



**BLAKELY CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
MINUTES**

**AUGUST 21, 2012**

**CITY HALL**

**5:00 P.M.**

**I) CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Howard called the meeting to order. Councilman Hutchins 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 Middleton, Councilman Hutchins and Councilman Smith were all present. Also present was the City Clerk Melinda Crook, Utility Director Charles Jenkins and Gas Department Head, Danny Williams

**II) CITIZENS AND DELEGATIONS**

**CITY OF AMERICUS – GAS MAPPING PRESENTATION** - Beverly Butcher and Bryan Hamrick came before the Mayor and Council with a detailed presentation of the work that would be performed and showing them the layout of the work in the software program once completed. They discussed with the Mayor and Council accuracy of coordinates, an estimated cost of extensive software training, and if the other systems mapping could be incorporated into the software program. They informed the Council that they had not actually done this kind of project for another city but they have done work for Sumter County and some E911's. They then answered questions from the Mayor and Council.

**SWGRC – GAS MAPPING PRESENTATION** - Mr. Jeff Hamilton came before the Mayor and Council with a presentation of the work that would be performed and showing them the layout of the work in the software program once complete. He informed the Council that they had done work for Cairo but not to the extent that the City was requesting. Mr. Hamilton then answered questions from the Mayor and Council

After both presentations the Mayor and Council briefly discussed the difference between the RDC, Americus and the other two bids that had been received stating that they found the scope of work to be performed the same between all four bids. The Clerk and or Utility Director were asked by the Council to find out if the software cost was included in the quote from the RDC and to get a copy of a contract from each for the next regular City Council meeting. No decision was made at this time

**III) ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

**INSURANCE POLICY CHANGES** - Mr. Scott Brown from Brown Dethrage Ins. came before the Council to explain the insurance premium, of \$12,218, for liability coverage on the Electric Distribution System. Mr. Brown explained to the Council that the coverage would cover items such as, wind, lightning, hail, theft etc... and would have its exclusion such as, war, nuclear explosion, wear and tear, etc... and that this was the same coverage as the City's other buildings. Mr. Brown then informed the Council that this premium was with a \$1,000 ded. The Council questioned Mr. Brown on premium prices with a \$5,000 ded and a \$10,000. Mr. Brown informed the Council that if the City increased the ded. on the Elec. Dist. Sys. it would increase the ded. on the liability policy already in effect, but that he would check in the cost difference. Mr. Brown informed the Council that a binder had already been issued on this coverage. The Mayor and Council discussed the fact that Competitive Trust account for the purpose of replacing or repairing the Elec. System, but at a value of 13 million, there isn't enough in the Trust if something was to happen to the entire system. The Clerk questioned if this premium had to be paid all at one time and Mr. Brown informed the Council that it would. A motion was made by Council Middleton and seconded by Councilman Smith to approve coverage on the Electric Distribution System looking into a \$5,000 or \$10,000 deductible. The motion carried unanimously

The City Clerk updated the Mayor and Council on the progress of the consultant hired for the City's LOST negotiations. She informed the Council that, per a phone conversation that day, the report should be ready by the end of the week and that the consultant felt that the report would warrant the City asking for an increase. The City Clerk then informed the Council that the cost of taking credit cards had doubled due to some larger business starting to pay by credit card. The Clerk stated that, per the

Ordinance, she was going to get them a recommendation on a fee to be charged to business who pay by credit card.

The Utility Director informed the Mayor and Council that the City was hosting the MEAG Board meeting next April and that he would keep them updated.

**V) PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**VI) ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Smith to adjourn the August 21<sup>st</sup> Special Called Meeting. The motion carried unanimously

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Anthony Howard, Mayor