



**BLAKELY CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
CITY HALL**

AUGUST 6, 2019

6:00 P.M.

I) 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 Frank Thornton, Councilman Charles Middleton, Councilman Al Hutchins and Councilman James Crozier were all present. Also present was City Attorney, Tommy Coleman and City Clerk, Melinda Crook. Commissioner Charlie Sol gave the invocation and the Mayor and Council led the public in the Pledge of Allegiance

II) Approve Minutes

A motion was made by Councilman Hutchins and seconded by Councilman Thornton to approve the minutes from the July 2nd City Council meeting. The motion carried unanimously by Councilman present

III) Citizens And Delegations

IV) Administrative Committee

Will Caudill – Updates

Police Chief, Will Caudill gave an update on police activity for the month of July. He also spoke of upcoming trainings. He informed the Council that he had contacted GDOT regarding parallel parking spaces on Bay St. There was discussion between the Council and Chief Caudill.

Craig Hughes– Updates

Project Manager, Craig Hughes updated the Council on the multiple projects such as CDBG, Gateway and several others. He presented a presentation on the City's financial and a presentation of the progress of the CDBG project along with videos of the stages of the housing portion so far.

Estimate on Freezer Locker Building

Project Manager, Craig Hughes, informed the Council that the estimated cost of renovation for the DA's office, on the Old Freezer Locker, would be around \$150,000.

Gabe – Quotes on Semi for Landfill

Landfill/Sanitation Supervisor, Gabe Jordan, explained to the Council the need for a new Semi for the Landfill. There was discussion between Gabe and the Council. A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Thornton to approve the purchase of

the Semi from FourStar Freightliner in the amount of \$116,250.00 contingent on County approval. The motion carried unanimously by Councilman present

V) City Attorney's Report

VI) City Clerk's Report

The City Clerk presented the written financial reports to the Council. She informed the Council of scheduling problems with the auditor for presenting the audit report and would let the Council know when the auditor was available.

VII) New Items Proposed By Mayor And City Council

A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Thornton to approve the Resolution to accept the proposal from Blankenship Contracting on the sewer work for the CDBG Grant on North Ave in the amount of \$365,490.00. The motion carried unanimously by Councilman present

Councilman Hutchins questioned replacement of employees in the Street Dept. The Mayor informed the Council that an ad was in the paper.

Councilman Crozier questioned the progress of the paperwork with the DA's Office.

VIII) Public Comments

Demetrius Lee spoke on the issues on Church St. that Chief Caudill had spoken about. The Mayor informed Mr. Lee that he would have to take these matters up with Chief Caudill.

Margaret Zachary questioned the high utility bills and when the Winter rates took effect to which she was told, with the December billing. She asked for an explanation of the mortgages for the new homes being constructed by the CDBG Grant. The Mayor explained how the mortgages worked.

Anna Sewell also questioned about utility bills to which the Mayor stated she should come to City Hall to discuss her issues.

Jerry Tiner spoke of the water usage on a bill at one of his rental homes. He stated that it had been a misread and that it had been corrected but stated that the citizens need to review their bills carefully. He also discussed employees with second jobs.

IX) Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Thornton to adjourn the August 6th City Council Meeting. The motion carried unanimously by Councilman present

Anthony Howard, Mayor