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Judge Struble ruled that the city did not satisfy the public notice or public hearing requirements prior to its approval of its sign ordinance.

Judge Struble also ruled that the City must allow Allison Outdoor Advertising, Limited Partners to erect and operate its signs which resulted in legal action against the city.

The city "shall complete any local paperwork necessary to obtain state permits for the signs," according to Judge Struble's order.

He also ruled that all remaining claims could include damages sought against the city. The day following the

city of Blairsville implemented a 90-day moratorium on new sign applications. The basic interpretation: the City's sign ordinance

implied that it was enforcing zoning, which require a specified number of public hear-

This time the city has held the required two publicly advertised public hearings in regards to the proposed sign

ordinance. Copies of the proposed ruling by Judge Struble, the sign ordinance, the standards, and the procedures for public hearings will be available for review and copying at City

> The public is encouraged and invited to attend the City's Aug. 7 regular meeting, Mayor Conley said.

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In other business at the July 10 City Council meeting, the Blairsville City Council:

Held the second reading on a Soil Erosion, Sedimentation/Pollution Control Ordinance. There was no public comment and a motion was made by Tony Dyer seconded by Martha Cone with a unanimous yea vote to adopt said Ordinance;

Held a public hearing and first reading of an ordinance amending and modifying the current Employee's Handbook:

Mayor Conley will write a letter to residents having a School Street address for comments on the renaming of this street to Veterans Memorial Drive:

Sylvia Turnage presented information and documentation on Micajah Clark Dyer which supported the idea that he was the inventor of the first flying plane. Mrs. Turnage made request to rename the Blairsville Municipal Airport to Micajah Clark Dyer Blairsville Airport. Mayor Conley commended Mrs. Turnage for her great presentation;

Sole Commissioner Lamar Paris made a request of the Council for a sewer tap to carry grey water from an intake line serving the Farmers Market.

The type system would be economical for the County and will service the current operation.

The variance would be contingent upon:

Union County providing the City of Blairsville an easement from the Newt Miller family.

A warranty from Union County that no sewage will enter the system other

than grey water from the septic tanks and water from the canning plant.

An as-built survey being furnished to the City of Blairsville prior to utilization of the grey water line. Union County accepts all liability for the City for any issues from the Farmer's Market to the manhole at the Miller's property.

Tony Dyer made a motion, seconded by Martha Cone, with a unanimous yea authorizing this tap into the City sewer system contingent upon all conditions being met. There will be no impact or tap fee charges, but the County will be charged regular sewer rates per meter size;

Rhonda Mahan made a motion, seconded by Buddy Moore, with a unanimous yea vote to increase the annual contribution to the Mountain Regional Library from \$3,000 to \$5,000;

Tony Dyer made a motion, seconded by Buddy Moore, with a unanimous yea vote to authorize the application for business location change and grease trap permit for El Manzanillo Restaurant. Felicilas Z. Betton, Owner;

Buddy Moore made a motion, seconded by Rhonda Mahan, with a unanimous yea to issue an Occupational Tax License to Two Sisters Subs, LLC Doing Business

As Blimpies, Benny and Matt Leonard, Owners; **Buddy Moore made a** motion, seconded by Tony Dyer, with a unanimous yea vote to issue an Occupational Tax License to Charles Totherow for retail sale of fruits,

vegetables, etc; Tony Dyer made a motion, seconded by Buddy Moore, with a unanimous year vote to issue an Occupational Tax License to JMP Pizza, Inc. Doing Business As Domino Pizza, Joseph M. Podsen, Owner;

Tony Dyer made a motion, seconded by Betty Easter, with a unanimous yea vote to issue an Occupational Tax License to Waves for Weight Loss, Inc., Elizabeth Dyer, Owner;

Buddy Moore made a motion, seconded by Tony Dyer, with a unanimous year vote to renew the contract with the Georgia Department of Corrections in the amount of \$39,500.

Blood drive

Blood Assurance will have a blood drive at Union General Hospital on Friday, July 20 from 12 to 5 p.m.

All blood types are needed at this time. Blood Assurance is the sole provider of blood products to Union General Hospital. Donors must be at least 17 years old (16 years old with parental consent) and weigh at least 110 pounds.

Bell Ringing Union



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