



**BLAKELY CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES  
CITY HALL**

**JUNE 19, 2018**

**6:00 P.M.**

**D) 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 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. The Council dispensed with the invocation. Mayor Howard led the Council and public in the Pledge of Allegiance

**II) CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement to purchase real estate. City Attorney Tommy Coleman explained that he had negotiated successfully with the Weaver Family for the purchase of the Gateway Property. He stated that the City's appraisal was for \$75,00 and the Weaver Family's appraisal was for \$115,000 and a settlement was reached for \$95,000. He stated that this Resolution was to approve the Mayor to execute the closing and anything else that comes along regarding the Gateway property. A motion to approve the resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement to purchase real estate was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Thornton. The motion carried unanimously by Councilman Middleton, Councilman Thornton and Mayor Howard voting "YEH".

Land Purchase Agreement - The City Attorney stated that this was covered with the passage of the Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement to Purchase Real Estate.

Ordinance providing for the appointment of assistant city marshals.

The City Attorney, Tommy Coleman, stated that this was needed to provide explicitly for the additional Marshal's to be hired. A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Thornton to consider this the first reading and dispense of the second reading to adopt the Ordinance providing for the appointment of Assistant City Marshal's. The motion carried with Councilman Middleton, Councilman Thornton and Mayor Howard voting "YEH."

Second Reading And Adoption Of Ordinance Amending Alcohol Ordinance Allowing For Sunday Sales. There was a second reading of the ordinance amending the alcohol ordinance allowing for Sunday sales. The Mayor questioned if this would be the same alcohol license or if different license would be needed. Mr. Coleman stated that it would be the same license but that there may need to be changes to the current license Ordinance to accommodate this Ordinance. A motion to approve the ordinance was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Thornton to consider this the first reading and dispense with the second reading to adopt the Ordinance Amending the Alcohol Ordinance Allowing for

Sunday Alcohol sales. The motion carried with Councilman Middleton, Councilman Thornton and Mayor Howard voting “YEH.”

The Mayor asked Mr. Coleman to discuss with the Council bringing City Court back to the City and what the procedure would be to do so. Mr. Coleman stated that there would be an amendment to provide for a Municipal Court Clerk. The Mayor asked what if Mr. Coleman would suggest a letter to the Sheriff/Public Safety letting them know of the City’s intentions. Mr. Coleman felt that would be prudent. There was discussion regarding probation to which Mr. Coleman stated that shouldn’t change. The Mayor stated that Probation should keep City business separate. There was further discussion on what would need to take place.

Swearing In Of City Marshal & Assistants - The City Attorney, Tommy Coleman, explained the process and that Trudie Evans would be the notary of record. The Mayor swore in City Marshal, Jim Copp, Assistant Marshal, Travis Jordan and Nathan Wimberly.

Craig Hughes updated the Council on the Fire Department/Government Complex. He stated that the last footer block was being done today and again rain had help up progress slightly. He stated that the City had started bringing dirt back in and that they should be pouring the slab the week after July 4<sup>th</sup>. He stated progress was as good as could be expected with the weather. He discussed the generator issues due to power needed to keep 911 and HVAC up in case of power loss.

### **III) CITY CLERK’S REPORT**

#### **Budget Amendments**

The City Clerk informed the Council that with some areas of additional revenue she determined to use those to make budget Amendments first. She explained that most of the amendments were to the City Marshal’s budget to compensate for the additional staff and expenses. Marshal Copp explained that he and the Clerk had reviewed his present budget and made changes to compensate for some large expenditures that he knew would be coming through.

City clerk Melinda Crook presented the budget amendments to the Council. A motion to approve the budget amendments as presented was made by Councilman Thornton and seconded by Councilman Middleton. The motion carried with Councilman Thornton, Councilman Middleton and Mayor Howard voting “YEH.”

Budget Review - The Clerk went through the percentages left in Department budgets and areas that currently have larger expenditures and areas of concern going forward. The Council discussed departments of concern.

### **IV) ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Thornton. The motion carried with Councilman Middleton, Councilman Thornton and Mayor Howard voting “YEH.”

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Anthony Howard, Mayor