conditions at the welcome center. She also went over her summary report, from 2006 to 2009, which is submitted to the Department of Community Affairs. She explained to the Council what was included in the category totals and stated that the figures included the entire period that the Better Home Town program has been in existence.

Chief Larry Callahan stated that there are funds allocated in the 2010 budget for a new patrol car and that the Ford F-150 he is currently driving was not holding up well to the type of driving required for a patrol vehicle and that recent repairs reflected that condition. Chief Callahan said that he thought the truck might be better suited for the Code Enforcement Dept. The Council discussed the idea among themselves and the Chief and the general consensus was to move the truck to the Code Enforcement Dept. and purchase a Ford Crown Victoria per the budget. The Chief mentioned that the Lamar County Officers that came to Ellijay during the month of January had a successful class and highway operation and would like to have them come back in the future. Chief Callahan said that he was completing ten years of service as Police Chief and that he really appreciated the City Council's support during this time.

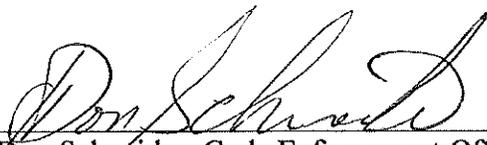
During "Citizen Input" time, Brian Linkous spoke to the Council about his concerns that downtown Ellijay businesses were closing and he thought more should be done to prevent closing and help businesses. He also expressed his desire to be more involved and stated he would be glad to serve on committees involved with downtown.

Motion was made by David Westmoreland to appoint Brian Linkous to the Ellijay Historic Preservation Commission. Charles Barclay seconded the motion and all voted for.

Motion was made by Ruth Caudell to go into Executive Session. David Westmoreland seconded the motion and all voted for.

Motion was made by Katie Lancey to come out of Executive Session and back into the regular meeting. David Westmoreland seconded the motion and all voted for.

Motion was made by Ruth Caudell to adjourn. David Westmoreland seconded the motion and all voted for.



Don Schneider, Code Enforcement Officer

CITY OF ELLIJAY  
CLOSED MEETING AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF GILMER

Personally appeared before the undersigned attesting officer duly authorized to Administer oaths, Al Hoyle, Mayor, Council members Charles Barclay, Ruth Caudell, Al Fuller, Kathryn Lancey, David Westmoreland, City Council Members, who after duly sworn, dispose and on oath state the following:

1.

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2.

It is our understanding that O.C.G.A. # 50-14-4 (b) provides as follows:

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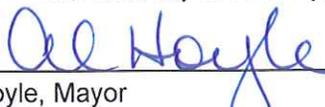
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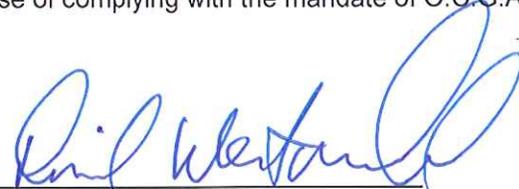
The subject matter of the closed meeting or closed portion of the meeting held on the 25th day of January, 2010, which was closed for the purpose of discussing personnel and land acquisition as allowed by O.C.G.A., Title 50, Chapter 14, was devoted to matters within those exceptions and as provided by law.

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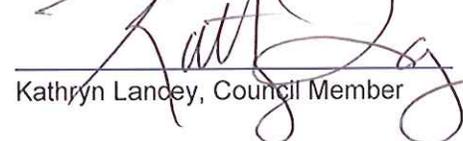
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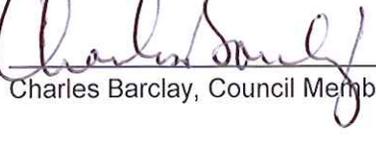
  
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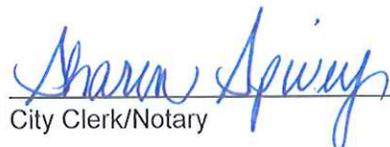
  
Ruth Caudell, Council Member

  
Al Fuller, Council Member

  
Kathryn Lancey, Council Member

  
Charles Barclay, Council Member

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
This 24th day of May, 2011

  
City Clerk/Notary

**City of Ellijay  
Council Meeting  
February 15, 2010**

Mayor Al Hoyle called the meeting to order with the following in attendance:

**Council Members:**

Katie Lancey  
David Westmoreland  
Al Fuller  
Charles Barclay  
Ruth Caudell

**Staff Members:**

Don Schneider  
Sam West  
Candy Day  
Larry Callahan

Motion was made by David Westmoreland to go into Executive Session. Ruth Caudell seconded the motion and all voted for.

Motion was made by Ruth Caudell to come out of Executive Session and back into the regular meeting. David Westmoreland seconded the motion and all voted for.

Al Fuller opened with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Motion was made by Ruth Caudell to approve the Agenda with "Review and Action – Personnel" removed. David Westmoreland seconded the motion and all voted for.

Motion was made by Al Fuller to approve the January 25, 2010 City Council Meeting Minutes. Katie Lancey seconded the motion and all voted for.

Motion was made by David Westmoreland to approve the January 2010 Financial Statement. Ruth Caudell seconded the motion and all voted for.

During Staff Report time, Better Home Town Manager Candy Day said this year BHT will sell "Pinson Barn" Christmas ornaments with the proceeds going to help the proposed City Park.

During New Business, the Mayor announced the first reading of changes to the Soil Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Ordinance and to the Sprinkler Ordinance.

Motion was made by Ruth Caudell to adjourn. David Westmoreland seconded the motion and all voted for.

  
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Don Schneider, Code Enforcement Officer

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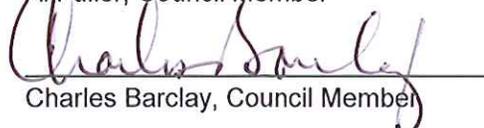
  
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Ruth Caudell, Council Member

  
Kathryn Lancey, Council Member

  
David Westmoreland, Mayor Pro-Tem

  
Al Fuller, Council Member

  
Charles Barclay, Council Member

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This 24th day of May, 2011

  
City Clerk/Notary

**City of Ellijay  
Council Meeting  
March 15, 2010**

Mayor Al Hoyle called the meeting to order with the following in attendance:

**Council Members:**

Katie Lancey  
David Westmoreland  
Al Fuller  
Charles Barclay  
Ruth Caudell

**Staff Members:**

Don Schneider  
Sam West  
Candy Day  
Larry Callahan

Al Fuller opened with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Hoyle recommended that two items be added to the Agenda. The first item was Executive Session (for the purpose of discussion of Personnel and Land Acquisition) to be added to "New Business" following "Review and action on the Gilmer County Chamber of Commerce Newcomer Guide" and the second item to be Review and Action on Interim City Clerk at the end of the "New Business" items. Motion was made by Ruth Caudell to approve the Agenda with the additions recommended by Mayor Hoyle. Katie Lancey seconded the motion and all voted for.

