



**BLAKELY CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**

MARCH 22, 2016

CITY HALL

3:30 P.M.

I) 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 Crozier, Councilman Middleton and Trudie Evans.

II) New Items Proposed By Mayor and City Council

Design and Construction Management Services Proposal for the City of Blakely’s Fiber to the Home Project – Jason Gauntt updated the council on the fiber to the home project and SGRITA in general. He presented a proposal from Engineering Associates LLC for design and engineering services and for construction management services in the amount of \$427,607.00. A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Thornton to approve the Engineering Associates proposal. The motion carried unanimously.

Water & Sewer Truck Bids – Two bids were received for a truck for the water department. Thompson Motor submitted a bid for a Chevrolet Silverado 250 Crew Cab at \$36,799.00 and Wade Ford submitted a bid for a Ford F250 Supercab 4x2 at \$35,348.00. The Wade bid would go through Hattaway Ford with an additional \$500.00 paid to Hattaway for a total of \$35,848.00. A motion to accept the bid from Wade was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Hutchins. The motion carried unanimously.

Street Dept. Tractor Bids – 5 bids were presented as follows:

Company	Tractor	Base Amount	Less Trade In Amount	Total Bid
Sunsouth – Blakely	2014 John Deere 6115D tractor	55,080.04	12,000.00	43,080.04
Ag-Pro – Bainbridge	2015 John Deere 6115D tractor	56,000.00	11,000.00	45,000.00
Flint Equipment Co- Cuthbert	2016 John Deere 6120E tractor	65,950.00	12,000.00	53,950.00
Ag-Pro – Bainbridge	2015 John Deere 6120E tractor	65,000.00	11,000.00	54,000.00
Sunsouth –	2015 John Deere	66,275.51	12,000.00	54,275.51

Blakely	6120E tractor			
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A motion was made by Councilman Crozier to approve the bid from Sunsouth on the 2014 John Deere 6115D tractor. Councilman Middleton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Civic Center – A motion was made by Councilman Thornton to replace Tony Thompson as the overseer of the Civic Center with McArthur Jones effective today. Councilman Crozier seconded the motion. Motion passed with Councilmen Thornton, Crozier and Middleton voting aye and Councilman Hutchins voting nay.

MEAG Yearend Settlement – The yearend settlement from MEAG will be \$316,535.00. A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Thornton to deposit 100% of the settlement in the Flexible Operating Account as was done last year. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Howard asked Chris McClendon with the Water Department to update the council on the 6inch main project. Chris stated that the line had been installed and flushed and the water was on. A pressure test had been completed and the pressure was 380 psi per minute.

Chris asked the Mayor about the status of the 12 inch project and was told that Jeff Jones with Polyengineering and Lodge Holman were still studying the best route for the pipeline.

Mayor Howard updated the council on the prepaid project, stating that the City Clerk is working on a programming issue between CSI and Excelleron.

Chris McClendon also asked about placing a hand valve on the customer's side so home owners could cut off water to their homes. Once installed these valves would be the customer's responsibility. Mayor Howard agreed that hand valves could be put on new installations.

III) Public Comments

IV) Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Thornton. The motion carried unanimously.

Anthony Howard, Mayor