



**BLAKELY CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**MARCH 28, 2014**

**CITY HALL**

**10:00 A.M.**

**I) Call to Order, Roll Call, Invocation**

The Mayor, Anthony Howard, called the meeting to order. Let the record show that Mayor Anthony Howard, Councilman Al Hutchins, Councilman Andy Smith and Councilman Charles Middleton were present and Councilman Mills was not present. The City Clerk, Melinda Crook was also present. Councilman Hutchins gave the invocation.

**II) City Clerk's Report**

The Clerk informed the Council that the money in the bank is ok. She informed the Council that she looked at this month's operations less then balance remaining from February so that we continued to roll over enough so as not to have to borrow out of the Combined Utility or Combined Savings accounts. The Clerk then informed the Council of a recent trip to Norcross, Griffin and the ECG Board Meeting, which was held at the Smart Grid center in Atlanta. She updated the Council on the meter systems and stated that she would be continuing to investigate the prepaid metering options available to the City.

**III) New Items Proposed By Mayor and City Council**

The Mayor explained that being as he would be out of town on April 1<sup>st</sup> and the City Attorney was out of the country April 1<sup>st</sup> the Mayor asked the Council if they would like to change the meeting date to April 8<sup>th</sup>. Councilman Hutchins reminded the Council that the School Board was holding their meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> as well. Councilman Middleton stated that he was OK with the meeting being changed for just this meeting. A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Smith the change the April 1<sup>st</sup> meeting to April 8<sup>th</sup> for just this month. The motion carried unanimously

The Mayor informed the Council that the HWY 39 DOT project was completed, back open and that there was plenty of capacity to move the water from one side of the road to the other and that they had dropped the pipes 10 to 12 inches. He then informed the Council that the pump at the 39 lift station was running 24/7. He informed the Council that the directional bore on Wyatt Jarrett had been completed but that we were waiting on a small manhole to tie the whole project together. He then informed the Council that there had been a leak in a water line under the railroad on College and Ft. Gaines Street. He explained that we took

water pressure and flow meter readings on both sides of the track. We then capped the water line on both sides of the track, seeing as we had water sources coming down both sides, but in doing this the flow had dropped significantly. He stated that we would need to look at putting the line back up under the track and that we had gotten one quote on boring in the amount was \$23,354. There was then discussion on how that company was pricing the bore. The Mayor then stated that we would have a better idea as to how we were going to proceed by the April 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. He then discussed a project for the new pharmacy along with Dr. Adams office and the USDA building and possibly gravity flowing all these offices.

The Mayor informed the Council that the MEAG year-end settlement would be \$262,172. He explained that last year the entire amount was put back into the Flexible Operating Account, which is accessible to us. The Mayor stated to save this item until the April 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### **IV) Public Comments**

Jeff Jones with Polyengineering updated the Council on the Southside Drive project. He stated that they were going to put the project out for bid. He stated that he was asking for two bids. One bid would be a for replacing all the sewer line in the Southside Dr. area with one section being lined because it is the only option. The alternative bid would be, as proposed by Blankenship, to replace some of shallower lines and to line the deeper lines. He stated that they were hoping to be able to advertise by April 9<sup>th</sup> to possibly get the project started by the end of May or early June.

Councilman Hutchins reminded Jeff Jones to check out Ft. Gaines St. when it rains heavy.

#### **V) Adjournment**

There being no more business a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Hutchins. Motion carried unanimously.

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Anthony Howard, Mayor