



**BLAKELY CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES**

December 20, 2017

CITY HALL

6:00 P.M.

I) CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Mayor, Anthony Howard, called the meeting to order. Let the record show that the Mayor, Anthony Howard, Councilman Frank Thornton, Councilman James Crozier and Councilman Al Hutchins and Councilman Charles Middleton were all present. Let the record show that the City Clerk, Melinda Crook was also present. Councilman Al Hutchins gave the invocation. The Mayor led the Council and public in the Pledge of Allegiance

II) City Attorney's Report

Second Reading And Adoption Of Budget Ordinance

The Mayor read the changes in the Ordinance which incorporates a copy of the budget. A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Thornton to Adopt the Budget Ordinance with the attachment of the 2018 Operating Budget and 2018 Special Funds Budget. The motion carried unanimously by Councilman present.

Second Reading And Adoption Of Alcohol Ordinance

The Mayor read the changes to the Alcohol Ordinance incorporating the one time only Sunday, on premise consumption only, alcohol sale from 12:30pm to 12:00 midnight December 31st, 2017. A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Thornton to adopt the Alcohol Ordinance. The motion carried unanimously by Councilman present

The Mayor then asked the Clerk to inform the Council of the changes to the budget. The Clerk stated that employee increases (2% across the board with an additional up to 1% on merit.) She stated that she had made the changes to the Fiber revenue and changes requested by Ray Jarrett to the Fire Department budget which changed the revenue figure due from the County for Fire.

III) NEW ITEMS PROPOSED BY MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

The Mayor requested that a report be gotten from Public Safety on any violation on any business holding alcohol licenses before the Council approves the alcohol business licenses. The Clerk stated that she had asked that this report be gotten so that it could be presented at the next meeting.

There was then discussion on the times that the regular alcohol ordinance takes over after the Sunday sales Ordinance stops at midnight December 31st, 2017. The Clerk read the alcohol Ordinance, which stated that "from 2:00am to 6:00am" there were no alcohol sales on Monday and the Council understood this to mean that alcohol could be sold up to 2:00am. Councilman Hutchins clarified by saying that alcohol could be sold from 12:30pm on Sunday December 31st until 2:00am Monday morning.

Councilman Crozier asked that the appointments to the Recreation Board be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

IV) PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gabe Jordan spoke about the bad shape of the Residential garbage truck and the cost of repairs. He also spoke of the fact that it could be patch by the Shop to use as a backup truck but to send it out would be costly. The Mayor requested that Gabe get updated price quotes to be placed on the January agenda. There was discussion regarding the garbage cans that would be needed.

V) EXECUTIVE SESSION-Personnel matter

A motion was made by Councilman Hutchins and seconded by Councilman Middleton to enter into Executive Session regarding personnel matters. The motion carried unanimously by Councilman present.

VI) ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Thornton to adjourn the December 20th Special Called Meeting. The motion carried unanimously by Councilman present.

Anthony Howard, Mayor