Motion was made by Al Fuller to approve the February 2010 regular City Council Meeting Minutes, the February 2010 Special Called Meeting Minutes and the March 2010 Special Called Meeting Minutes. Katie Lancey seconded the motion and all voted for.

Motion was made by David Westmoreland to approve the February 2010 Financial Statement. Katie Lancey seconded the motion and all voted for.

During Staff Report time, Better Home Town Manager Candy Day displayed the proposed sign that will be a Beautification Award to property owners, selected each year by BHT, that do an exceptional job of beautifying and maintaining their property. Also during Staff Report time, Don Schneider stated that he had been asked by the Georgia Association of Code Enforcement to sit on the Curriculum Committee that works with the University of Georgia to plan the curriculum that Code Officers statewide will use to maintain their certification as Level I and Level II Code Enforcement Officers.

Judy Hardy spoke to the Mayor and City Council during Citizen Input time to express her concerns that something be done to improve safety conditions at the location of her business, LoveThoseMountians Realty 118 North Main St. where a side alley connects with North Main St. There was some discussion about a possible speed breaker or signage to help prevent an accident. A motion was made by David Westmoreland to have signs installed at the alley saying "No Thru Traffic" and also to install a speed breaker device. Charles Barclay seconded the motion and all voted for.

Motion was made by Ruth Caudell to approve the second reading and passing of the "Soil Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Ordinance". Al Fuller seconded the motion and all voted for.

Motion was made by Charles Barclay to approve the second reading and passing of the amended "Sprinkler Ordinance". Katie Lancey seconded the motion and all voted for.

Motion was made by David Westmoreland to have the Ellijay Better Home Town Manager, Candy Day work with the Chamber of Commerce to come up with a layout for future approval for the City of Ellijay's ad in the Newcomer Guide publication. Al Fuller seconded the motion and all voted for.

Motion was made by Ruth Caudell to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel and land acquisition. Charles Barclay seconded the motion and all voted for.

Motion was made by David Westmoreland to end Executive Session and return to the regular meeting. Ruth Caudell seconded the motion and all voted for.

Motion was made by David Westmoreland to table review and action, concerning the "Interim City Clerk until the next meeting. Ruth Caudell seconded the motion and all voted for.

Motion was made by Ruth Caudell to adjourn. Al Fuller seconded the motion and all voted for.

  
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Don Schneider, Code Enforcement Officer

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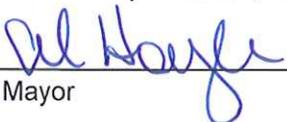
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This 15th day of March, 2010

  
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Al Hoyle, Mayor

  
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David Westmoreland, Mayor Pro-Tem

  
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Ruth Caudell, Council Member

  
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Al Fuller, Council Member

  
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Kathryn Lancey, Council Member

  
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Charles Barclay, Council Member

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
This 24th day of May, 2011

  
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City Clerk/Notary

**City of Ellijay  
Council Meeting  
April 19, 2010**

Mayor Al Hoyle called the meeting to order with the following in attendance:

**Council Members:**

Charles Barclay  
Ruth Caudell  
Al Fuller  
Katie Lancey  
David Westmoreland

**Staff Members:**

Sharon Spivey  
Don Schneider  
Sam West  
Larry Callahan

Al Fuller opened with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion was made by Ruth Caudell to approve the agenda as presented by Mayor Hoyle. Katie Lancey seconded the motion. All voted for.

Motion was made by Al Fuller to approve the March 2010 City Council Meeting Minutes. David Westmoreland seconded the motion. All voted for.

Motion was made by Katie Lancey to approve the March 2010 Financial Statement. Ruth Caudell seconded the motion. All voted for.

During Staff Report time Don Schneider reported on an ongoing problem with the Historic Preservation Society approving signs for new businesses in the city's historic area. He stated the Historic Preservation Society was supposed to have a sign ordinance in place approximately three years ago. To date, this has not been done. Don recommended the City of Ellijay start approving signs for the historic district until a sign ordinance is created by the Historic Preservation Society. The council directed the Mayor to keep sign approval with the City until the Historic Preservation Society adopts a sign ordinance.

During Citizen Input Brian Linkous recommended a spruce up campaign for the downtown Ellijay area and offered his services to pressure wash sidewalks and paint awnings with the City's approval. No motion was made.

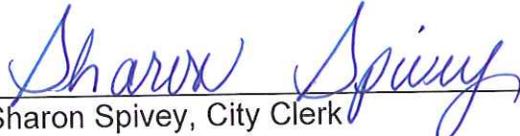
Paige Green with the Gilmer County Chamber of Commerce gave Council Members a copy of the Quarterly Report for Tourism and spoke briefly on their efforts to promote tourism in Ellijay.

Lee R. Key of The Oaks Subdivision questioned the Council as to when the grass would be cut in the subdivision. Mayor Hoyle explained that mowing was scheduled based on need and The Oaks was on the list. Mr. Key also submitted his resume and offered his services to the City for \$1.00 per year.

Owners of the Budget Inn requested help in repairing the retaining wall behind their motel. They stated it sits partially on their land and partially on City right of way. The Mayor stated that the building encroached on city setbacks, creating the problem with the retaining wall. David Westmoreland suggested the Council all meet at the site to see the damage and discuss possible solutions. The owners were requested to give Don Schneider a copy of the plat so that he can mark the right of way. Once completed, the council will arrange a time to meet at the site.

Motion was made by David Westmoreland to approve the ellijay-ga.gov website and payment to Quida Leech. Charles Barclay seconded the motion. All voted for. Don Schneider noted that Blizzard Computers will host the website free of charge for the City in exchange for posting a small blurb "hosted by Blizzard Computers" at the bottom of the website.

Motion was made by Charles Barclay to adjourn. Katie Lancey seconded the motion. All voted for.

