



## **Blakely City Council Minutes**

**July 14, 2016**

**City Hall**

**5:00 P.M.**

### **I) Call To Order, Roll Call, Invocation, Pledge Of Allegiance**

Let the record show that the Mayor, Anthony Howard, Councilman Frank Thornton, Councilman James Crozier and Councilman Al Hutchins were present. Councilman Charles Middleton was not present. Councilman Hutchins gave the invocation. The Mayor led the Council and public in the Pledge of Allegiance. Let the record show that the City Clerk, Melinda Crook was also present.

### **II) Bay Street Closing, Ordinance Amendment and Resolutions**

The Mayor explained that this is to take care of the second reading to amend Ordinance 2016-005. He stated that it had previously been set up so that the property owners adjoining the closed portion would get their portion back and when they looked at it a portion was Chuck DeLoach's and that it didn't need to be that way. He stated that they had then gotten Lodge Holman to give a legal description showing the starting point to be in accordance with the legal description. He stated it would start 1283ft from the intersection of the Marshall Day Estate property back toward McDonald. Councilman Hutchins asked if the Marshall Day family could shut down their portion of the street. The Mayor stated that a gate would be placed on that end. The Mayor then showed the Council the location on a map. Councilman Crozier questioned if Birdsong was still looking into purchasing. There was more discussion regarding the exact area being closed. The Mayor stated that no purchasing price had been reached. A motion was made by Councilman Thornton and seconded by Councilman Crozier to adopt the Ordinance amending the Ordinance 2016-005 giving a more detailed description of the property being closed.

Councilman Crozier spoke of the ditch, in this area, that is continuing to get worse. The Mayor stated that it would take about \$55,000 to fix.

Councilman Crozier stated that he wanted it noted that he abstained on the first round regarding this item to allow for negotiations. The motion carried with Councilman Crozier, Councilman Thornton voting "YEH" Let the record show that Councilman Hutchins voted "NAY" The Mayor then broke the tie with a vote of "YEH"

There was discussion regarding whether the Resolution were approved at the last meeting.

A motion was made by Councilman Crozier and seconded by Councilman Thornton to approve the Resolution for the Quit Claim Deed and the Resolution to approve acceptance of the Conveyance of Land Tract. The motion carried with Councilman Crozier and Councilman Thornton voting "YEH". Let the record

show that Councilman Hutchins voted “NAY” and the Mayor broke the tie with a vote of “YEH”

### **III) New Items Proposed By Mayor And City Council**

Councilman Hutchins questioned the County taking care of the Pioneer yard. The County Commissioner stated that inmates, community service people and trustees would be doing the mowing until something happens with the bankruptcy and they see which way the hospital is going to go. The County Commissioner told the Council that the County is resurfacing/stripping the parking area and are in the process of getting bids. Councilman Hutchins then questioned why they can't get the County to maintain the lawn at the Courthouse.

Councilman Hutchins questioned if an employee was involved in an incident the day before. The Clerk informed the Council that someone hit a limb truck. He stated that the Council was supposed to be informed of incidents like this. The Clerk stated that she was not in the office when this took place. The Mayor stated that he generally receives a text or a form of communication regarding these types of issues. Councilman Hutchins questioned the employee being taken for a drug test. The Clerk stated that she would check into this to see if the employee wasn't at fault if they still had to be taken for a drug test.

The Mayor stated that the Friends of the Blakely Animal Shelter was doing a good job. He stated that he had informed Debbie to do some research on what other cities do regarding items such as length of time kept and bring this information before the Council. Amanda Willis then questioned fostering of animals. The Mayor questioned the spaying and neutering. The Mayor reiterated that they get the research done and bring some changes before the Council for review. He asked that information start being given to the City so that changes would be available at the next meeting.

### **IV) Adjournment**

A motion was made by Councilman Hutchins and seconded by Councilman Crozier to adjourn the July 14th Special Called City Council meeting. The motion carried with Councilman Hutchins, Councilman Crozier, Councilman Thornton voting “YEH”

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Anthony Howard, Mayor