



**BLAKELY CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

OCTOBER 12, 2017

CITY HALL

1:00 P.M.

I) Call To Order, Roll Call, Invocation, Pledge Of Allegiance

Mayor Pro Tem James Crozier call the meeting to order. Let the record show that Councilman Frank Thornton, Councilman Charles Middleton, Mayor Pro Tem James Crozier and City Clerk, Melinda Crook were present. Mayor Howard and Councilman Al Hutchins were not present. Councilman James Crozier gave the invocation. Mayor Pro Tem James Crozier led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance

II) Administrative Committee Reports

Fire Chief, Randy McDonald, informed the Council that several locations had been looked into as a temporary location for the Fire Department during construction of the new building. He stated that they had looked at the old school bus shop, the old furniture building, Chuck DeLoach's building and Polly's, as a last resort. He informed the Council of the issues with the old school bus shop, the old furniture building and the building owned by Chuck DeLoach. He stated that if moved into Polly's there would be an agreement with Jim Woods and Mr. Hall regarding using some area as fire truck bays. Councilman Middleton stated that the old school bus shop was not a good location. Randy stated that they really need to be as close as they can to the current Fire Department for additional equipment. There was further discussion regarding all of the location being looked into. Randy also stated that he had looked into a mobile home as a temporary location. There was further discussion regarding work that would need to be done on the buildings and the time constraints on that as well. Randy informed the Council that Mayor Howard was going to have the AC replaced and that this building would take the least amount of time to get ready for occupancy.

III) City Attorney's Report

The City Attorney stated that he had an agreement drawn up with the Mayor regarding Polly's if the Council opted to go that way. He then stated that the Charter and code provides for the City to use the building owned by the Mayor as long as it is on record that the Mayor abstains, which is why the Mayor was not in attendance at the meeting. He stated that this could be done, as well by the ethics policy, in cases of emergency which this classifies as due to not having another suitable location and needing for this process to move forward by a certain time. He informed the Council that the rental agreement would be for \$650.00 per month. Councilman Middleton stated that we are in a state of emergency due to the time constraints of this project moving forward. He also stated that he would prefer that it wasn't Polly's but this project needs to start come November. A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Thornton to approve the rental agreement with Mayor Anthony Howard in the amount of \$650.00 per month, for the use of Polly's at 44 N. Main St, as a temporary location for the Fire Department and that this is being entered into in

an emergency situation due to the time constraints of the project. Also let the record show that Mayor Howard recognized the conflict and therefore abstained and was not present at the meeting. The motion carried with Mayor Pro Tem Crozier, Councilman Middleton and Councilman Thornton voting “Yes”

IV) Public Comments

None

V) Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Thornton to adjourn the October 12th Special Called Meeting. The motion carried with Councilman Middleton, Councilman Thornton and Mayor Pro Tem Crozier voting “Yes”

Anthony Howard, Mayor