  
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Sharon Spivey, City Clerk

**ELLIJAY CITY HALL**  
**May 5, 2010**

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING/  
WORKSHOP**  
**5:00**

Call to Order

Executive Session - Personnel

Workshop

Other

Adjourn

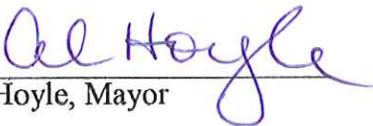
**ELLIJAY CITY HALL  
Special Called Meeting/  
Workshop  
May 5, 2010**

**5:00**

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Al Hoyle, with Mayor Pro-tem David Westmoreland and Council members Charles Barclay, Al Fuller and Katie Lancey present . Better Hometown Board Chairman Chris Campbell was also in attendance.

Motion was made by David Westmoreland and seconded by Charles Barclay to approve the **RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE FIVE-YEAR UPDATE FOR THE JOINT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR GILMER COUNTY AND THE CITIES OF ELLIJAY AND EAST ELLIJAY 2004-2013**. All voted for.

Motion was made by Al fuller and seconded by Charles Barclay to adjourn. All voted for.

  
Al Hoyle, Mayor

**City of Ellijay  
May 17, 2010**

**Workshop  
Started at 5:15 PM and Ending at 5:40 PM**

Mayor Al Hoyle called the meeting to order with the following in attendance:

**Council Members:**

Charles Barclay  
Ruth Caudell  
Al Fuller  
David Westmoreland

**Staff Members:**

Larry Callahan  
Sharon Spivey  
Sam West

Motion was made by David Westmoreland and seconded by Ruth Caudell to go in to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel. All voted for.

Motion was made by David Westmoreland and seconded by Al Fuller to go out of Executive Session. All voted for.

**Public Hearing  
Zoning Change 288 Dalton Street  
Started at 5:45 PM and Ended at 5:50 PM**

Mayor Hoyle opened the public hearing on a zoning change for 288 Dalton Street requesting input from those attending. Hilda Mayfield addressed the council and handed out maps of the location for the requested zoning change. There was no other input.

**Council Meeting  
Started at 6:00 PM and Ended at 6:10 PM**

Mayor Al Hoyle called the meeting to order with the following in attendance:

**Council Members:**

Charles Barclay  
Ruth Caudell  
Al Fuller  
David Westmoreland

**Staff Members:**

Larry Callahan  
Sharon Spivey  
Sam West  
David Lindsey, City Attorney

Al Fuller opened with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion was made by Al Fuller and seconded by Ruth Caudell to approve the agenda with the addition of Better Home Town Interim Director under New Business. All voted for.

Motion was made by Al Fuller and seconded by Ruth Caudell to approve the April 2010 City Council Meeting Minutes. All voted for.

Motion was made by David Westmoreland and seconded by Ruth Caudell to approve the April 2010 Financial Statement. All voted for.

### **Staff Reports**

No additional information was noted during staff report time other than what was already included in the council packet.

### **Citizen Input**

During Citizen Input a local store owner thanked council members for coming downtown and visiting their shops.

Paige Green with the Gilmer County Chamber of Commerce reminded all present that Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup> will be this year's "Taste of Ellijay" in the downtown area.

### **New Business**

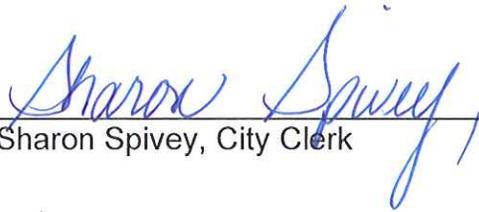
Motion was made by David Westmoreland and seconded by Charles Barclay to approve the request for the zoning change at 288 Dalton Street from commercial to R2. All voted for.

Motion was made by David Westmoreland and seconded by Al Fuller authorizing the Mayor to renew the Cemetery Fund CD that will mature on June 2, 2010 to the bank with the highest interest rate within the city of Ellijay. All voted for.

Motion was made by Charles Barclay and seconded by Ruth Caudell to close CDBG-07P-X-061-2-3336 account at Gilmer County Bank due to grant completion. All voted for.

Motion was made by David Westmoreland and seconded by Charles Barclay to appoint Chris Campbell as interim manager of the Better Hometown Program until a new director is appointed.

Motion was made by Charles Barclay and seconded by David Westmoreland to adjourn. All voted for.

  
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Sharon Spivey, City Clerk

**CITY OF ELLIJAY  
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Al Hoyle  
Al Hoyle, Mayor

Ruth Caudell  
Ruth Caudell, Council Member

Not Present  
Kathryn Lancey, Council Member

Charles Barclay  
Charles Barclay, Council Member

Al Fuller  
Al Fuller, Council Member

David A. Westmoreland  
David Westmoreland, Mayor Pro-Tem

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
This 17th day of May, 2010

Sharon Spivey  
City Clerk



**City of Ellijay  
June 21, 2010**

**Workshop  
Started at 5:15 PM and Ending at 6:00 PM**

**Council Meeting  
Started at 6:00 PM and Ended at 7:15 PM**

Mayor Al Hoyle called the meeting to order with the following in attendance:

**Council Members:**

Kathryn Lancey  
Ruth Caudell  
Al Fuller  
David Westmoreland  
David Lindsey, City Attorney

**Staff Members:**

Larry Callahan  
Sharon Spivey  
Sam West  
Don Schneider

Al Fuller opened with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion was made by Al Fuller and seconded by Kathryn Lancey to approve the agenda as amended with the addition of the Annual Renewal of the Northwest Georgia Regional Commission Agreement. All voted for.

Motion was made by Ruth Caudell and seconded by Al Fuller to approve the May, 2010 City Council Meeting Minutes. All voted for.

Motion was made by David Westmoreland and seconded by Kathryn Lancey to approve the May 2010 Financial Statement. All voted for.

**Staff Reports**

Chief Larry Callahan reported that the police department is having communication issues with radios. They are currently looking into a repeated radio system. He also explained the new police report format included in the council packet, as requested by Charles Barclay prior to tonight's meeting. Effective July 1, 2010, the police department will no longer participate in the GOHS grant program. The current stipulations of the grant have become more of an expense than an asset to the department.

Chris Campbell, Interim Better Home Town Manager, reported that monthly reports sent to the State of Georgia will be included in the council's packet in the future. The Historic Preservation Committee is scheduled to meet in a couple of weeks to begin discussion on sign issues.

