



**BLAKELY CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MINUTES**

MAY 7, 2013

CITY HALL

5:00 P.M.

I) Call To Order

The Mayor called the work session to order

II) Limb debris removal proposal

Robert Murkerson came before the Mayor and Council to discuss the limb, leaf, yard debris and bulky material proposal submitted by Early Tree Service. After going through the proposal Mr. Murkerson informed the council that his company would obtain all necessary permits. The Mayor questioned Mr. Murkerson on his plan for reduction of inert material going to the landfill. Mr. Murkerson informed the Mayor and Council that inert materials would be transported to a different location and processed for recycling. He then informed the Mayor and Council that items such as (furniture, treated wood etc...) would have to continue to be taken to the landfill and that the metal would be taken to the landfill for the City to sell. He stated that his company would abide by all state rules and regulations. He then informed the Mayor and Council that the items for recycling would go to a location on S. Main to be ground and removed within a day or so. There was some discussion between Mr. Murkerson, the Mayor and Council which concluded Mr. Murkerson's presentation.

Clay Crawford came before the Mayor and Council to discuss the limb, leaf, yard debris and bulky materials proposal he had submitted. Mr. Crawford informed the Mayor and Council that he also would be transporting the inert items to a separate location to be recycled and sold to GA. Pacific. He stated that he felt he could provide a service to the citizens the same or possibly better than they receive at the present time. He informed the Council that he has a sight located off Hwy 200, approved by EPD, for the recycling. He also informed the Council that he would be hauling the non-recyclable items to the landfill according to EPD regulations. Mr. Crawford stated that he only has one grapple truck at the present time but that if needed he would purchase a second. He then informed the Council that he would be splitting the route into two portions-the north side and the South side and that he would try his best to accommodate the citizens if needed. Mr. Crawford was questioned if his arrangement regarding the limb, leaf and yard debris was a firm arrangement and he stated that it was. Mr. Crawford questioned the Council regarding storm damage materials. The Council informed Mr. Crawford that the City would assist in such cases if needed. He also informed the Council that he would maintain a staffed office during his business hours. At this point Mr. Crawford concluded his presentation.

Mr. Max Wallace informed the Council that he wished to pass on his proposal

The Council had a discussion regarding the employees that are staffed in the department. The Utility Director informed the Council that the three remaining employees would be relocated to other position within the City. Councilman Mills offered the suggestion of moving one of the employees and letting the department continue with only two employees which would drop the expenses making it cheaper to keep the operation in house rather than outsourcing. There was discussion between the Council regarding this scenario and whether there would be interest, by these companies, for just the recycling of the limb, leaf and yard debris.

III) Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilman Mills and seconded by Councilman Hutchins to adjourn the May 7th work session. The motion carried unanimously

Anthony Howard, Mayor