



**Blakely City Council  
Special Called Meeting Minutes**

**October 19, 2016**

**City Hall**

**5:30 P.M.**

**I) Call to Order, Roll Call, Invocation, Pledge Of Allegiance**

Let the record show that the Mayor, Anthony Howard, Councilman Frank Thornton, Councilman James Crozier, Councilman Al Hutchins and Councilman Charles Middleton were present. Councilman Hutchins 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) Administrative Committee Reports**

**Second reading to amend the 300' distance requirement for alcohol**

The Mayor stated that this would be the second reading. Councilman Hutchins stated that the 300ft has been working on the Council for a while now. He questioned how the 300ft came about. The Mayor stated that it came about when Jerome had been back and forth with the Council. He stated that it was a way to help regulate the businesses. He questioned if the City gets taxes off these businesses. The Clerk stated property taxes and the Mayor stated that the license is an occupational tax. There was more discussion about the other buildings in this area. Councilman Crozier questioned the areas of the Ordinance that would be affected. There was discussion about how the Ordinance is worded. Councilman Thornton spoke of when he asked for the change. He stated that when the Kasanova Lounge was trying to open he stated that he had informed them that they should keep their place closed until their license was approved so as not to violate the Ordinance. He then stated that he had spoke to Mr. Pittman about not abiding by the Ordinance and that he has not been doing right. Councilman Hutchins questioned if the utility bill is up to date. There was more discussion between the Council. A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Thornton to deny the change in the Ordinance for the 300ft distance requirement of alcohol sales. The motion carried with Councilman Middleton and Councilman Thornton voting "Yeh", Councilman Hutchins and Councilman Crozier voting "No" and the Mayor broke the tie with a vote of "Yeh."

**Alcohol application for Addonis Pitman** - A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Thornton to deny the alcohol license for Addonis Pittman. Councilman Crozier questioned if applications from this point forward would come before the Council. The Mayor stated that the application

process should stop if it would violate the 300ft distance requirement. There was some more discussion between the Council. The motion carried unanimously by Councilman present.

**III) City Attorney's Report**

**IV) City Clerk Report**

The Clerk informed the Council that Tantalus system had been converted to Mode 6. She stated that the next step is to move street light repeaters. She stated that no one new had been added to prepaid but there had been some inquiries.

Councilman Hutchins questioned the Clerk about the prepaid system and what is some of the feedback. The Clerk explained that the biggest issue is because of the unpaid balances. She informed the Council of some of the procedures being worked on. She then answered some more questions from the Council about prepaid. There was more discussion regarding prepaid.

**V) New Items Proposed By Mayor and City Council**

The Council discussed the laundromat on Magnolia and at Station West Shopping Center. The Mayor spoke of the sewage issues of the laundromat on Magnolia.

There was also discussion of the possibility of an O'Reily's Auto Parts on Columbia St. There was discussion of a restaurant in the old State Farm Building and if there was gas to that location.

**VI) Public Comments**

**VII) Executive Session to Discuss Employee Matters**

A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Thornton to enter into Executive Session to discuss employee matters. The motion carried unanimously by Councilman present.

Regular Session

A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Thornton to terminate the employment of Michael Kidwell. The motion carried unanimously by Councilman present

**VIII) Adjournment**

A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Crozier to adjourn the October 19th Special Called Meeting. The motion carried unanimously by Councilman present.

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Anthony Howard, Mayor