### Citizen Input

During Citizen input Laura Linkous requested having a stop sign put up at the school on North Avenue in an effort to slow down the traffic on that street. Chief Callahan will look into the matter and give a report at next month's meeting.

Greg Altman requested the status of burying the pipes along the river. Council member Westmoreland gave him a copy of the letter from Water Authority director, Emory DeBoard, with quotes for burying the pipe. It was noted by Westmoreland that due to the estimated cost of three(3) plus million dollars, this project would not be completed any time soon.

Brian Linkous will continue pressure washing efforts in the down-town area.

PJ's Rusted Buffalo requested to have more police presence in the area of his store. He states people are in the back ally on a regular basis.

### New Business

Motion was made by Council member Westmoreland and seconded by Council member Lancey to approve the **New Employee Health Benefits packet** which includes BCBS Option 1 with an annual net cost of \$136,024, dental benefits at an annual cost of \$10,276, and Life and Disability benefits through Dearborn National at an annual cost of \$10,173. Council member Lancey seconded the motion. All voted for.

The council was notified that the City had received the resignation of Bertie Kamholz, Election Superintendent. The floor was opened for nominations. Gary Watkins was nominated and it was noted that he is already certified. Motion was made by Council member Westmoreland and seconded by Council member Fuller to **appoint Gary Watkins the new Election Superintendent**. All voted for.

Motion was made by Ruth Caudell and seconded by Council member Lancey to **add City Clerk, Sharon Spivey, as a signatory to all City bank accounts**. All voted for.

Motion was made by Council member Westmoreland and seconded by Council member Lancey to **sign a Right of Way Maintenance Agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation** to assist with mowing of a portion of SR 515 inside the city limits for a period of one year. All voted for.

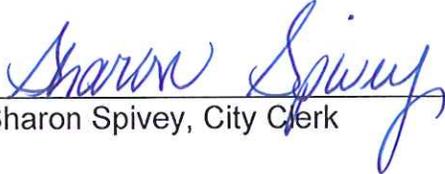
Motion was made by Council member Westmoreland and seconded by Council member Caudell to **accept the renewal premium of \$32,252.00 for the Trident Property and Causality Insurance** as presented by Pam Fox of Marshall Insurance.

Motion was made by Council member Caudell and seconded by Council member Fuller to **renew the Annual Northwest Georgia Regional Commission Agreement regarding NWGRC delivery of general planning and development control consultation and administration services to the City.** All voted for.

Motion was made by Council member Caudell and seconded by Council member Fuller to go in to Executive Session. All voted for.

Motion was made by Council member Westmoreland and seconded by Council member Lancey to come out of Executive Session. All voted for.

Motion was made by Council member Caudell and seconded by Council member Fuller to adjourn. All voted for.

  
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3.

The subject matter of the closed meeting or closed portion of the meeting held on the 21st day of June, 2010, which was closed for the purpose of discussing personnel as allowed by O.C.G.A., Title 50, Chapter 14, was devoted to matters within those exceptions and as provided by law.

4.

This affidavit is being executed for the purpose of complying with the mandate of O.C.G.A. # 50-14-4(b) that such an affidavit be executed.

This 21st day of June, 2010

Al Hoyle  
Al Hoyle, Mayor

Ruth Caudell  
Ruth Caudell, Council Member

Kathryn Lancey  
Kathryn Lancey, Council Member

David A. Westmoreland  
David Westmoreland, Mayor Pro Tem

Al Fuller  
Al Fuller, Council Member

Not Present  
Charles Barclay, Council Member

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
This 21st day of June, 2010

Sharon Spivey  
City Clerk/Notary



**City of Ellijay  
July 19, 2010**

**Workshop  
Started at 5:15 PM and Ended at 6:00 PM**

**Council Meeting  
Started at 6:00 PM and Ended at 7:15 PM**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Al Hoyle, with Mayor Pro-tem David Westmoreland and Council Members Kathryn Lancey and Ruth Caudell in attendance. Also present were City Clerk Sharon Spivey, Police Chief Larry Callahan, Fire Chief Sam West, Code Enforcement Officer Don Schneider, Better Hometown Interim Manager Chris Campbell, and City Attorney David Lindsey.

Don Schneider opened with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion was made Ruth Caudell and seconded by Kathryn Lancey to approve the July, 2010 agenda. All voted for.

Motion was made by David Westmoreland and seconded by Kathryn Lancey to approve the June, 2010 City Council Meeting Minutes. All voted for.

Motion was made by Kathryn Lancey and seconded by Ruth Caudell to approve the June, 2010 Financial Statements. All voted for.

During staff reports Chief Callahan reported that he had checked on the feasibility of placing a stop sign to slow traffic at the intersection of North Main Street and College Street, as requested in the June, 2010 Council Meeting. The ultimate goal of the stop sign would be to slow the traffic down. Chief Callahan stated that he felt a stop sign would definitely slow the traffic down, but it would also create chaos for school traffic. He recommended a speed bump rather than a stop sign to slow the traffic.

Better Hometown Interim Manager Campbell reported that the Department of Community Affairs(DCA) came for Board Member training during the last Better Hometown Board Meeting. DCA will be returning for the next meeting, which will be held on August 11, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. He encouraged all city business owners to attend. He also noted that five new businesses have moved in to the down-town area, including a performing arts theatre. He stated that this was due to the joint effort of the Gilmer County Chamber of Commerce and the Better Hometown Program. He also reminded everyone that the outdoor movie at Harris Park will be held on August 7th with a rain date of August 21st. "Old Dawgs" will be the featured movie. It was also noted that the beautification signs are still at Cohutta Rustics. Additionally, the television show "Extreme Makeover" will be doing a Main Street Edition where they will pick a city in

the state of Georgia and make over a city block. He has started the application to enter the City of Ellijay as a contestant for this television show. Better Hometown is in the process of Board Member training. They have four committees that have been assigned to do two tangible projects each. Chris feels this will help the program with setting and reaching its desired goals. He also stated that Dalton State College is starting a new packet for students of the college and are looking for donations such as "percent off" coupons on purchases in the City of Ellijay. The Better Hometown program and the Chamber of Commerce are working in conjunction to gather contributions from area businesses to be included in the 450 packets, as requested by the college.

### **Citizen Input**

The question was raised by a citizen regarding the legality of the new business located in the old NAPA building on Main Street. Chief Callahan stated that the business has been investigated and appears to be operating legally.

