



**BLAKELY CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
CITY HALL**

**JUNE 4, 2019**

**6:00 P.M.**

**I) Public Hearing Zone Change Cedar Springs Road**

The Mayor, Anthony Howard, called the Public Hearing to order. Building Official Mark Hawkins gave an overview on the zone change for 6.30 acres on Cedar Springs Road. He explained that the rezoning was for the purpose of a mobile home subdivision and that this item had passed through the Planning Commission. There was discussion on providing sewer to this area and the steps that would need to be taken to do so. With no public comments the hearing was closed.

**II) Call To Order, Roll Call, Invocation, Pledge Of Allegiance**

Let the record show that Mayor Anthony Howard called 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 present was the City Attorney, Tommy Coleman and the City Clerk, Melinda Crook. Pastor Wells gave the invocation and the Mayor and Council led the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III) Approve Minutes**

A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Thornton to approve the May 7<sup>th</sup> minutes with a change to item 5 where it stated that Councilman Middleton made and seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by Councilman present

**IV) Citizens And Delegations**

Dr. Sheila Tiner – Complaints

Dr. Tiner brought up several items of complaint to which the City Attorney responded

Ben Wiley – request to add 2 additional trailer spots

A motion was made by Councilman Hutchins and seconded by Councilman Thornton to approve the addition of two trailer spots at 457 MLK. The motion carried unanimously by Councilman present

**V) Administrative Committee**

Will Caudill

Police Chief, Will Caudill gave a report of all activities in the month of May.

Police Chief, Will Caudill stated that the grant paperwork was complete and submitted for bullet proof vests. He also stated that he had been approached, by Superintendent Martin about applying for a safety grant for the school system.

Police Chief Will Caudill stated that Major Tonya Tinsley had approached him with the suggestion of the Police going to the school to visit the Special Needs Children and spend time due to these children being unable to go on field trips or participate in other functions. Tonya Tinsley was recognized as Supervisor Level 2, Cody McDowell was recognized, Kevin Naramore was recognized as General Instructor/Fire Arms Instructor

Craig Hughes - updates

Craig informed the Council that finances are holding steady due to time of year, The City's financial state is in good shape. He also updated the Council about the water main break on Lancelot.

Matt Hromalik – Employee Recognition

Recognized Natasha Musgrove, Madyson Causey and Haley McClendon for course certification. The Mayor thanked the employees for all that they do

Mark Hawkins - Rezoning Application Cedar Springs Road

A motion was made by Councilman Thornton and seconded by Councilman Hutchins to approve the rezoning on Cedar Springs Road to Manufacture Home Subdivision. The motion carried unanimously by Councilman present

#### **VI) City Attorney's Report**

Second Reading & Adoption Of Ordinance Amendment To Code 13-3 Change From 21 To 18

A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Thornton to adopt the Ordinance change the hiring age for Police Officers from 21 to 18. The motion carried unanimously by Councilman present

First Reading Of General Election Ordinance

The City Attorney, Tommy Coleman had the first reading of the General Election Ordinance

DOT Agreement & Resolution

A motion was made by Councilman Middleton to approve the DOT agreement and Resolution but died due to a lack of second.

#### **VII) City Clerk's Report**

The Clerk presented the Mayor and Council with financial reports. She informed the Council that the audit is progressing and is still on schedule to be completed on time. The Clerk present the Mayor and Council with some budget amendments and adjustments. A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Thornton to approve the budget amendment/adjustments present by the Clerk. The motion carried unanimously by Councilman present.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Hutchins and seconded by Councilman Thornton to approve that the Street Dept and maybe other depts be allowed to show up to work at 6am and get off work at 3pm instead of the 8am to 5pm that is there current schedule. The City Attorney

questioned if this was going to be a permanent employee policy change to which Councilman Hutchins stated “No”, just during the hot summer months to which the City Attorney suggest September and Councilman Hutchins agreed. The motion carried unanimously by the Councilman present.

### **IX) Public Comments**

Several Citizens spoke on open records requests and bail bondsmen issues.

A citizen asked the Mayor and Council to request DOT about turn lanes at the traffic light at First State Bank and Church St at McDonalds.

Margaret Zachary questioned the repayment of the homeowners included in the North Ave. CDBG grant. The Mayor responded about the selection process and stated that the homeowners just had to continue to live in the homes. It was also questioned if Merry Acres had sewer taps to which Councilman Thornton stated he would get with the Water Dept Head regarding the line location.

Chief Deputy Hardrick questioned cloudy water on Cedar Springs Hwy.

Travis Wimbush spoke of the public comments process.

Roger Beckley (183 N. Main St.) spoke of how clean and friendly the City of Blakely is and then informed the Council that the Chamber and some business were having a fireworks festival on Thursday June 27<sup>th</sup>. He stated there would be live entertainment, vendors and activities for the kids. He stated that volunteer help would be appreciated.

### **X) Executive Session – Personnel/Litigation**

A motion was made by Councilman Hutchins and seconded by Councilman Thornton to enter into Executive Session for Personnel and Litigation matters. The motion carried unanimously by Councilman present.

### **XI) Adjournment**

A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Thornton to adjourn the June 4<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting. The motion carried unanimously by Councilman present.

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Anthony Howard, Mayor