



**APRIL 8, 2014**

**CITY HALL**

**6:00 P.M.**

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

The Mayor, Anthony Howard, called the meeting to order. Let the record show that the Mayor, Anthony Howard, Councilman Al Hutchins, Councilman Andy Smith and Councilman Charles Middleton were present. Councilman Torre' Mills was not present. City Attorney, Tommy Coleman and the City Clerk, Melinda Crook were also present. Councilman Smith gave the invocation. Mayor Howard led those present in the pledge of allegiance.

**II) Approve Minutes**

A motion was made by Councilman Hutchins and seconded by Councilman Middleton to approve the March 4<sup>th</sup> and March 28<sup>th</sup> minutes. The motion carried unanimously

**III) Citizens And Delegations**

**Mattie McCoy – request to have goats on property** - Ms. McCoy's sister came before the Council, on behalf of Mattie McCoy who resides at 981 Damascus St., to request that Ms. McCoy be allowed to have goats & sheep on her property as pets. Mayor Howard stated that he and Councilman Hutchins had gone to see the site. Councilman Hutchins stated that Ms. McCoy is requesting that the Council change the Ordinance to allow for Ms. McCoy's request. The City Attorney was questioned regarding the recently adopted legislation regarding chickens in urban areas. The Mayor requested that the City Attorney look into the legislation to see if anything is stated regarding other animals. Ms. McCoy's sister questioned the Council if a petition of the neighbors was gotten would help in the Council's decision about the Ordinance change. The Mayor stated that an update will be given was the City Attorney has investigated the issue.

**Jeff Jones – Update on Southside Project** - Jeff Jones updated the Council regarding the sewer project on Southside. He informed the Council that the ad was ready to place in the paper to start accepting bids and if approved by the Council would start the following week. The Mayor informed the Council that nothing has changed regarding the work that needs to be performed. Jeff informed the Council that he would be requesting two different bids. The base bid would be to replace all the lines except one which would be lined. The alternative bid would be to line all the deepest lines and replace only the shallow sections. A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Smith to approve placing the ad for bids. The motion carried unanimously

**IV) Administrative Committee Reports**

**Garbage Truck Bids** - Gabe came before the Council to present the two quotes that he had received for the purchase of a new rear loading garbage truck. He informed the Council that the quote from Yancey was for an International in the amount of \$133,325.99 and the other quote was for a Freightliner in the amount of \$148,060.81. Gabe then discussed with the Council the reasons why he would prefer to purchase the Freightliner. He stated that Internationals do not hold up as well and the Freightliner purchase would include an interlude lubricating system (body and chassis), which did cost an additional \$4,275 and was included in the quote. There was some discussion between the Council regarding the difference of the Freightliner to the International and the cost difference. A motion was made

by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Smith to accept the quote from Ingram in the amount of \$148,060.81. The motion carried unanimously

**Alcohol Licenses Harvey's** - The Council discussed that Harvey's was changing ownership and that was the reason for the request. A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Smith to approve the alcohol licenses for the change in ownership. The motion carried unanimously

**V) City Attorney's Report**

**Second Reading and adoption of Ordinance Providing Standards for the Naming of Streets** - The City Attorney briefly reviewed the Ordinance again reminding the Council that a committee would need to be formed, and who would serve on the committee, to review and request for name changes. A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Hutchins to adopt the Ordinance Providing Standards for the Naming of Streets in Blakely. The motion carried unanimously

**MGAG Contract and Resolution** - The City Attorney informed the Council that he had been through several of these with other cities. He stated that this agreement was to allow the authority to sell bonds and for the City to continue to receive gas through MGAG. A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Hutchins to approve the MGAG Contract and Resolution. The motion carried unanimously

**MGAG Voting Delegate Resolution** - A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Hutchins to approve Danny Williams and the City's voting delegate and Melinda Crook to replace Charles Jenkins as the alternate voting delegate. The motion carried unanimously

**MEAG Year End Settlement** - A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Smith to place the MEAG year end settlement, in the amount of \$262,172, into the Flexible Operating Account of the Competitive Trust, which is the same as was done the previous year. The motion carried unanimously

