



BLAKELY CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

CITY HALL

FEBRUARY 7, 2017

6:00 P.M.

D) PUBLIC HEARING REDBUD STREET

Application to re-zone property from R1 to R2 – Mr. Coleman explained this was a request to change the zoning on the Redbud Street property from R1 to R2 to allow for modular buildings to be placed for use as a church. This has been to the planning commission and they recommended approving the change. The Mayor then asked for any public comments. There were no questions or comments from those present so the hearing was closed.

II) CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Howard called the meeting to order. Those present were Mayor Howard, Councilman Hutchins, Councilman Thornton, Councilman Middleton, Councilman Crozier, Attorney Tommy Coleman and Trudie Evans. Councilman Hutchins gave the invocation. The Mayor led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III) APPROVE MINUTES

A motion to approve the January 3rd and January 10th minutes was made by Councilman Hutchins. Motion was seconded by Councilman Crozier. The motion carried unanimously.

IV) CITIZENS AND DELEGATIONS

Tabitha Davis – not present

Danny Williams Request To Order Truck - Danny explained that it would take 3 to 8 months to get the truck. A question was raised about what would happen to the current truck and Danny explained that it was in better shape than truck 11 and would be moved to the water sewer department to replace that truck. A motion was made by Councilman Middleton to approve the purchase of the truck for the gas department. The motion was seconded by Councilman Thornton. The motion carried unanimously.

Wanda Minks

(a) Basis for Selection Engineering Firm

(b) Basis for Selection Consulting-Admin Firm

Wanda Minks addressed the council regarding the basis of selection for both engineering and administration services for the 2017 CDBG. A motion to approve the basis for selection for Polyengineering as Engineering firm was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Thornton. The motion carried unanimously. A motion to approve the basis for selection for Advocates for Better Communities for consulting / administrative services was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Crozier. The motion carried unanimously. Mrs. Minks informed the Council that she would prepare the contracts for those services.

V) ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning Commission Zone Change Redbud Street – Kenneth Jones addressed the council regarding the zone change request on Redbud. He informed the Council that the Planning Commission had approved the change to R2 with a provision for limited use allowing the property to be used as a church only and if the church ceases to exist the zone will revert to R1. Kenneth did state that the property owners would need to address drainage and would need a soil erosion and sedimentation plan for the property. Councilman Hutchins made a motion to approve the zone change with the condition as put forth by the planning commission. Councilman Crozier seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

VI) CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance Setting Compensation for Mayor and Council -

A motion to adopt the ordinance setting compensation for Mayor and Council was made by Councilman Hutchins and seconded by Councilman Thornton. Let the record show that Councilmen Hutchins and Thornton voted Aye and Councilmen Crozier and Middleton voted Nay. Mayor Howard broke the tie with a vote of Aye.

Chamber Agreement - A motion to approve the chamber agreement was made Councilman Middleton. Councilman Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Tax Commissioner Agreement - A motion to approve the tax commissioner agreement was made Councilman Middleton. Councilman Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

VII) CITY CLERK'S REPORT

City Clerk Melinda Crook was not present as she was in clerk's training. Financial reports were handed out; any questions regarding the reports can be addressed when she returns.

VIII) NEW ITEMS PROPOSED BY MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Councilman Crozier requested that the City join Golden Triangle RC&D. The sponsorship is \$250.00 per year. A motion to join the Golden Triangle RC&D was made by Councilman Crozier and seconded by Councilman Middleton. The motion carried unanimously.

Councilman Crozier also brought up writing a letter to DOT to request additional signage at the intersection of Highways 27 and 62 at the Huddle House as there have been many accidents at that intersection. The Council agreed to do the letter.

IX) PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Mike Newberry addressed the Council regarding Peanut Proud. He thanked the Council for their support in the past and asked for their continued support of Peanut Proud.

Mr. Travis Wimbush addressed the Council. He thanked the Council for their support of the Martin Luther King activities. Mr. Wimbush also brought to the council's attention that 2 youth football teams from the Recreation Department had gone to the championships and he asked about a resolution to acknowledge those teams. He also requested that the Council consider a discount rate for using the Blakely Civic Center for a re-pass. Mr. Wimbush also requested that the Council look into making a picnic area where the pool is closed and also re-working the facilities so as to eliminate the porta potties. He commented on how much better the area on Tarver Drive looks since the City removed some dilapidated houses and thanked the council for taking them down.

X) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business a motion to adjourn the November 1st meeting was made by Councilman Crozier and seconded by Councilman Hutchins. The motion carried unanimously.

Anthony Howard, Mayor