



**BLAKELY CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
MINUTES**

SEPTEMBER 24, 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 Hutchins gave the invocation. Mayor Howard led the Council and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance. Let the record show that Mayor Howard, Councilman Hutchins, Councilman Smith and Councilman Middleton were all present. Councilman Mills was not present. Also present were City Clerk Melinda Crook and Utility Director Charles Jenkins.

II) CITIZENS AND DELEGATIONS

MEAG – COST OF SERVICE STUDY

John Lansing and Donald Carver were present from Electric Cities to give a presentation on the Cost of Service Study. John gave a powerpoint presentation showing that the residents power costs were in line but that the commercial non-demand customers pricing was low, that the commercial demand customers pricing was a little high, industrial was in line and security lights were a little low. John's presentation also showed where the City's pricing was in respect to Three Notch and Georgia Power, with the City pricing being the lowest in most cases. Mr. Lansing's pricing suggestion for residential was a slight increase, to do away with the power cost adjustment, thus showing an overall net effect of (\$7,265). His pricing suggestion for commercial non-demand was to increase rates demand for a net effect of \$50,100. His pricing suggestion for commercial demand was to increase rates for a net effect of \$62,730. His pricing suggestion for industrial was a slight increase for a net effect of \$13,648 and a slight decrease in seasonal for a net effect of \$(2,822). His suggestion for security lights was an increase for a net effect of \$17,010. John's pricing changes would show a net overall increase to the City of \$133,401 over the space of a year. He stated that this pricing structure would eliminate the power cost adjustment, which at the present time is .01250. He also stated that the even though the City would be eliminating the power cost adjustment there would and should still be a line, separate on the bill, for the Environment Costs which should be priced at .007 and is included in the rate changes that were proposed. There was some discussion between Mr. Lansing and the Mayor and Council. No decisions were made at this time.

COLONEL CHALLENGER – EARLY COUNTY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Challenger came before the Council to request the City's help with two items. He talked to the Mayor, Council and public about how the school tries to help the community and how everyone should work together to help the community as well as each other. He also informed the Council of the plans for some additions to the school. He then asked for the City's help with the tennis courts which are being built for the school. He asked if the City could supply the lights and supplies and labor for electrical service at the tennis courts. He informed the Council that the bids, which were submitted on the tennis courts, were extremely higher than expected and that the school is trying to cut the cost any way possible and they felt that with the City's assistance they could cut \$100,000 off the original cost. He informed the Council that he would be asking the County for assistance as well. He then questioned the City regarding the contract, for use of the City tower, in which the City was requesting \$150 per month toward maintenance. There was some discussion between the Mayor and Mr. Challenger regarding previous conversation about this contract. Mr. Challenger ended with stating that he would be willing to pay the \$1,800 per year if the City could assist with the electrical portion of the tennis courts. The Mayor then asked the Utility Director to get with the engineer so that we could get the cost to the City.

GEER & ASSOCIATES – AUDIT REPORT

Michael Edge gave the audit report to the Mayor and Council. He went over the Governmental changes and then the Business changes of both for liabilities and assets. Mr. Edge then covered yearly comparison of both the Governmental and Business for revenues and expenditures. He informed the Mayor and Council of the factors that contributed to these changes. Mr. Edge stated that there was only one audit finding, which was the segregation of duties and informed the council that this was common among municipalities. The clerk informed Mr. Edge that upon taking over the

Mayor had instituted further steps to try to further control the segregation of duties. Having no questions from the Mayor or Council Mr. Edge concluded his report.

SALE OF METAL @ LANDFILL

The Mayor brought the sale of metal at the Landfill to the Council due EPD stating that clean up needed to be done at the Landfill. The Clerk informed the Mayor and Council that James Allen, the Landfill Supervisor, had given her the prices that he had received from Cummba Enterprises and from Molten Farms (for Schwartz). The Clerk stated that Molten quoted .095 per lb. but that we would split that cost leaving us .0475 per lb. which then would be split with the County leaving us .025. In using Molten the City would have to use their loader to load the metal thus using fuel and City labor. The Clerk then informed the Council that Cummba gave a quote of .0725 per lb. and they bring their own equipment to load, bail and haul off. This quote would leave the City with .0375 after the County split. A motion was made by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Middleton to accept the quote from Cummba Enterprises for .0725 per lb. The motion carried unanimously

III) ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

IV) NEW ITEMS PROPOSED BY MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

The Utility Director came before the Council to inform them that it was time, once again, to decide if the City was to let MEAG Power sell any excess power for the City. There was some discussion between the Mayor, Council and Utility Director. A motion was made by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Middleton for the Mayor to execute the agreement between the City and MEAG Power to continue letting them sell any excess power for the City. The motion carried unanimously

The Utility Director then asked the Council to reconsider letting the employees sell their vacation time adding a stipulation that employees must have 120 or more hours and could only sell up to two weeks per year. There was some discussion between the Mayor, Council, Utility Director and Clerk. No decision was made at this time.

The Clerk then informed the Council that another commercial demand account, same company as the first one, had been found calculating incorrectly. She informed the Council that between these two accounts the total under billed was \$46,000 but that once brought to the company's attention they had paid the full amount. The Clerk then informed the Council that the contract with The City of Americus for the GIS/GPS Gas Mapping had been approved by The City of Americus and that the signed contract would be forward to us directly. She then asked the Mayor who he wished to appoint as a contact person, for meetings, and he stated the Utility Director. The Clerk then informed the Council that in going over this month's finances she felt that the City would be able to reimburse one of the accounts that had been borrowed from previously in the year. The reimbursement would be \$50,000.

V) PUBLIC COMMENTS

VI) ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Hutchins to adjourn the September 24th Special Called Meeting. The motion carried unanimously

Anthony Howard, Mayor