### **New Business**

The first item of new business was the review and action of the Historic Preservation Committee vacancy. Mayor Hoyle asked for nominations to fill this position. None were given. Mayor Hoyle will add this item to next month's agenda.

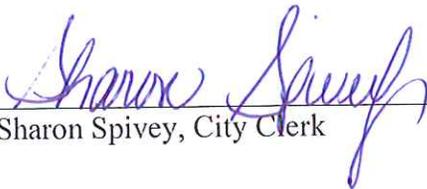
Motion was made by Ruth Caudell and seconded by Kathryn Lancey to appoint Glenda Warrick and Francine Stanley to the Housing Authority Commission. All voted for.

Motion was made by David Westmoreland and seconded by Ruth Caudell to accept the FY 2009 audit as presented. All voted for.

Motion was made by David Westmoreland and seconded by Ruth Caudell to go in to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel. All voted for.

Motion was made by David Westmoreland and seconded by Ruth Caudell to come out of Executive Session. All voted for.

Motion was made by David Westmoreland and seconded by Ruth Caudell to adjourn. All voted for.

  
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Sharon Spivey, City Clerk

CITY OF ELLIJAY  
CLOSED MEETING AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF GILMER

Personally appeared before the undersigned attesting officer duly authorized to Administer oaths, Al Hoyle, Mayor, Council members Charles Barclay, Ruth Caudell, Al Fuller, Kathryn Lancey, David Westmoreland, City Council Members, who after duly sworn, dispose and on oath state the following:

1.

We were the city officials present and presiding over the meeting of the Ellijay City Council held on the 19th day of July, 2010.

2.

It is our understanding that O.C.G.A. # 50-14-4 (b) provides as follows:

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This 19th day of July, 2010

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Al Hoyle, Mayor

Ruth Caudell  
Ruth Caudell, Council Member

Kathryn Lancey  
Kathryn Lancey, Council Member

David Westmoreland  
David Westmoreland, Mayor Pro-Tem

Not Present  
Al Fuller, Council Member

Not Present  
Charles Barclay, Council Member

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
This 19th day of July, 2010

Sharon Spivey  
City Clerk/Notary



**City of Ellijay**  
**August 23, 2010**

**Workshop/Special Called Meeting**  
**5:00**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Al Hoyle, with Mayor Pro-tem David Westmoreland and Council Members Ruth Caudell and Al Fuller in attendance.

During Old Business a motion was made David Westmoreland and seconded by Al Fuller to approve the placing the Liquor Referendum on the earliest voting ballot possible. All voted for.

Budget workshop was held.

Motion was made by David Westmoreland and seconded by Ruth Caudell to adjourn. All voted for.

  
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Sharon Spivey, City Clerk

**City of Ellijay  
August 16, 2010**

**Workshop  
Started at 5:15 PM and Ended at 6:00 PM**

**Council Meeting  
Started at 6:00 PM and Ended at 6:45 PM**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Al Hoyle, with Mayor Pro-tem David Westmoreland and Council Members Kathryn Lancey, Ruth Caudell, Al Fuller, and Charles Barclay in attendance. Also present were City Clerk Sharon Spivey, Police Chief Larry Callahan, Fire Chief Sam West, Code Enforcement Officer Don Schneider, Better Hometown Interim Manager Chris Campbell, and City Attorney David Lindsey.

Al Fuller opened with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion was made by David Westmoreland and seconded by Kathryn Lancey to approve the August, 2010 agenda with the addition of Review and Action of the Liquor Referendum under Old Business, and the addition of the review and action of the Resolution authorizing the transmittal to the North Georgia Regional Development Center the updated short term work program for East Ellijay and capital improvements element for Gilmer county and the cities of Ellijay and East Ellijay, review and action of the 2011 Fireworks Contract, and the review and action of the Resolution supporting the concept of the creation of a mountain bike recreational center under New Business. All voted for.

Motion was made by Al Fuller and seconded by Ruth Caudell to approve the July, 2010 City Council Meeting Minutes. All voted for.

Motion was made by Kathryn Lancey and seconded by David Westmoreland to approve the July, 2010 Financial Statements. All voted for.

**Staff Reports**

Chris Campbell thanked the Rotary Club, volunteers and sponsors that helped with the movie in the park. Chris felt it was a great success drawing in 250 plus people. He also noted that the second Saturday concert went well. The beautification program is set to begin and Chris asked the Council members and Mayor Hoyle to stay after the meeting for a picture to run in the *Times Courier* with the press release introducing the program to the public.

**Citizen Input**

Bill Craig with the Rotary Club presented a resolution to make Harrison Park an ongoing project for the Rotary Club. After the reading the resolution a check in the amount of \$500 was presented to the City for construction of the park and any necessary maintenance. John Christian of the Apple Arts Playhouse stated the play house is progressing with walls being built upstairs. Classes will begin in September and the play house is scheduled to open in December.

### **Old Business**

Gary Watkins, Election Superintendent, stated that he had spoken with the Secretary of State and the Department of Justice and it is up to the Council to declare an election. He stated that if we move fast the referendum can be run as early as the November 2, 2010 general election. The next earliest date would be March, 2011. If the ballot question remains the same we can put it on November's ballot. If we make any changes to the current ballot we will have to wait until March, 2011. After some discussion a motion was made by Ruth Caudell and seconded by Kathryn Lancey to table any action on the referendum until Monday, August 23, 2010, during the called Budget Planning Meeting. All voted for.

### **New Business**

The first item of new business was the review and action of the Submerge Our Sewers Proclamation. After a brief explanation of the proclamation by Greg Alban a motion was made by David Westmoreland and seconded by Kathryn Lancey to support the Submerge Our Sewers Proclamation. All voted for.

Motion was made by Al Fuller and seconded by David Westmoreland to appoint Robert Martin to the Housing Authority Commission due to the resignation of Don Holland. All voted for.

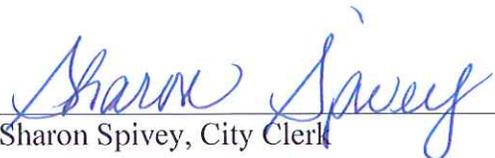
Motion was made by Charles Barclay and seconded by David Westmoreland to renew the BB&T certificate of deposit, expiring on August 21, 2010, at a local bank within the city of Ellijay that offers the best interest rate. All voted for.

Motion was made by David Westmoreland and seconded by Al Fuller to reaffirm the current Better Home Town Board for a consecutive term. All voted for.

