



**BLAKELY CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
CITY HALL**

APRIL 4, 2017

6:00 P.M.

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

Let the record show that the Mayor, Anthony Howard, called the meeting to order. Mayor, Anthony Howard, Councilman James Crozier, Councilman Frank Thornton, Councilman Al Hutchins and Councilman Charles Middleton were all present. City Attorney, Tommy Coleman and City Clerk, Melinda Crook were also present. Mike Newberry gave the invocation. The Mayor let the Council and public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II) APPROVE MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Hutchins and seconded by Councilman Crozier to approve the March 7th minutes. The motion carried unanimously by Councilman present

III) CITIZENS AND DELEGATIONS

Technology Report - Matt Hammond addressed the Council to give an update on Fiber to the Home. He stated that the project is real close to being complete. He stated that the outside plant structure is about 95% complete and are expecting it to be completed in the next couple of weeks, tested and turned over ready to go. He stated that the billing system and some equipment are still being worked on to be completed but there is still a little way to go. He stated that he was hoping to get some testing done in the next couple of weeks to make sure that the system is work orderly. He stated that the marketing and pricing was being worked on and that everything is moving along. There were some questions and discuss about the speed to homes and the fiber product in general and how the system will work.

Calvin Wilkinson – Spring Hill Landfill – Leachate Disposal

Two gentlemen from Waste Management, came before the Mayor and Council to asked for the use of the City treatment plant for the use of leachate disposal from their facility in Campbellton, FL. He informed the Council that they are hauling it in 5,000 tankers and would supply analytical reports and whatever other paperwork would be needed. They Mayor then asked why the City with all the other treatment plants around them. They informed the Mayor that they presently are hauling to Marianna, 5 loads a day 6 days a week, Sneads, 1 load a day, Opaloosa County and will be starting with Dothan within the next week. They then stated that there really aren't a lot of treatment plants around them with the size needed to properly disperse the leachate through their systems because it is volume depended. They stated that they have recycled it in their location for 20 years and also have an old location that gets affected by rain water. They stated that they would take some of the loads that they now send to Opaloosa and direct them to the City due to the cost factor. The Mayor question who they had been doing business with the longest, to which they stated Marianna and Sneads. They stated that they had mainly been recirculating the last four years. The Mayor questioned Adam Askew, Water Treatment Department Head, as to what he had found out about the City taking this product. Adam informed the Mayor and Council that the only difference was in the Ammonia spike but that would level out by the way it would filter through the system and that the spike issue would be gone. He stated that he had contacted the EPD compliance officer and that he would not say yes or no but that if we took water samples that would tell us if it changes anything. Adam stated that he felt this was an additional revenue source while helping Waste Management with their disposal. The Mayor then questioned if Waste Management had presented the City with a proposed contract to which they stated they had not due to wanting to make sure that the City was open to this arrangement. They also stated

that they wanted to see how the testing went first to make sure that this arrangement would work and how many loads the City could accept per day without upsetting the plant. The Mayor questioned Adam as to how many loads he felt the City could accept. Adam informed the Mayor and Council that he felt 5 loads/25,000 gallons per day would work and not hurt the plant. The Mayor also questioned what would happen when we exceed out permit. Waste Management stated that they could diver to other locations or hold off on hauling to the City. They then discussed the contract with the City Attorney and stated that they could get a copy of their contract with Marianna and make some revision and then submit it. Councilman Thornton then question where it was going to enter the City system. Adam then explain where it was going to enter and the path it would take before it reached the plant which would help with the dilution of the leachaste. Councilman Crozier question the cost to which Adam stated it would be .04 per gallon. A motion was made by Councilman Crozier and seconded by Councilman Thornton to approve a test run after the City Attorney reviews the proposed contract and gives his approval. Councilman Hutchins questioned for a little further explanation on the path this product would take. Councilman Crozier question, to reiterate, that there would be no need for an amendment to the City permit. Adam stated that there would not be because this is really no different to us washing down the City landfill pad presently. The motion carried with Councilman Thornton, Councilman Crozier and Councilman Middleton voting "YEH" and Councilman Hutchins abstaining.

IV) ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Adam Askew – Bids For Truck

Adam spoke to the Council regarding the need for a new truck in his department. He stated that he had gotten quotes from Wade Ford, Prince Automotive Group Chevrolet, Dean Chrysler Dodge and Sunbelt Ford. Councilman Hutchins questioned about the local dealers. The Mayor stated we have been buying off of State contract and pay the local deal \$300 or \$400 and they get to put their sticker on the vehicle. He stated that this is the way the Sheriff's department has been working their vehicle purchases. The Mayor then stated that the most reasonable price was Sunbelt for \$19,673.56. Adam stated that he felt this quote was not identical to the other quotes. There was discussion regarding the differences in quotes. Councilman Crozier questioned what was the difference. Adam stated that the Sunbelt proposal was not for an extended cab. There was some further discussion. The Mayor stated that the Sunbelt truck was need to be ordered. A motion was made by Councilman Hutchins and seconded by Councilman Thornton to purchase the truck from Sunbelt Ford in the amount of \$19,673.56. The motion carried unanimously by Councilman present.

The Mayor then asked Adam to update the Council on the issues at the hospital. Adam informed the Council that the grinder has to be replaced due to a problem and that there had been some bad pipe that had to be replaced. Adam questioned if the hospital could pay for half but the Mayor reminded the Council and Adam that the hospital is in bankruptcy. The Mayor informed the Council that the Water Department had put a trap in the line to catch some of the items such as; diapers, bed sheets and towels that have been going down the line. He informed the Council that Chris McClendon had provided him pictures of some of these items and that he had shown them to the Hospital Authority. There was discussion on how these larger items were getting down the line.

V) CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Second Reading And Adoption Of Soil Erosion And Sedimentation Ordinance

The City Attorney stated this was the second reading. He stated that DNR provides these to Cities from time to time with certain changes that have been put in place by State law and codes. He stated that it allow for individuals who need to permits for this to be able to come to the City to get them with this Ordinance in place. A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Crozier to adopt the Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Ordinance. The motion carried unanimously by Councilman present.

First Reading Of Ordinance Amending The Emergency Management Ordinance

The City Attorney, Tommy Coleman, went through the Emergency Management Ordinance stating that at the last meeting he was asked about putting together an Ordinance regarding false alarms. He explained that the first false alarm would be free but that there would be tier fee structure starting with the second false alarm. He stated that the second false alarm would be \$50, the third would be \$75,

the fourth would be \$100, the fifth would be \$150 as well as an subsequent call outs. He then stated that if emergency responders were notified of the false alarm prior to arrival the owner of the alarm would be charged a service fee of \$25 for the second through the fourth false alarm activations, then \$50 for the fifth through the tenth activations and from the eleventh up the fee would be \$100. He did state that whether the fee is paid or not emergency responders would still go out for the call. This constituted as the first reading of the Ordinance Amending the Emergency Management Ordinance.

First Reading Of Ordinance Regulating Truck Traffic

The City Attorney, Tommy Coleman, stated that this Ordinance was to further elaborate prohibited operations. He went through the prohibited operations section of the Ordinance stressing the areas that he had further elaborated on. Councilman Middleton questioned if the previous Ordinance stated that a delivery truck leave by the nearest State Route. Mr. Coleman stated that he didn't think so but that it could be added. The Mayor also stated that it needed to be added that this doesn't mean that they continue through a Residential area to get to the nearest State Route. This constituted as the first reading of the Ordinance Regulating Truck Traffic.

VI) CITY CLERK'S REPORT

The City Clerk presented the Mayor and Council with current financial reports as well as the final financial report from December. She informed the Mayor and Council that she had moved expenses for Fiber to the Home to asset for both 2016 and 2017 so that the complete infrastructure would be capitalized. She stated that she had discussed this with the City auditor. She informed the Mayor and Council that just a little over 500 water meters were not pulling into the system and about 115 electric but that these were continuing to be worked on or changed out. She informed the Council that there were 53 customers on prepaid. She updated the Council on the software issues and that we were fixing to demo four softwares. Councilman Hutchins questioned if the Clerk had an update on the park. She stated that she had been looking through on catalogs for park benches/picnic tables and had spoke to Lane regarding upgrading the bathrooms. She informed the Mayor and Council that the plants had been planted around the Civic Center and that she had heard that it looked much better.

VII) NEW ITEMS PROPOSED BY MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Update To The Retention Schedule - The Clerk informed the Mayor and Council that she had asked this to be placed on the agenda due to finding out at the Clerks Conference that revision had been made to the retention schedule. She stated that the updates pertained to shortening the time period that some items had to be retained and that the only sections that did not have a revision at this time were to Police/Public Safety. The Clerk then clarified with the City Attorney that this must be done by Ordinance.

Councilman Hutchins questioned if anyone had contacted DOT about the bypass intersection. Councilman Crozier stated that he had drafted a letter. The Mayor stated that he had spoken to Representative Greene about the fact that these two intersections needed to have something done. Councilman Crozier stated that a response was received from Mr. Johnny Floyd, our Representative on the DOT board, and that he would forward that response.

Captain Randall, from the Sheriff's office, went through the Public Safety report regarding the activity for the month. Councilman Crozier questioned if they keep up with alarm related items to which Captain Randall informed him that they try to keep up with this information.

The Mayor updated the Council regarding E-911. He stated that Randolph County has been brought online and that they are paying. He stated that the small issues have been corrected. He then stated that Stewart County should be turned on any day. Councilman Hutchins questioned if Clay or Quitman had come on as well. The Mayor stated that there had been no further progress with Clay and Quitman.

VIII) PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Mike Newberry addressed the Mayor and Council to say thank you for all that the City had done to assist with Peanut Proud. The Mayor then thanked Mr. Newberry for all that they do to continue

making Peanut Proud a large success stating that the City employees get compensation for what they do but the ones who organize the event do so with no compensation.

Kyle Kornegay thanked the City for sending someone to the Chamber to clean before Peanut Proud.

A citizen questioned when the City would be doing some sidewalk work. He stated that he was talking about Church St. behind Piggly Wiggly. The Mayor questioned what areas had been submitted to LMIG to which the Clerk stated Fort Gaines St., River, Redbud. The Mayor stated that we would have Charlie look into this and put on an LMIG application.

Councilman Hutchins asked the public to call City Hall if they notice any street lights out. There was a brief discussion on how the street lights work regarding coming on and going off.

A citizen questioned the false alarm Ordinance presented. Councilman Crozier stated that he felt the main issue was due to business and not necessarily residential. There was a brief between the citizen and the City Attorney for better clarification on if it was a false alarm when a monitoring company is involved. She discussed some sidewalk issues as well on Church St.

IX) ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Thornton to adjourn the April 4th City Council meeting. The motion carried unanimously by Councilman present.

Anthony Howard, Mayor