



BLAKELY CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

CITY HALL

NOVEMBER 5, 2019

6:00 P.M.

- I) Public Hearing Rezoning 286 Maple St from Commercial To R2 and 965 Howell St From R1 To R2
Mayor Howard opened the public hearing at 6:00PM. He explained the purpose of the meeting and opened the floor for questions. Charlie Sol recommended changing Howell Street entirely to R2. Mayor Howard explained the process for rezoning the entire street. Building Inspector Mark Hawkins explained the situation for 286 Maple Street. The public hearing was closed.
- II) Call To Order, Roll Call, Invocation, Pledge Of Allegiance
Mayor Anthony Howard called the meeting to order. Let the record show that Mayor Anthony Howard, Councilman Frank Thornton, Councilman James Crozier, Councilman Al Hutchins and City Attorney Tommy Coleman were present. Assistant City Clerk Trudie Evans was also present. Mr. Harold Hardy gave the invocation and Mayor Howard led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III) Approve Minutes
A motion to approve the October 1, 2019 minutes was made by Councilman Hutchins and seconded by Councilman Thornton. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmen present
- IV) Citizens And Delegations
Dr. Sheila Tiner addressed the council with some concerns.
- V) Administrative Committee
Police Chief Will Caudill updated the Council on police activities for the last month. Chief Caudill commented that the Halloween haunted house put on by the Police, Fire and 911 was a big success. He also noted that he is currently running an ad for a police officer position. Chief Caudill also informed the public that Arena has live training going on, blowing up cars etc, so that if the public hears these explosions they will know what is happening.
- Craig Hughes updated the Council on current finances and various projects such as the Gateway project, the CDBG project, the Freezer Locker renovation and paving projects.

Craig presented the Council with 2 quotes to resurface the parking lot on N Main. One quote was from Mickey Rice not to exceed \$62,500 and the second bid was from Oxford Construction not to exceed \$74,800. A motion to approve the low bid from Mickey Rice was made by Councilman Crozier and seconded by Councilman Thornton. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmen present.

Craig presented the Council with 2 quoted to replace the flooring at the Civic Center. The first quote was from McCord Contract Floors in the amount of \$16,275.00 and the second from Snell Flooring LLC in the amount of \$18,516.00. A motion to accept the low bid from McCord was made by Councilman Crozier and seconded by Councilman Hutchins. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmen present.

Planning Commission Rezoning

A motion to approve the rezoning request for 286 Maple From Commercial To R2 was made by Councilman Crozier and seconded by Councilman Hutchins. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmen present

A motion to approve the rezoning request for 965 Howell St From R1 To R2 was made by Councilman Hutchins and seconded by Councilman Crozier. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmen present

Gabe Jordan - Waste Management Renewal

A motion to approve the Waste Management renewal, contingent upon County approval and approval of the contract by Mr. Coleman, was made by Councilman Crozier and seconded by Councilman Hutchins. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmen present.

VI) City Attorney's Report

Joint Resolution between Board of Commissioners, City of Blakely and William Price, Sheriff

A motion to approve the joint resolution was made by Councilman Crozier and seconded by Councilman Hutchins. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmen present.

There was a first reading of a Special Election Ordinance calling for a special election to fill the vacancy created by Councilman Middleton's death.

CDBG Resolutions

A motion to approve the 2019 LAP, the Policies and Procedures Manual, the resolution to apply for 2020 CDBG, the resolution to provide match for 2020 CDBG and the 2020 RAS resolution was made by Councilman Crozier and seconded by Councilman Hutchins. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmen present.

CHIP Grant Resolutions

A motion to approve the In-Kind Resolution, the resolution to use SWGRC for the CHIP Grant, the CHIP Grant Application Fee Resolution, the RC Grant Application Fee

Resolution, the Resolution for Additional Administrative Costs and the 2020 CHIP Grant Assurances was made by Councilman Crozier and seconded by Councilman Hutchins. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmen present.

There was a first reading of ordinance adopting revised amended & restated retirement plan.

Street Closure Request

A request by candidate Priscilla George to close Court Square for a victory party was presented to the Council. Mayor Howard recused himself from this discussion and left chambers. Mayor Pro-Tem Hutchins called for a motion. Item failed for lack of a motion.

VII) City Clerk's Report

City Clerk Melinda Crook was not present due to a class. Financial reports were given to the Council.

VIII) New Items Proposed By Mayor And City Council

None

IX) Public Comments

Richie Smith addressed the Council on behalf of the Early County Community Involvement Association. He presented a letter to the Council voicing their concerns and asked that the Council respond to that letter within 7 days.

X) Executive Session – Real Estate Purchase

A motion to enter executive session was made by Councilman Crozier and seconded by Councilman Hutchins. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmen present.

XI) Adjournment

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

Anthony Howard, Mayor