



**BLAKELY CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
CITY HALL**

MAY 1, 2018

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 Attorney, Tommy Coleman and the City Clerk, Melinda Crook were also present. Charlie Sol gave the invocation. Mayor Howard led the Council and public in the Pledge of Allegiance

II) APPROVE MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Crozier and seconded by Councilman Middleton to approve the April 3, 2018 minutes. The motion carried unanimously by Councilman present.

III) CITIZENS AND DELEGATIONS

Tommy Jive Wright – 62 North Main St

The City Marshal, Jim Copp, stated that Mr. Wright had just received the State Fire Marshal's inspection with what violations that need to be corrected. He stated that a two copies of state approved architect plans need to be submitted to the State Fire Marshal's office. He stated that before the City can move forward with anything there has to be a reinspection from the State Fire Marshal and reinspection by the Building Official, Kenneth Jones so as to obtain their occupancy certificate. The Mayor recommended that this item be tabled until the items listed by the City Marshal have been satisfied. A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Thornton to table Mr. Wright's application for 62 North Main St until everything has been completed. The motion carried unanimously by Councilman present

Adonnis Pittman – Alcohol License

The City Marshal, Jim Copp, stated that the Building Official, Kenneth Jones, had a conversation with Mr. Pittman and that he would not be at the meeting. He stated that Mr. Pittman does not have a business license presently, with the City and did not have one the previous year. He stated that he does not know how Mr. Pittman plans. The Mayor stated that no actions need to be taken at this time.

IV) ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

V) CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Resolution Restricting The Carrying Of Firearms By Employees –

The City Attorney did state that while employees could not carry while on duty they could if traveling if they have a carry permit. He also stated that this Resolution is consistent with State law.. A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Thornton. to approve the resolution as amended to include the City Marshal verbiage The motion carried unanimously by Councilman present.

The Mayor requested the City Attorney to update the Council regarding TAVT. The City Attorney stated that a general agreement had been drafted for all parties. He stated that the City is the only one to have made a payment/payment schedule. The Mayor stated that the City has paid \$140,000. He then stated that this amount will be paid approximately two more years with a final payment of approximately \$167,000.

VI) CITY CLERK'S REPORT

The City Clerk provided the Council with financial reports which included reports from the previous month. She went through the project update report.

VII) NEW ITEMS PROPOSED BY MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Craig Hughes updated the Council on the Fire Department/Government Complex project. He informed them of the soil hauled out and in. He stated that the County has been helpful in this portion. He stated that the contractor would be starting work the following day. Councilman Hutchins question what all would be housed in the building. The Mayor stated it would house the Fire Department, E-911 and offices for the City Marshal/law enforcement offices.

Cemetery Issue

The Mayor informed the Council of the issue of a chip on a slab. He stated that Ms. Sandra Williams was stating the damage was done by the City and that pictures had been provided. The City Attorney stated that there would need to be proof as to who had done the damage in order for the City to be responsible. He felt that the City's insurance would not pay unless it was proven that the City had done the damage. Councilman Crozier questioned if a City employee did state they had done the damage would the insurance company then look into payment. There was discussion regarding what form of communication would be needed from an employee. The Mayor then stated that the employees would be asked if they were willing to acknowledge any damage and address at the next meeting if needed.

Purchase of Landfill Trailer -

The Mayor explained the shape of the current landfill trailers. He stated that this purchase had needed to be done in short order and that County had agreed to pay half. No action was taken by the Council due to lack of documentation

Purchase of CAT 320 Excavator

The Mayor went through the three quotes ranging from \$164,858 (Dusan), \$178,000 (John Deere) and \$187,500 (Yancey) He went through rental to purchase and used to new options. There was discussion regarding funding, financing and buy back proposals. A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Crozier to approve the purchase of a CAT 320 excavator in the amount of \$187,500.00. The motion carried unanimously by Councilman present.

Councilman Crozier stated that a lot of visitors have come in to the City to see the tennis tournament and how far Early County had gotten in the tournament.

The Mayor informed the Council of the mental health proclamation on Thursday at 9:00am

There was brief discussion about WiFi at the Civic Center- Councilman Hutchins and Councilman Thornton will get with Matt Hammond regarding cost.

VIII) PUBLIC COMMENTS

Commissioner Charlie Sol Thanked the Mayor and Council for taking quick action on seeing a need for something and getting it done.

IX) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Thornton and seconded by Councilman Middleton. The motion carried unanimously by Councilman present.

Anthony Howard, Mayor