



**BLAKELY CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES**

JANUARY 14, 2014

ECHS MEDIA CENTER

6:00 P.M.

I) Call To Order, Roll Call, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance

Let the record show that the Mayor, Anthony Howard, Councilman Al Hutchins, Councilman Andy Smith and Councilman Charles Middleton were present. Councilman Mills was not in attendance. Also let the record show that the City Clerk, Melinda Crook and Gas Department Head Danny Williams were also present.

**II) New Items Proposed By Mayor And City Council
Discussion with School Board Regarding Gas Bill**

The Mayor spoke to the School Board regarding the gas bill presented for gas used in 2011, 2012 and 10 months of 2013, which had not been billed to the Middle School. The Mayor then stated that the City and school system have had and want to continue having a good working relationship. Danny Williams, Gas Department Head, explained how the City located the billing error and how the billing error occurred. The City Clerk then explained how the calculation was made to come to the billing of \$38,392.50. There was then discussion between the School Board members regarding this matter with several of the members stating that the school system and the City have a good working relationship and it was felt that it was worth the money to keep the relationship the same. It was also stated that when it came down to it the gas was used and therefore should be paid for and should have been caught on their side when the billing decreased so there were errors on both sides. The School Board requested that the City assist them in looking at more energy efficient ways to help cut their utility costs. The Mayor stated that the City would request assistance from Electric Cities or MEAG to possibly do an energy study and that the Clerk would check into this and see what could be done. The School Board approved paying the full \$38,392.50 for the gas used but not bill from January 2011 thru October 2013.

The Clerk presented the Council with the form to sign to transfer of \$169,864.00 from the Municipal Competitive Trust for payment of the new bucket truck, which had been approved at the previous Council meeting,

The City Clerk presented the Council with the updated contract for Turner Broadband. She informed the Council that the City Attorney had reviewed the existing contract and had made some changes. The Clerk then went through the changes with the Council. A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Hutchins to approve the contract with the revisions made by the City Attorney. The motion carried with Mayor Howard, Councilman Middleton and Councilman Hutchins voting "Yes."

III) Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Hutchins to adjourn the January 14th Special Called City Council meeting. The motion carried with Mayor Howard, Councilman Hutchins and Councilman Middleton voting "Yes."

Anthony Howard, Mayor