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to customers coming into the Blairsville Airport. This could increase significantly if the service was available

at the terminal building. If Enterprise does acquire an onsite location, it would have the same hours as the airport.

While the council expressed concern about the city's liability, City Attorney Janna Akins assured the council that the city would not be any more liable than it has at the moment.

After considering all pros and cons, the council decided to move forward and propose to rent a 96-square-foot office space to Enterprise for \$12 a square foot. Finalization of the rental agreement will be further discussed at next month's meeting after Mayor Conley presents the proposal to Enterprise.

As for construction at the new airport terminal building, the metal roof of the building will be installed by the end of the week, and soon utility services will be installed.

During last month's meeting, the city tackled worrisome water leaks that were effecting the water plant exponentially, causing gallons of water to never reach residential meters.

A leak detection service, Match Point, was hired by the city to determine the location

of the leaks.

Since the hire in mid-September, Match Point has found 19 leaks within the lines, all of which have either been repaired or are in the process of being looked at.

"This dry weather and drought is causing the ground to shrink," said Otis Franklin, Water Plant Superintendent. "When the ground starts shifting, the lines don't bend, and that's what causes the leaks."

Match Point will continue checking the lines until all pipes within the city limits are in the clear.

October always holds a plethora of activities for residents to enjoy, and this year is no different. The Blairsville Downtown Development Authority will be hosting a second Downtown Blairsville Outdoor Movie Night on Saturday, Oct. 29, on the Mountain Heritage Museum Lawn.

In line with the Halloween spirit and the Monday, Oct. 31, Hometown Halloween



Councilmembers Betty Easter and Tony Dyer go over some paperwork at the Tuesday, Oct. 4, meeting of Blairsville City Council and Mayor Jim Conley. Photo/Lily Avery

on the Square, the DDA will be showing Tim Burton's animated film, "The Nightmare Before Christmas."

The event is free to the public and everyone is invited to come out and enjoy a night of family-friendly fun.

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the same recognition. Georgia Department of Veterans Service Field Service Officer Bob Spaulding hopes to have all those locally who served during the Vietnam era honored by the end of the year.

"It is my honor and privilege to present honor certificates to all the veterans here that served in the Vietnam War era," said Spaulding.

In the ceremony, veterans were awarded the state's Vietnam War Certificate of Honor, along with the Defense Department Commemoration Vietnam War Lapel Pin, both in recognition of their service during the war. Veterans present were also given the opportunity to join the Blairsville Chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America, if not already involved.

Each certificate awarded to the veterans was personalized with the veteran's name, branch of service, rank in their respective branch and the dates in which they served during the time of the Vietnam War.

The certificate is a special presentation made by the state in conjunction with efforts in recent years by the



Bob Spaulding with local Vietnam Veterans. Photo/Lily Avery

U.S. Department of Defense to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War.

Partnering with Gov. Nathan Deal, the U.S. Department of Defense created this program, fondly known as the Vietnam War Certificate of Honor program, to honor all of Georgia's more than 234,000 Vietnam-era veterans.

"A year and a half ago, Gov. Deal decided to honor the Vietnam-era Veterans a little bit more than when they first got back," said Spaulding.

According to the proclamation, signed by Gov. Deal on March 20, 2015, saluting Georgia's Vietnam Veterans: "Due to the controversial nature of the 11-year conflict, many returning veterans from Vietnam did not receive the respect and gratitude they deserved for serving in our nation's Armed Forces."

"It is imperative that we remember and appreciate these Georgians with grateful hearts for their contributions and sacrifices while wearing the uniform of the United States Armed Forces during the Vietnam War."

The program is not only for those who were deployed and fought in the war, but for any Georgia veteran with honorable service from 1954 to 1975, including those who served in the U.S. and in other capacities.

"This is so important to the veterans to let them know we appreciate them serving,"

said Marcus Tuschel. "A lot of them endured a lot of different stuff, especially those that now have five or six different diseases from serving during that war."

"This is a wonderful way to honor them for serving and for everything they have gone through, both during the war, and now years later in civilian life."

Vietnam-era veterans who have not been contacted concerning the certificate of

honor are encouraged to send in their name, rank, branch of service, dates of service and copies of their DD Form-214 to certificates@vs.state.ga. For more information, please call (404) 463-3080.

Vietnam Veterans honored Saturday were: Richard Moriarty, David Hale, Ruth Thomas, Charles Rutherford, Cecil Teboe, Buddy Wright, Don Malcolm, Luke Stewart, Ed Kirkland and Bill Livingston.

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Bill Meeks Birthday
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in memory of
Peter Vergari Birthday
by family

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In memory of
John J. Meeks Birthday
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