



**BLAKELY CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
CITY HALL**

OCTOBER 1, 2019

6:00 P.M.

I) Public Hearing RE: Small Cell Wireless Ordinance

The public hearing was opened by the City Attorney who stated that the new ordinance mirrored the State law. He reminded the Council of the previously adopted ordinance and stated that the General Assembly had established new criteria which is why this is having to be amended. He stated that the revised law takes a lot of the authority away from the City for small cell towers but it does allow some regulation.

With no questions from the Council or public the hearing was closed at 6:05

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 Frank Thornton, Councilman James Crozier and Councilman Al Hutchins were present. Councilman Charles Middleton had passed away. Also present was the City Attorney, Tommy Coleman and the City Clerk, Melinda Crook. Harold Hardy gave the invocation and the Mayor led the Council and public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III) Approve Minutes

A motion was made by Councilman Crozier and seconded by Councilman Thornton to approve the Minutes from the September 3rd and September 24th Councilman Meetings. The Mayor stated that an amendment needed to be made to section 7, to add North Ave. The motion carried unanimously by Councilman present

IV) Citizens And Delegations

V) Administrative Committee

Will Caudill – Updates

Chief, Will Caudill gave his monthly report of Police Activity. He stated that arrests were up. He informed the Council that the Police Dept. had been awarded the grant for bulletproof vests and with the amount should be able to purchase 3 or 4 vests. He stated that they would apply for this grant every year. Chief Caudill also informed the Council that they had been awarded a vehicle, from an

arrest, and once sold the funds would be placed in a separate bank account for forfeiture property.

Chief, Will Caudill, informed the Council that Officer Devanta Williams had finished his training with honors for top in academics. He also stated that his peers had elected him class President.

Councilman Crozier informed Chief Caudill of a program for heat sensors for the K-9 unit vehicles and that more information regarding this could be found through K-9's United.

Craig Hughes – Updates

Craig Hughes updated the Mayor and Council on the monthly financials. He then updated the Council on the ongoing projects throughout the City. Craig also informed the Council and public of the circumstances of the City now sending out Property Tax bills.

VI) City Attorney's Report

Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance Establishing Rules & Regulations Governing the Installation of Small Cell Wireless Facilities

A motion was made by Councilman Crozier and seconded by Councilman Thornton to approve the Ordinance Establishing Rules & Regulations Governing the Installation of Small Cell Wireless Facilities. The motion carried unanimously by Councilman present

The City Attorney explained to the Council the steps to be taken to fill the Council vacancy, per the City Charter. He stated that a Special Election was needed and that it was tried for this November. He then stated that the Election Superintendent didn't have enough time, for ballots, if held in November. He then went through the other dates of which March 2020 was the next upcoming date, during the Primary and that is when the City would have the Special Election.

VII) City Clerk's Report

The City Clerk presented the Council with written reports to match Craig Hughes financial presentation. She also informed the Council that the Department Heads were starting on the budgets so that the budget was completed on time.

VIII) New Items Proposed By Mayor And City Council

Flu Shots for Employees

The City Clerk explained that the Council has approved Flu shots for the employees and Council for many years now and that it always comes before the Council for approval. The Mayor stated that he so no reason to disallow and the Council agreed.

Councilman Hutchins asked about the law regarding a vehicles making U-turns from the parking spacing in front of the Post Office. Chief Caudill stated he would look into the law.

The Mayor asked Chief Caudill to gather the information and update the Council on the accident at Liberty and S. Main St.

IX) Public Comments

Sheila Tiner commented on several items involving the City Clerk and open records requests.

Louise Holley spoke of the trucks and peanut trailers on Arlington Ave.

Travis Wimbush commented on a letter received regarding candidate signs on ROW and enforcement remain consistent

Tracey Robinson questioned response to a request, for tree removal, he had brought to City Hall

Ceila Bostwick invited the Council to a political forum to be held on October 10th.

X) Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilman Thornton and seconded by Councilman Crozier to adjourn the October 1st City Council meeting. The motion carried unanimously by Councilman present.

Anthony Howard, Mayor