



**Blakely City Council
Minutes**

December 9, 2015

City Hall

4:00 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 Charles Middleton, Councilwoman Margaret Wimberly and Councilman Andy Smith were all present. Danny Williams gave the invocation. The Mayor led the Council and public in the Pledge of Allegiance. Let the record show that the City Clerk, Melinda Crook was also present.

II) City Attorney's Report

Second Reading of Budget Ordinance - A motion made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Hutchins to adopt the 2016 Budget Ordinance. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmember's present.

III) City Clerk's Report

The City Clerk went over the changes in the budget requested from the public hearing and those requested regarding revenue. She informed the Council that a budget for telecommunication had been created with expenditures of \$500,000. She informed the Council that an addition of around \$54,000 had been added for yard debris pickup. She stated that this was mainly due to the closure of the inert pit and the cost of having to take the debris elsewhere. She informed the Council of a 3% increase in landfill fees and a 3% increase in dumpster fees that she had been instructed to include. She informed the Council that she had been instructed to include a 3% increase in water/sewer as well but that she had incorporated the full 3% in sewer but that it may be incorporated into both. She also informed the Council that the budget included the 2% cost of living increase and the additional up to 1% merit increase for the employees. The Mayor explained the telecommunication expenditures further to the Council. A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Hutchins to approve the 2016 budget as presented. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmember's present.

IV) New Items Proposed By Mayor And City Council

The Mayor informed the Council of the grading on the engineering firms for the new CDBG Grant. He stated that Polyengineering received scores of 67 and 73 and that EMC Engineering had received scores of 63 and 62. A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Smith to award Polyengineering the engineering for the new CDBG Grant project. The motion carried unanimously by the Councilmember's present.

Ed Quick from Tantalus was present to update the Council on the metering project. He informed the Council that the server was up and running.

The Fire Chief informed the Council that two bids had been received on the new fire truck. He stated that Pierce had initially come in at \$288,000 and E-One at \$275,988. He then informed the Council that he had gone back over both proposals with each company and taken off items that he felt were not needed. He stated that Pierce's proposal had been adjusted to the amount of \$272,000 and E-One to \$248,595. He informed the Council that he had spoken to several other Fire Departments and had been told that E-One was good equipment. He informed the Council that his recommendation would be the proposal from E-One in the amount of \$248,595. A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Smith to accept the bid from E-One in the amount of \$248,595. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmember's present

V) Public Comments

A citizen spoke about semi-truck parking inside the City limits. He stated that he had received a citation and that he had been warned previously. He informed the Council that he doesn't have the funds for gas to travel back and forth to Southern Ag Carriers. The Mayor stated that his has come up before and that he was familiar with certain streets that there was no parking on. The Mayor

advised Mr. Charles to sign up to be placed on the agenda to discuss the matter with the Council officially.

VI) Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Hutchins to adjourn the December 9th Special Called City Council Meeting. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmember's present.

Anthony Howard, Mayor