Review and action of the Historic Preservation Committee nominations was opened by Mayor Hoyle. No motion was made.

Charles Barclay opened discussion for the paving of the Shrine Drive from Boardtown Road to North Main Street. Mayor Hoyle noted that this is not a city street. The City had tried to annex the street into the city and was unable to do so due to Ronnie West not being willing to give the City an easement to meet the right-of-ways. Discussion was held on paving the street down to the Shrine Club since this is a polling entrance. Barclay asked Mayor Hoyle to research pricing for this. Mayor Hoyle stated the price he received earlier this year was between \$25,000 and \$30,000. He will get new quotes for the work and report to the Council.

Motion was made by David Westmoreland and seconded by Ruth Caudell to adjourn. All voted for.

  
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Sharon Spivey, City Clerk

**City of Ellijay  
September 16, 2010**

**Special Called Meeting  
5:15**

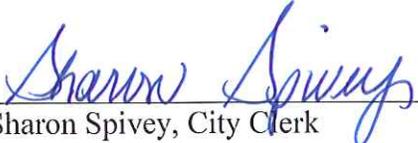
The meeting was called to order by Mayor Al Hoyle, with Mayor Pro-tem David Westmoreland and Council Members Ruth Caudell and Al Fuller in attendance. Also attending was Sharon Spivey, City Clerk.

The first item on the agenda was the presentation of the proposed budget for the year 2011.

Motion was made by David Westmoreland and seconded by Ruth Caudell to approve the resolution agreeing to the terms of the contract for a state grant between the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and the City of Ellijay for a grant of financial assistance to construct trails in Harrison Park, authorize the Mayor of the City of Ellijay to execute said contract on behalf of the City of Ellijay, and accept the grant provided for in said contract in the amount of \$100,000.00. All voted for.

During other business the City Clerk requested the council's opinion for retaining old City Tax Digests. The Georgia Secretary of State's requirement is seven years. After some discussion a decision was made to retain these records for ten years.

Motion was made by David Westmoreland and seconded by Al Fuller to adjourn. All voted for.

  
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Sharon Spivey, City Clerk

**City of Ellijay**  
**September 20, 2010**

Motion was made by David Westmoreland and seconded by Ruth Caudell to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel. All voted for.

Motion was made by David Westmoreland and seconded by Ruth Caudell to come out of Executive Session. All voted for.

**Council Meeting**  
**Started at 6:00 PM and Ended at 6:30 PM**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Al Hoyle, with Mayor Pro-tem David Westmoreland and Council Members Kathryn Lancey, Ruth Caudell, Al Fuller, and Charles Barclay in attendance. Also present were City Clerk Sharon Spivey, Police Chief Larry Callahan, Fire Chief Sam West, Code Enforcement Officer Don Schneider, and Better Hometown Interim Manager Chris Campbell.

Al Fuller opened with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion was made by Al Fuller and seconded by Ruth Caudell to approve the September, 2010 agenda with the addition of the Bid Opening for the 2005 Crown Victoria as item number two under New Business, and the Community Development Block Grant for the award of the construction contract as item number four under New Business. All voted for.

Motion was made by David Westmoreland and seconded by Al Fuller to approve the August, 2010 City Council Meeting Minutes. All voted for.

Motion was made by Kathryn Lancey and seconded by Al Fuller to approve the August, 2010 Financial Statements. All voted for.

**Staff Reports**

Larry Callahan reported that Alan Henson remains in critical condition at Erlanger Hospital. He has had to have fluid drained from his heart and lungs and a chest tube has been placed to help with this. He is also fighting an infection.

Sam West reported that he had checked on a couple of cars; one at Cleveland with a new motor and transmission with 60,000 miles for \$4900; a 2006 model with 46,000 miles for \$11,500. Sam requested guidance from the council on how to proceed. Charles Barclay also noted that one of Chief Callahan's patrol cars is also having some problems. After some discussion it was decided to make the necessary repairs to the cars we currently own.

Chris Campbell reported that he is currently working on the movie for Halloween. Also currently working with the men's Baptist group on a downtown project.

**Citizen Input**

None

**New Business**

Motion was made by David Westmoreland to accept the bid of \$30,026.00 from A.S. Dover Construction for completion of the Boardtown Road Paving project as discussed in the workshop. Seconded by Ruth Caudell. All voted for.

Second item was the bid opening for the 2005 Crown Victoria. One bid in the amount of \$400 was submitted. Motion was made by David Westmoreland and seconded by Al Fuller to reject the bid. All voted for.

Motion was made by David Westmoreland and seconded by Al Fuller to appoint Jim Stover to fill the vacancy on the Historic Preservation Committee. All voted for.

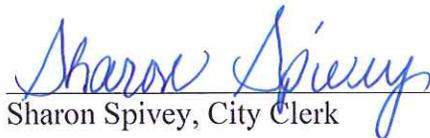
Motion was made by Al Fuller and seconded by Kathryn Lancey to accept the recommendation of Ben Turnipseed to award the CDBG Construction Contract to IWPC of Atlanta, who submitted a bid of \$362,269.25. All voted for.

Motion was made by David Westmoreland and seconded by Ruth Caudell to go in to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel. All voted for.

Motion was made by David Westmoreland and seconded by Al Fuller to come out of Executive Session. All voted for.

Motion was made by Ruth Caudell and seconded by Al Fuller to table the appointment of the Better Hometown Manager. All voted for.

Motion was made by David Westmoreland and seconded by Al Fuller to adjourn. All voted for.

  
Sharon Spivey, City Clerk

CITY OF ELLIJAY  
CLOSED MEETING AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF GILMER

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2.

