



**BLAKELY CITY COUNCIL  
Special Called Meeting Minutes**

**March 25 2019**

**CITY HALL**

**12:00 P.M.**

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

Let the record show that Mayor Anthony Howard call the meeting to order. Mayor, Anthony Howard, Councilman Al Hutchins, Councilman Charles Middleton and Councilman Frank Thornton were present. Councilman James Crozier was not present. Also let the record show that City Clerk, Melinda Crook and City Attorney, Tommy Coleman were also present. Councilman Al Hutchins gave the invocation. Council and Public gave the Pledge of Allegiance.

**II) Health Insurance Resolution**

City Attorney, Tommy Coleman brief explained that he was putting together a Resolution to allow the Council to participate in the City's health insurance.

**III) City Auditor Update**

The City Auditor updated the Council on the standing of the City audit at this time. He stated that some documents had been received and that they started a brief analysis that would be updated once they came on site. He stressed the importance of getting the bank reconciliation up to date and how quickly that needed to be completed not only for audit but for the overall financials of the City.

**IV) Executive Session**

A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Thornton to enter into Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously by Councilman present.

**V) Resolution Accepting Quit Claim Deed**

A motion was made by Councilman Thornton and seconded by Councilman Middleton to approve the Resolution accepting the Quit Claim Deed on the property, across from the library, that was donated to the City, allowing the Mayor to sign the appropriate documents. The motion carried unanimously by Councilman present

Craig Hughes updated the Council on the Fire Department/Government Complex. He stated that a lot of progress has been made and that they were about 30 days out from moving E911. He stated that everything is going well with USDA and the project is under budget. Craig then updated the Council on the Gateway project. He stated that

when one thing is close to completion another issue comes up. He stated that there is now an issue with the current utilities on Magnolia and that copies of the GDOT variance has been requested, for where the utility poles currently are placed. He stated that work is being done on the proposal for when this project can be put out for bid and that due to the funding time is of the essence of all items.

City Attorney, Tommy Coleman presented a Use of Premises Agreement. He explained that this agreement with The Middleton Arts Center, LLC was so that the City had a space to set up cubicle purchased. It was stated that there will be not cost to the City for use of this premises. A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Thornton to approve a Use of Premises Agreement.

#### **VI) PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Celia Bostwick questioned the agreement. The Mayor explained that the City had purchased 56 cubicles in a lump sum deal from GDOT. It was stated that the cubicles are currently being stored in a semi-trailer and we need the space as a staging area, due to the different sizes of the cubicles, for when they are moved into the Shiners Club building where the IT Department will be moving.

#### **VII) ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Thornton to adjourn the March 25<sup>th</sup> Special Called Meeting. The motion carried unanimously by Councilman present.

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Anthony Howard, Mayor