



**BLAKELY CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
MINUTES**

April 23, 2012

City Hall

6:00 P.M.

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

Mayor Howard called the meeting to order. Councilman Mills gave the invocation. Mayor Howard led the Council and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance. Let the record show that Mayor Howard, Councilman Mills, Councilman Hutchins, Councilman Smith and Councilman Middleton were all present. Let the record show that also present were the Utility Director, Charles Jenkins, the City Clerk, Melinda Crook and Fire Chief Kenneth Jones.

II) Citizens And Delegations

III) Administrative Committee Reports

ALCOHOL LICENSE – JIMMY JONES The Mayor asked Chief Jones to inform the Council on this application, however no action could be taken due to the notice in the paper stating that it would be before the Council at the May 3rd meeting. The Chief informed the Council that the Sheriff's office would not sign "approved" or "Denied" due to the background check that had been done. There were several items on the applicants record.

VARIANCE REQUEST- TANGLEWOOD APARTMENTS A motion was made by Councilman Torre' Mills and seconded by Councilman Al Hutchins to table this item until such time as a representative could be present to explain why there was a change made to the plans without anything further being presented to the Building Inspector or Council. The motion carried unanimously

IV) City Attorney's Report

RESOLUTION MGAG VOTING DELEGATE A motion was made by Councilman Al Hutchings and seconded by Councilman Andy Smith the make Danny Williams the MGAG voting delegate with Charles Jenkins being the alternate. The motion carried unanimously

FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ZONING TO PERMIT CATTLE

There was a first reading of the Ordinance Amending Zoning to Permit Cattle

FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ARTICLE IV OF CHAPTER 12

There was a first reading of the Ordinance for Pool Room, Internet Café's etc... Councilman Mills asked that Blakely Police Department be changed to Early County Department of Public Safety

RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT AN UPDATED SHORT TERM WORK PROGRAM

The Mayor explained that this was a step that needed to be done to keep in compliance with DCA regarding the Early County/City of Blakely Comprehensive Plan. There was some discussion between the Council as to whether some of the items listed were actually being done. A motion was made by Councilman Torre' Mills and seconded by Councilman Al Hutchins to table the updated Short Term Work Program Resolution pending further explanation. The motion carried unanimously

RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT WITH WIREGRASS ENGINEERING

The Utility Director gave the Council updated information on the work that has been done to date with the system study and mapping. A motion was made by Councilman Charles Middleton and seconded by Councilman Andy Smith to approve the Wiregrass Engineering Resolution. The motion carried unanimously

POLE ATTACHMENTS – SCHOOL The Mayor explained to the Council that the school had contracted with A & S Connects for the project being done and that the pole attachment fees were figured into the contracted amount the school was going to pay. He explained that A & S Connects was the company that would be billed for the pole attachment fees. A motion was made by Councilman Al Hutchins and seconded by Councilman Torre' Mills to approve the pole

attachment contract with A & S Connects for the cost of 12.00 per pole. The motion carried unanimously

V) City Clerk's Report

The City Clerk informed the Council that due to the weather condition of the past winter revenues declined quicker in the year than they normally do, therefore the City's funds were short for the month of April. The Clerk informed the Council that the MGAG refund had come in April in the amount of \$46,000 and that the MEAG refund to be applied to the bill is estimated to be 147,000. Councilman Mills and the Utility Director discussed what is factored into the refunds from MGAG and MEAG. There was some discussion between the Council, the Utility Director and the Clerk regarding refunds from telecom.

VI) New Items Proposed By Mayor And City Council

TRAVEL POLICIES The Mayor asked the Council if they had reviewed any of the information that had previously been given to them and to please continue to review so that these policies could be finalized. There was some discussion about looking at the areas that are traveled in for the cost of meals so as to make sure that they are reasonable.

POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS DOG The Council was updated to the steps that Mr. Rutley had taken regarding the dog in question. The City Clerk informed the Council that the difference between potentially dangerous and dangerous dog had been explained to Mr. Rutley and he therefore had put into writing that he choose not to have a hearing. The Clerk informed the Council that he agreed to pay the 100.00 per year fee required by the City Ordinance regarding potentially dangerous dogs. A motion was made by Councilman Torre' Mills and seconded by Councilman Al Hutchins to classify the dog located at 2091 Tarver Dr. owned by Mr. Robert Rutley as potentially dangerous. The motion carried unanimously

CHAIRS FOR DAY OF PRAYER (MAY 3RD) There was discussion between the Council regarding who should be allowed to use the chairs. A motion was made by Councilman Torre' Mills and seconded by Councilman Al Hutchins to loan the chairs at the Civic Center for the Day of Prayer. The motion carried with all Councilman Mills, Hutchins and Smith voting "Yes" and Councilman Middleton voting "No".

GOLF CART ORDINANCE Trey McClendon addressed the Council to ask them to consider the use of golf carts on City streets. He gave the Council some incident related (safety) information from other areas who have allowed the use of golf carts in their city. There was discussion between Mr. McClendon and the Council on some items. The Council then asked Mr. McClendon to do some homework and bring back to the Council a mapped out area where golf carts would not be allowed for the Council to consider.

VII) Executive Session

Discuss personnel issues, including but not limited to disciplinary action. In accordance with O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(6)

A motion was made by Councilman Torre' Mills and seconded by Councilman Charles Middleton to enter into Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Hutchins to adjourn the executive session.

VIII) Public Comments

Mr. Jesse Murkerson addressed the Council regarding business license, fees charge for other companies coming into the City to perform work and companies not following state licensing regulations.

IX) Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilman Torre' Mills and seconded by Councilman Charles Middleton to adjourn the Special Called Meeting of April 23rd. The motion carried unanimously

Anthony Howard, Mayor