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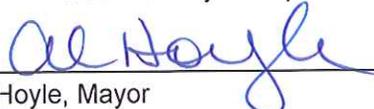
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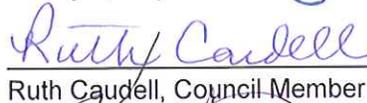
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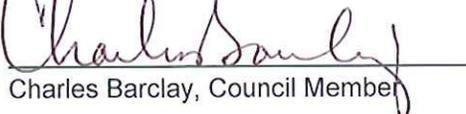
  
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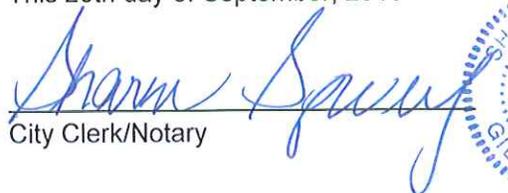
  
Kathryn Lancey, Council Member

  
David Westmoreland, Mayor Pro-Tem

  
Al Fuller, Council Member

  
Charles Barclay, Council Member

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
This 20th day of September, 2010

  
City Clerk/Notary



**City of Ellijay  
September 23, 2010**

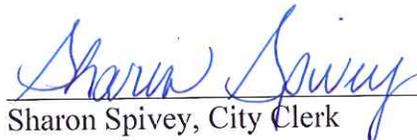
**Public Hearing  
2011 Budget  
5:15**

**Special Called Meeting  
5:25**

The Public Hearing was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem David Westmoreland, with Council Members Ruth Caudell, Charles Barclay, Kathryn Lancey and Al Fuller in attendance. Also attending was Sharon Spivey, City Clerk.

Motion was made by Kathryn Lancey and seconded by Ruth Caudell to hire Ramona Lowe as the new Better Hometown Manager. Three voted for; Charles Barclay abstained.

Motion was made by Ruth Caudell and seconded by Al Fuller to adjourn at 5:25pm. All voted for.

  
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Sharon Spivey, City Clerk

City of Ellijay  
Special Call  
City Council Meeting Minutes  
September 30, 2010  
5:15 PM

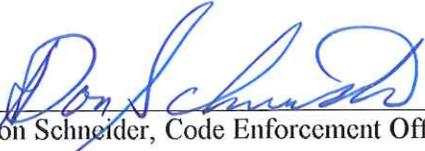
Mayor Pro-Tem, David Westmoreland called the meeting to order in Mayor Al Hoyle's absence. All City Council Members and Code Officer, Don Schneider, in place of City Clerk Sharon Spivey, were present.

Motion was made by Kathryn Lancey to approve the 2011 Budget at \$1,672,788.00. Ruth Caudell seconded the motion and in discussion Councilman Barclay mentioned that he was concerned that the City of Ellijay might be the only City in North Georgia not cutting salaries in the Budget due to the bad economic times. When the vote was called for, all voted for.

Motion was made by Ruth Caudell to approve the 2011 SPLOST Budget at \$250,000.00. Kathryn Lancey seconded the motion and all voted for.

Motion was made by Al Fuller to approve the 2010 Millage Rate as 2.849 mils. Kathryn Lancey seconded the motion and all voted for.

Motion was made by Ruth Caudell to adjourn. Al Fuller seconded the motion and all voted for.

  
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Don Schneider, Code Enforcement Officer

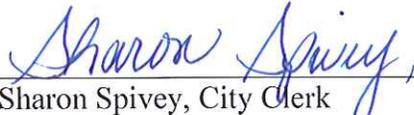
**City of Ellijay**  
**October 27, 2010**

**Special Called Meeting**  
**12:00**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Al Hoyle, with Mayor Pro-tem David Westmoreland and Council Members Ruth Caudell, Kathryn Lancey, Charles Barclay and Al Fuller in attendance. Also attending was Sharon Spivey, City Clerk.

Motion was made by Ruth Caudell and seconded by Kathryn Lancey to adopt the resolution for the updated short term work program and capital improvements element for Gilmer County and the cities of Ellijay and East Ellijay. All voted for.

Motion was made by David Westmoreland and seconded by Al Fuller to adjourn at 12:05. All voted for.

  
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Sharon Spivey, City Clerk

**City of Ellijay  
October 18, 2010**

**Workshop  
Started at 5:30 PM and Ended at 6:00 PM**

**Council Meeting  
Started at 6:00 PM and Ended at 6:25 PM**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Al Hoyle, with Mayor Pro-tem David Westmoreland and Council Members Kathryn Lancey, Ruth Caudell, and Charles Barclay in attendance. Also present were City Clerk Sharon Spivey, Police Chief Larry Callahan, Fire Chief Sam West, Code Enforcement Officer Don Schneider, and Better Hometown Manager Ramona Lowe.

Don Schneider opened with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion was made by David Westmoreland and seconded by Ruth Caudell to approve the October, 2010 agenda with the addition of Review and Action Patrol Car under New Business. All voted for.

Motion was made by David Westmoreland and seconded by Kathryn Lancey to approve the September, 2010 meetings of the City Council. All voted for.

Motion was made by Kathryn Lancey and seconded by Ruth Caudell to approve the September, 2010 Financial Statements. All voted for.

**Staff Reports**

Better Hometown Manager, Ramona Lowe reminded everyone to come to the Halloween event and movie being held at Harrison Park on Saturday, October 30, 2010.

Code Enforcement Officer, Don Schneider notified the council that he had met with Gary McVey of the Ellijay-Gilmer County Water & Sewerage Authority to discuss the condition of the City's paved streets and sidewalks. It was noted that the roads had not been professionally repaired in the past after completion of work by the Authority and a plan was initiated to ensure all needed repairs are completed professionally and in a timely manner. Don gave the council a copy of the letter from Gary McVey stating the agreement. He also asked the council to notify him any roads not on the list so that they can be added.

**Citizen Input**

None

**New Business**

Motion was made by Ruth Caudell and seconded by Charles Barclay to appoint Kent Sanford to the Gilmer County Library Board. All voted for.

Motion was made by David Westmoreland and seconded by Charles Barclay to appoint City Solicitor Allison Sosebee to serve as Judge Pro-Tem. All voted for.

Motion was made by Ruth Caudell and seconded by Kathryn Lancey to close accounts at Regions Bank and move to a local bank within the city of Ellijay that offers the best interest rate.

Motion was made by Charles Barclay and seconded by David Westmoreland to authorize the purchase of a used Crown Victoria for the Police Department not to exceed \$15,000. All voted for.

Motion was made by Charles Barclay and seconded by David Westmoreland to adjourn. All voted for.

  
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Sharon Spivey, City Clerk

**City of Ellijay  
November 15, 2010**

**Workshop**

**Started at 5:30 PM and Ended at 5:45 PM**

**Public Hearing**

**Started at 5:45 PM and ended at 5:50 PM**

**Council Meeting**

**Started at 6:00 PM and Ended at 6:35 PM**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Al Hoyle, with Mayor Pro-tem David Westmoreland and Council Members Kathryn Lancey, Ruth Caudell, Al Fuller, and Charles Barclay in attendance. Also present were City Attorney David Lindsey, City Clerk Sharon Spivey, Police Chief Larry Callahan, Code Enforcement Officer Don Schneider, and Better Hometown Manager Ramona Lowe.

