



**BLAKELY CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES**

**JANUARY 3, 2012**

**CITY HALL**

**6:00 P.M.**

**I) CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, ROLL CALL**

The City Clerk called the meeting to order. Sister Assie Williams gave the invocation. Let the record show that the Mayor, Anthony Howard, Councilman Torre' Mills, Councilman Andy Smith, Councilman Al Hutchins were present. Councilman Charles Middleton was not present. Also present was the City Attorney, Tommy Coleman, the City Clerk, Melinda Crook and the Utility Director, Charles Jenkins.

**II) SWEARING IN OF NEW OFFICIALS**

The City Clerk swore in the newly elected Mayor, Anthony Howard. The Mayor then swore in Re-elected Councilman Torre' Mills and Re-elected Councilman Andy Smith.

**III) APPROVE MINUTES**

A motion was made by Councilman Andy Smith and seconded by Councilman Al Hutchins to approve the minutes from December 6th, December 22nd and December 29th. The motion carried.

**IV) CITIZENS AND DELEGATIONS**

**TTL proposal for soil vapor extraction system design**

Mr. Simonton addressed the Council regarding a proposal from TTL due to some limits of methane being exceeded at the landfill. He briefly explained to the Council and public the system that is in place at the present time to control the methane limits at the landfill. He explained that EPD had given the City 60 days to come up with a plan to correct the limits being exceeded and that the 60 days was up at the beginning of November. He then stated that EPD had been contacted and informed that the problem was being worked on. He explained that the proposal submitted had been at an initial cost of \$20,500 but after further discussion they had been able to reduce the cost to \$16,350. He then explained that a letter had been drafted to EPD explaining that the proposal was coming before the City Council at the January meeting and that if accepted by the City and County, they would have an engineering report to EDP by February 24<sup>th</sup>. He also informed the Council that in their proposal was an additional \$12,000 which was for TTL to monitor the construction. Mr. Simonton informed the Council that TTL was told that the City didn't want to act on that piece right now due to Simonton & Associates possibly being able to coordinate the monitoring of this

project with the CDBG project that would be going on at the same time which would reduce those costs. He reiterated that this TTL proposal was a 50/50 split with the County and that he would be presenting this proposal to the County the following week at their meeting. The Mayor then questioned Mr. Simonton about the actual construction project and if those costs were included in this proposal. Mr. Simonton informed the Mayor and Council that they were not and that he had questioned TTL regarding those costs and was informed that they would possibly be between \$75,000 and \$100,000 which would also be a split cost with the County. The Mayor then questioned the Clerk in regards to budgeting costs for this project. Mr. Simonton then answered more questions from the Mayor and Council. Mr. Simonton informed the Council that he would request more time from EPD so that he could review the project and possible solution further. A motion was made by Councilman Torre' Mills and seconded by Councilman Al Hutchins to approve the proposal for the engineering costs of \$16,350, to investigate the solution further and to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract.

**V) ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**VI) CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

**SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2012 BUDGET**

A motion was made by Councilman Andy Smith and seconded by Councilman Torre' Mills to approve the proposed 2012 operating budget. The motion carried.

**RENEW INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONTRACT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT COOPERATION**

Councilman Mills questioned sections 8.1 & 8.2 in regards to good cause to get out of the contract. The City Attorney suggested to the Council that they reconsider the time limit on this contract for the fact that there was to be an election in 2012 for Sheriff. A motion was made by Councilman Al Hutchins and seconded by Councilman Torre' Mills to table the renewal of the intergovernmental contract for law enforcement until the City has time to get with the County in regards to the verbiage in the contract . The motion carried

**RENEWAL OF CHAMBER CONTRACT**

A motion was made by Councilman Andy Smith and seconded by Councilman Torre' Mills to approve the renewal of the Chamber Contract. The motion carried

**RENEWAL OF COURT SQUARE DEVELOPMENT CONTRACT**

A motion was made by Councilman Andy Smith but died due to a lack of second. There was discussion by Council regarding the use of the Hotel/Motel funds in quarterly reports showing how the monies are spent. A motion was made by Councilman Torre' Mills and seconded by Councilman Al Hutchins to table the renewal of the Court Square Development Contract for Hotel/Motel Tax due to several items, such as quarterly reports

**VII) CITY CLERK'S REPORT**

The Mayor and Council were given their financial reports. The Clerk then informed the Council that the financial reports were going to be prepared earlier to get them to

the Council in time for the Council to be able to review the reports before the monthly meeting.

**VIII) NEW ITEMS PROPOSED BY MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**

Councilman Hutchins discussed with the Council the passing of a motion in 2011 stating that the Mayor and Council would have to pay for some document requests. A motion was made by Councilman Al Hutchins and seconded by Councilman Torre' Mills to rescind the motion passed to charged Mayor and Council for document requested from the City. Let the record show that Councilman Andy Smith voted No and the Mayor broke the tie with a vote of Yes. The motion carried.

**IX) PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Several members addressed the Council regarding how they hope the new administration would address change and concern for the citizens of Blakely.

**X) ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Councilman Andy Smith and seconded by Councilman Torre' Mills to adjourn the January 3<sup>rd</sup> City Council meeting. The motion carried

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Anthony Howard, Mayor