



**BLAKELY CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

DECEMBER 6, 2016

CITY HALL

6:00 P.M.

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

Let the record show that the Mayor Pro Tem, Councilman Frank Thornton called the meeting to order. Councilman Frank Thornton, Councilman Al Hutchins, Councilman Jamie Crozier and Councilman Charles Middleton were present. Let the record show that Mayor Anthony Howard was not present. Councilman Al Hutchins gave the invocation. Mayor Pro Tem, Thornton, let those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Also present was the City Attorney, Tommy Coleman and the City Clerk, Melinda Crook.

II) Approve Minutes

A motion was made by Councilman Hutchins and seconded by Councilman Middleton to approve the minutes from the November 1st City Council meeting and the November 22nd minutes for the Special Called Meeting. The motion carried unanimously by Councilman present.

III) Citizens And Delegations

Anna Reichard – Drama Club Community Involvement
Tony Brown – Truck Parking Laws
Tabitha Davis – Pre-Paid
Beth Wasdin - Condemned Mobile Home

Let the record show that no person listed under Citizens and Delegations was present to speak

IV) Administrative Committee Reports

Technology Director Report - Let the record show that Technology Director, Jason Gauntt, was not present due to illness.

V) City Attorney's Report

First Reading Of Election Ordinance - The City Attorney, Tommy Coleman, stated that this Ordinance was due to the City election next year. He stated that there were two City Council seats up for re-election, District 2 Post 1 and District 1 Post 1. He also stated that in the Ordinance was the qualifying fee set at \$72. Mr. Coleman then completed the first reading of the election Ordinance fixing and publishing qualifying fees for offices subject to election in the year 2017.

First Reading Of Cell Tower Ordinance - The City Attorney, Tommy Coleman, stated that interest has been shown from a cable company to facilities/towers on the right-of-way in Blakely. He stated that the Mayor had asked that he draft an Ordinance, which is what he was presenting, but that it was preliminary and would constitute as the first reading. He stated that this a very complicated endeavor and that he thinks that the General Assembly and the Federal Government has made it difficult for local Governments to do anything about these situations. Mr. Coleman

then completed the first reading of the Ordinance establishing rules and regulations governing the construction of cell towers within the City of Blakely.

VI) City Clerk's Report

The City Clerk presented the Council with financial reports. She then presented the Council with interdepartmental budget adjustments and ask the Council to review them. The Clerk informed the Council that there were now about 26 or 27 customers on prepaid. She also stated that the software issues had not been resolved and that she was not sure if they would be. She stated that she had been in contact with several other software vendors and would keep the Council informed. A motion was then made by Councilman Crozier and seconded by Councilman Middleton to approve the budget amendments as presented by the City Clerk. The motion carried unanimously by Council members present.

VII) New Items Proposed By Mayor And City Council

Renewal Of Alcohol Licenses - The City Clerk informed the Council that the Assistant Clerk and Building Official had been through the list and removed those licenses that were no longer current. She then informed the Council that she had checked with the Department of Public Safety regarding violations from the current alcohol license holders and was informed that there were no violations. A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Crozier to approve the alcohol licenses for 2017 as presented. The motion carried by Councilman present.

Councilman Crozier stated that he had been contacted by Glynn Floyd about the Christmas lights not being hung. He stated that he appreciated the communication and that with everyone working together from time to time, small issues like this, can be solved.

VIII) Public Comments

No members of the public chose to address the Council

IX) Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Crozier to adjourn the December 6th City Council meeting. The motion carried by Councilman present.

Anthony Howard, Mayor