



BLAKELY CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

FEBRUARY 22, 2019

CITY HALL

4:00 P.M.

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

Let the record show those present were Mayor Anthony Howard, Councilman Charles Middleton, and Councilman Frank Thornton. Mr. Travis Wimbush gave the invocation. Mayor Howard led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II) PUBLIC HEARING – BUDGET

Mayor Howard stated the purpose of the meeting was an opportunity for the public to get a copy of the proposed budget and to entertain any questions or comments the public might have about the budget. Mr. Travis Wimbush asked the Council to consider making the temporary workers in the Sanitation Department full time with benefits and uniforms. Mr. Wimbush also questioned how we came up with the budget for law enforcement. Mayor Howard responded that he would consider the temp workers. He also stated that there was no simple answer for how the law enforcement budget was created, there was much discussion and study, and a lot of conversation amongst the council regarding the budget. Mr. Wimbush questioned if we still have a City Marshall. Mayor Howard responded that the City Marshall was part of the Police Department. Mr. Wimbush also asked about contracted services and how those were handled. Mayor Howard explained that it depends on the service to be provided and the amount of the contact as to if it is put out for bids or not.

III) BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

A motion to approve the budget adjustments as presented was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Thornton. Motion carried by all present.

IV) PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no other public comments.

Motion to enter executive session was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Thornton. Motion carried by all those present.

Motion to approve the purchase of property as discussed in closed session was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Thornton. Motion carried by all present.

V) ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Thornton. Motion carried by all present.