



**BLAKELY CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

DECEMBER 3, 2013

CITY HALL

6:00 P.M.

I) Public Hearing – Re-Zoning Walker Springs Road

Mayor Howard opened the Public Hearing at 6:05. No members of the public spoke. The Public Hearing was closed at 6:07.

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

Mayor Howard called the meeting to order. Councilman Hutchins gave the invocation. Mayor Howard led the Council and Public in the Pledge of Allegiance. Let the record show that Mayor Howard, Councilman Middleton, Councilman Hutchins were present. Let the record show that Councilman Smith and Councilman Mills were not present. Let the record show that the City Attorney, Tommy Coleman and the City Clerk, Melinda Crook were also present.

III) Approve Minutes

A motion was made by Councilman Hutchins and seconded by Councilman Middleton to approve the minutes from November 5 and November 26. The motion carried with Councilman Hutchins, Councilman Middleton and Mayor Howard voting "Yes"

IV) Citizens And Delegations

Jeff Hatcher – Turner Broadband

Jeff Hatcher and Shane Turner came before the Council to explain that Turner Broadband had taken over Mainstreet Broadband over a year ago and had purchased all assets. They asked the Council to consider letting their company take over the contract and continue forward with the same contract the City had with Mainstreet Broadband. They informed the Council that they have existing service in Bainbridge, Colquitt, Donaldsonville and Brinson and want to move toward services in Blakely which may not have been provided previously. They informed the Council that if approved they could have the system up and running within 30 days. A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Hutchins to approve Turner Broadband's request to continue to Mainstreet Broadband contract upon the City Attorney's review. The Motion carried with Councilman Middleton, Councilman Hutchins and Mayor Howard voting "Yes."

Jim Synder – Construction Of Parking Lot For Pokey's 71 GA Pine

A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Hutchins to table this item until the next meeting on December 9th. The motion carried with Councilman Middleton, Councilman Hutchins and Mayor Howard voting "Yes."

V) Administrative Committee Reports

Planning Commission – Discuss Rezoning Walker Springs Road

Building Inspector, Kenneth Jones came before the Council to inform them that the Planning Commission had recommended the rezoning of Walker Springs Road. A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Hutchins to approve the rezoning of Walkers Springs Rd from R1 to R2. The motion carried with Councilman Middleton, Councilman Hutchins and Mayor Howard voting "Yes."

Renewal Of Alcohol Licenses

The Mayor informed the Council that Public Safety had provided information that there had been no police actions taken toward any of the businesses that currently have alcohol licenses within the City of Blakely. A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Hutchins to approve the renewal of alcohol licenses for 2014. The motion carried with Councilman Middleton, Councilman Hutchins and Mayor Howard voting "Yes."

VI) City Attorney's Report

Second Reading And Adoption Of Budget Ordinance

A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Hutchins to approve the Budget Ordinance and the proposed 2014 Budget with the proposed changes (rate changes from Public

Hearing and expenditures changes for bonuses). The motion carried with Councilman Middleton, Councilman Hutchins and Mayor Howard voting "Yes."

First Reading Of Ordinance Amending The Acreage Required For Horses

There was a first reading, by the City Attorney, of an Ordinance to amend the acreage required for horses.

Resolution Chamber Of Commerce/Chamber Agreement

The Mayor explained that a donation had been made toward the renovation at the Chamber of Commerce and that the donation, for tax purposes, needed to be processed through the City. He then stated that he had contacted the City Attorney and the Resolution and Agreement were needed for the donation to be processed accordingly. A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Hutchins to approve the Chamber of Commerce Resolution and Agreement with a change in the amount from \$25,000 to \$35,000. The motion carried with Councilman Middleton, Councilman Hutchins and Mayor Howard voting "Yes."

Resolution Amending Personnel Policies

The Council considered this item after the Executive Session.

Renewal Of Court Square Development

A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Hutchins to approve the renewal of the Court Square Development agreement for the Hotel/Motel tax. The motion carried with Councilman Middleton, Councilman Hutchins and Mayor Howard voting "Yes."

Resolution Hazardous Waste Trust Fund

A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Hutchins to approve the Resolution for the Hazardous Waste Trust Fund in the amount of \$5,989.20. The motion carried with Councilman Middleton, Councilman Hutchins and Mayor Howard voting "Yes."

VII) City Clerk's Report

The City Clerk presented the Council with financial reports. She informed the Council that the City finished the month with \$52,644.44 in the bank. She then informed the Council that \$40,000 had been moved back into each the combined Utility and Combined Savings accounts and that \$21,276.18 back into the DOT Reimbursement account. She informed the Council that, at the present time, the City was \$40,000 shy of replacing the \$200,000 that had been borrowed out of the Combined Utility and Combined Savings account during the year and that she was hoping to be able to transfer that in December.

VIII) New Items Proposed By Mayor And City Council

Discuss Streets For Truck Routes / Truck Ordinance

The Mayor explained to the Council that upon discussion with the City Attorney the Ordinance reads that the Council has the authority to designate the truck routes from time to time. The Building Inspector spoke regarding Public Safety's concerns about the truck parking and signage for the truck routes.

Appointment to Recreation Board

A motion was made by Councilman Hutchins and seconded by Councilman Middleton to approve the City nomination of Travis Price for the combined, City and County, seat on the Recreation Board. Upon approval by the County at the January meeting, the motion carried with Councilman Hutchins, Councilman Middleton and Mayor Howard voting "Yes."

IX) Public Comments

Anthony Lingo came before the Council to request the donation of the Civic Center for kids movies possibly two times a month. He informed the Council that he had a large projector and sound system. He also stated that there would be no charge to attendees if he could continue to pay but he might possibly have to request donations from parents. He informed the Council that Friday, Saturday or Sunday nights would probably be the nights he would request. The Council informed Mr. Lingo that they felt it would be better if this item was put on the agenda for the next meeting so that the full Council could consider the proposal.

X) Executive Session

A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Hutchins to enter into Executive Session regarding personnel matters. The motion carried with Councilman Middleton, Councilman Hutchins and Mayor Howard voting "Yes."

After returning to regular session a motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Hutchins to approve the Resolution amending the personnel policy regarding the donation of Annual Leave. The motion carried with Councilman Middleton, Councilman Hutchins and Mayor Howard voting "Yes."

XI) Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Hutchins to adjourn the December 3rd City Council Meeting. The motion carried with Councilman Middleton, Councilman Hutchins and Mayor Howard voting "Yes."

Anthony Howard, Mayor