**MEAG Telecom Year End Settlement** - A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Smith to place the MEAG telecom year end settlement, the amount of \$1,600.21, in the Flexible Operating Account of the Competitive Trust, which is the same as was done the previous year. The motion carried unanimously

**Adopt a Park** - A motion was made by Councilman Hutchins and seconded by Councilman Middleton to table the agreement for adopting a park for the Council and organization to review. The motion carried unanimously

**VI) City Clerk's Report**

The Clerk presented the Council with financial reports. She informed the Council that the City had \$315,490.01 in the bank at the end of March. She stated that the balance had increased from the previous month by \$86,761.08 and that this balance was being left in the account for the coming months when funds tend to get low because revenue decreases slightly. The Clerk informed the Council that she had contacted Mr. Chandler regarding re-quoting the price of the HVAC unit at the Senior Center to include a price for the R410 but that she had not received anything back. She then informed the Council that she had received an additional quote from Mr. Will Wimberly and that his quote was \$4,118.50. The Clerk then informed the Council that upon questioning the auditor there were three more budget adjustments that needed to be made, which were provided to the Council, before the auditors arrive on the 21<sup>st</sup>. She informed the Council that one was for the LMIG work, one being from the Fire Department Generator and the last being for the Police cars. A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Smith to approve the final budget adjustments. The motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Councilman Hutchins and seconded by Councilman Middleton to approve the quote from Wimberly's Heating and Cooling, in the amount of \$4,118.50, for the new HVAC unit at the Senior Center. The motion carried unanimously

**VII) New Items Proposed By Mayor And City Council**

**Request from Public Safety to use funds from the Education Fund**

A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Smith to approve the use of \$618.61, from the County Drug Abuse Treatment and Education Fund made by Deputy Martin, to pay for items purchased for the CHAMPS program. The motion carried unanimously

**Bids for Surplus Equipment** - A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Hutchins to approve the highest bidder for each items as follows:

Equipment	Bidder	Amount
91 GMC Sierra Pickup	Will Wimberly	325.00
93 Chevy Pickup	Will Wimberly	525.00
93 Ford Crown Vic	Will Wimberly	1,025.00
96 Ford F800	Adam Askew	500.00
92 Mack	Greg Hutchins	1,500.00
89 Ditch/Witch boring machine	Tim Harris	212.00
98 Exmark Lawn Mower 60" cut	Thomas Tye	176.00
Rhino Bush Hog Mower SE7	Billy Day	60.00
Gas Welder	Danny Williams	110.00
Curtis Dyna-Fogger	Tim Harris	209.00
Onan RS 12000 Generator	Tim Harris	226.00
Snapper mower 60" cut	Hal Wimberly	50.00
900 John Deer 2755 Tractor/bush hog	Dan Mulkey	3115.00

The motion carried unanimously

Councilman Hutchins stated that he been questioned regarding why the City does not maintain other cemeteries in the City. The City Attorney stated that the City actually owns the City Cemetery and that he believed it was in the deed that the City continues perpetual care. The Mayor questioned how the City might go about assuming ownership of the other cemeteries to maintain. The City Attorney informed the Council that he would look into the deeds to the City Cemetery and check on the legal rights of the City taking over maintenance on the other cemeteries. There was then some discussion as to the City taking contributions to help maintain the City Cemetery.

**VIII) Public Comments**

Mr. Tommy Jive Wright addressed the Council to question getting a meter reset at his property on S. 27. The Mayor stated that upon previous questioning he had found that Mr. Wright had been paid for a portion of this property when 27 was widened. He then stated that the line had been removed, when the road was widened and therefore could only be run from the other side of the 27 and DOT stated the City could not run a line under 27. Mr. Wright offered an alternative solution and the Mayor informed him that the City would try to work with him on this matter and that the cost would be looked into.

**IX) Adjournment**

A motion was made by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Middleton to adjourn the April 8th City Council Meeting. The motion carried unanimously

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Anthony Howard, Mayor