Al Fuller opened with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion was made by Kathryn Lancey and seconded by David Westmoreland to approve the November, 2010 agenda. All voted for.

Motion was made by Al Fuller and seconded by Ruth Caudell to approve the October 18 and October 27, 2010 meetings of the City Council. All voted for.

Motion was made by David Westmoreland and seconded by Kathryn Lancey to approve the October, 2010 Financial Statements. All voted for.

**Staff Reports**

Better Hometown Manager, Ramona Lowe reminded everyone of the upcoming Economic Development Academy being held on February 1, March 8, April 5, and May 3, 2011. Council members wishing to attend were asked to notify Mona as soon as possible.

**Citizen Input**

None

**New Business**

Upon recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission, a motion was made by David Westmoreland and seconded by Kathryn Lancey to approve the zoning variance requested by John Gordon on property located at 309 Sailors Drive. All voted for.

Motion was made by David Westmoreland and seconded by Ruth Caudell to approve the zoning variance for Brian and Lisa Pritchard (South Main and SR-282) with the stipulations recommended by the Zoning and Planning Committee. All voted for.

Motion was made by Ruth Caudell and seconded by Kathryn Lancey to approve the resolution supporting the local hospital. All voted for.

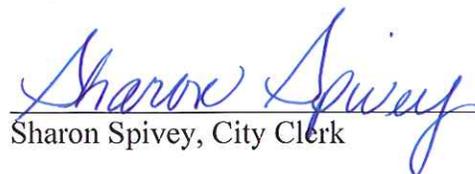
Motion was made by Al Fuller and seconded by Kathryn Lancey to have the Design Guidelines for the City of Ellijay applied to the Historic Preservation Commission. All voted for.

Motion was made by Al Fuller and seconded by David Westmoreland to reappoint Lex Rainey to the Board of Health. All voted for.

Motion was made by Ruth Caudell and seconded by David Westmoreland to go into Executive Session. All voted for.

Motion was made by David Westmoreland and seconded by Ruth Caudell to come out of Executive Session. All voted for.

Motion was made by David Westmoreland and seconded by Ruth Caudell to adjourn. All voted for.

  
Sharon Spivey, City Clerk

CITY OF ELLIJAY  
CLOSED MEETING AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF GILMER

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1.

We were the city officials present and presiding over the meeting of the Ellijay City Council held on the 15th day of November, 2010.

2.

It is our understanding that O.C.G.A. # 50-14-4 (b) provides as follows:

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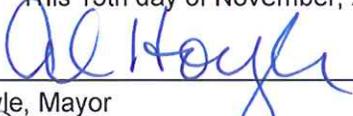
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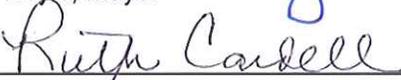
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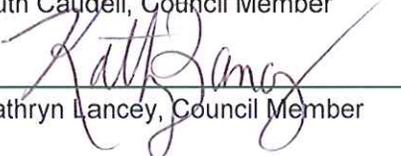
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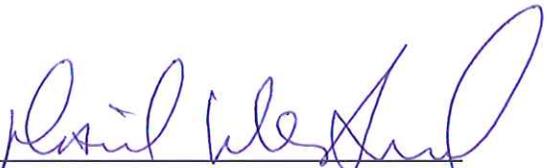
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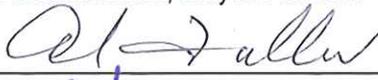
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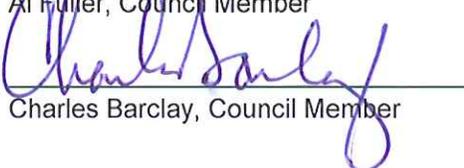
  
Al Hoyle, Mayor

  
Ruth Caudell, Council Member

  
Kathryn Lancey, Council Member

  
David Westmoreland, Mayor Pro-Tem

  
Al Fuller, Council Member

  
Charles Barclay, Council Member

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
This 15th day of November, 2010

  
City Clerk/Notary



**City of Ellijay  
December 20, 2010**

**Workshop  
Started at 5:30 PM and Ended at 5:50 PM**

**Council Meeting  
Started at 6:00 PM and Ended at 6:25 PM**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Al Hoyle, with Mayor Pro-tem David Westmoreland and Council Members Kathryn Lancey, Ruth Caudell, Al Fuller, and Charles Barclay in attendance. Also present were City Attorney David Lindsey, City Clerk Sharon Spivey, Police Chief Larry Callahan, Fire Chief Sam West, and Better Hometown Manager Ramona Lowe.

Al Fuller opened with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion was made by David Westmoreland and seconded by Kathryn Lancey to approve the December, 2010 agenda. All voted for.

Motion was made by Ruth Caudell and seconded by Kathryn Lancey to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2010 meeting of the City Council. All voted for.

Motion was made by Kathryn Lancey and seconded by David Westmoreland to approve the November, 2010 Financial Statements. All voted for.

**Staff Reports**

Better Hometown Manager, Ramona Lowe reminded everyone of the upcoming Economic Development Academy being held on February 1, March 8, April 5, and May 3, 2011. Council members wishing to attend were asked to notify Mona as soon as possible. Mona stated the deadline to register is December 31, 2010.

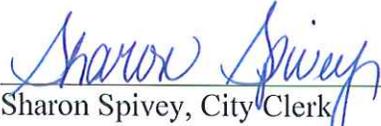
**Citizen Input**

Gary Watkins, Election Superintendent, notified the City Council that a proposed referendum to allow distilled spirits by the drink is scheduled for March 15, 2011 with polling at the Civic Center. He also noted that early voting will begin on February 14, 2011, Monday through Friday. Advanced voting will be the week prior to March 15, 2011. The polls will be open 7AM to 7PM on voting day. A short discussion was initiated by David Westmoreland regarding holding future elections at City Hall. After some discussion Westmoreland requested having citizen input during the January City Council Meeting to get the public's view on the matter.

**New Business**

The 2011 Planning Session was scheduled for January 18, 2011, 5 PM to 7 PM. The City Council meeting will be held on Monday, January 24, 2011.

Motion was made by David Westmoreland and seconded by Kathryn Lancey to adjourn. All voted for.

  
Sharon Spivey, City Clerk