



**BLAKELY CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

SEPTEMBER 6, 2016

CITY HALL

6:00 P.M.

I) Public Hearing – Zone Change Redbud 3 Lots

Mayor Howard opened the public hearing. Building official Kenneth Jones gave the council the details of the zone change request. Mrs. Whitehead wants to change the zone from R1 to R2 so she can place 2 to 3 mobile homes to be rented out. Mr. Jones stated that depending on the size of the mobile homes she would have plenty of footage for 2 or 3 and that the homes would face Redbud Street.

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 Flin Coleman and Trudie Evans. Commissioner Charlie Sol gave the invocation. The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III) Approve Minutes

A motion was made by Councilman Hutchins and seconded by Councilman Thornton to approve the minutes for August 2nd, 18th and 29th as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

IV) Citizens And Delegations

Katrina Bond with Electric Cities presented a power point presentation explaining the need for a new rate for solar energy.

A motion to approve the ECG rider for distribution rates was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Thornton. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Will Geer of Geer and Associates discussed the audit report with the council.

V) Administrative Committee Reports

Meredith Whitehead – Zone Change Redbud 3 Lots

Councilman Middleton made motion to approve the zone change on Redbud. Councilman Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Kasanova Lounge – Alcohol License Tabled From Last Month
Yo Spot – Alcohol License Tabled From Last Month

A motion to again table the alcohol licenses for Kasanova Lounge and Yo Spot until the ordinance issue is resolved was made by Councilman Crozier and seconded by Councilman Middleton. The motion carried unanimously.

VI) City Attorney’s Report

Resolution Approving Amended Gas Supply Contract With MGAG -

A motion to approve the MGAG Resolution and contract was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Crozier. The motion carried unanimously.

There was a first reading of an amendment to the alcohol ordinance repealing paragraph R of section 3.21.

VII) City Clerk’s Report

City Clerk Melinda Crook was not present. She will forward financial reports to all council members when she returns.

VIII) New Items Proposed By Mayor And City Council

Millage Rate - A motion to approve the millage rate as advertised was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Thornton. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Howard informed those present that Wanda Hudson Minks had called to inform him that the city was successful in their submission for a CDBG for sewer repairs for Love Street and the area behind the jail.

Councilman Hutchins questioned the progress with the walking path at the playground and discussed some improvements for the Civic Center.

IX) Public Comments

Mr. Charlie Sol addressed the council regarding speed bumps. He stated that just because one citizen approached the council requesting a speed bump in an area did not mean that all the residents in that area were in agreement. He suggested that the council do a survey of an area before placing a speed bump to get the feedback from all the residents in the area.

Mrs. Winona Love addressed the council regarding the upkeep of some of the properties on Redbud. Building Official Kenneth Jones informed Mrs. Love that letters had already been sent to the owners of the properties in question. Councilman Hutchins asked if the city could mow the property and then send the property owners a bill to which the attorney stated, yes, but it had to go to court first.

X) Executive Session

A motion to enter executive session was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Hutchins.

A motion to exit executive session was made by Councilman Crozier and seconded by Councilman Thornton.

XI) Adjournment

Councilman Middleton made a motion to adjourn the September 6th meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilman Hutchins. The motion carried unanimously.

Anthony Howard, Mayor