



**BLAKELY CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES**

**OCTOBER 2, 2012**

**CITY HALL**

**6:00 P.M.**

**I) PUBLIC HEARING – ZONE CHANGE REDBUD ST**

Ms. Whitehead came before the Council and gave a brief explanation why she was requesting the zone change from Ag to R1. No other public was present to speak. The public hearing was called to a close.

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

Mayor Howard called the meeting to order. Melzie Mosely 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 were the City Attorney Tommy Coleman, City Clerk, Melinda Crook, Utility Director, Charles Jenkins and Fire Chief, Kenneth Jones.

**III) APPROVE MINUTES**

**MINUTES SEPTEMBER 4, 2012 AND SEPTEMBER 24, 2012** - A motion was made by Councilman Hutchins and seconded by Councilman Middleton to approve both the September minutes. The motion carried unanimously

**IV) CITIZENS AND DELEGATIONS**

**GLORIA LETT WILEY – MOBILE HOME ISSUE** - Ms. Wiley addressed the Council regarding property on East South Blvd. She questioned the Council on how she could get the zone changed from R1 to R2. The Mayor asked Ms. Wiley if she had been before the Planning Commission and then explained the process of a zone change. Councilman Mills explained to Ms. Wiley the differences between a variance and an actual zone change. Ms. Wiley then informed the Council that it was a zone change that she was requesting. She was then informed that she would have to follow the process for zone changes.

Mr. Billy Ray Murkerson came before the Council to discuss Early Tree Service making a proposal to pick up limbs, leaves & bulky debris. He stated that he believes that the City could save money if they were to sub this work out. He informed the council that if he was awarded the proposal he would recycle as much of the items as possible thus keeping these items out of the landfill, but what cannot be recycle would be taken to the landfill. The Council questioned whether numbers were available from either side (City or Early Tree Service). Billy Ray stated that if approved this would start at the beginning of the year and that he would ask for a two year contract. The Council questioned the displacement of City workers, their insurance and retirement. Billy Ray informed the Council that he was looking into the cost of insurance. Billy Ray stated that he felt the toughest problem would be the citizens adjusting to a new process. The Council then stated that due to the amount they felt that it would be worth putting out for bid if they opted to sublet the work out.

**V) ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**VI) CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

**SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE REGARDING ENFORCEMENT OF BUILDING CODE**

A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Smith to approve the Ordinance regarding enforcement of building codes. The motion carried unanimously

**FIRST READING OF AN ORDINANCE REVISING CHAPTER 7, ENTITLED "EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT" OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES**

**VII) CITY CLERK'S REPORT**

The City Clerk presented the financial reports. She stated that the City finished the month with \$35,510.32 in the bank after outstanding checks. She informed the Council that the \$100,000 that was borrowed from the City's savings was reimbursed in full. She then went updated the Council on the cash on hand and that the City has not received anything from DOT since June. The Clerk informed the Council that there was no increase on the City's health insurance premiums for the next year. She

informed the Council that the USDA loan for the police cars had been paid off early and that after the payoff there was still approximately \$292,000 in the SPLOST account. She informed the Council that the insurance premium refund would be coming into the bank on October 15th. She updated the Council on the yearly comparison reports. She then asked the Council to sign which departments with which they wanted to go over budgets. The Council and Clerk discussed the turnaround of the comparison report. The Clerk also informed the Council that the Birdsong monies had been paid in full.

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

**PROCLAMATION MR. ARTHUR CHAPMAN** - The Mayor read a proclamation for Mr. Arthur Chapman for his outstanding service on the City's Planning Commission. The Mayor informed the Council that Mr. Chapman had asked to step down from his position on the Planning Commission.

**APPOINTMENT TO PLANNING COMMISSION** - The Council asked that this be held over to the next meeting so that they could present some names for consideration.

**ZONE CHANGE REDBUD ST** - A motion was made by Councilman Mills and seconded by Councilman Hutchins to approve the zone change from the public hearing for the property on redbud from Ag to R1. The motion carried with Councilman Mills, Councilman Hutchins and Councilman Smith voting "Yes" and Councilman Middleton voting "No".

**TENNIS COMPLEX** - There was discussion between the Mayor and Council to bring all the Council members up to date on the request from Superintendent Challender. The Mayor read off the list of items the school system was requesting from the City. Councilman Mills questioned why the tennis complex was being put behind the bank and not at the sports complex. Councilman Mills then questioned where the City and school system were on the tower agreement. The Utility Director and Council then discussed the money side of what the school system was requesting (electric dept. time, materials and resources) and how much of the old lights and poles might still be useful. A motion was made by Councilman Mills and seconded by Councilman Smith to deny the approximate \$100,000 in-kind request by Superintendent Challender for the tennis complex. The motion carried unanimously

**MORRIS TANK – ESTIMATE TO CLEAN AND INSPECT TANK** - A motion was made by Councilman Mills and seconded by Councilman Hutchins to approve the estimate of \$3,500 to clean and inspect the million gallon tank by US Tank. The motion carried unanimously

**POLY ENGINEERING CONTRACT** - Jeff Jones came before the Council explaining the work that has been done to date as he went through the contract. Hwy 39 Pump Station cost is \$2,500, Evaluation of infrastructure for Redbud Rezoning is \$4,950, Cedar Springs Road Pump Station and Force Main Design is \$18,000 and the Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plan is \$3,500 for a total to this point of \$28,950. Mr. Jones explained that everything past the first three pages addresses insurance and items to satisfy the attorney's. Councilman Mills questioned some areas of the contract. There was then some brief discussion between the Council and Mr. Jones. A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Mills to approve the Polyengineering Contract. The motion carried unanimously

Councilman Mills brought before the Council some issues with Public Safety from complaints that had been brought to him by several individuals. He mentioned an almost confrontation between citizens and Public Safety and that this was regarding harassment. All agreed at this point that this matter should be discussed in executive session.

**IX) PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No comments

**X) EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Hutchins to enter executive session. The motion carried unanimously

After the executive session there were question from the Mayor and Council to the Clerk regarding what disciplinary if any would she see for the billing error on the two birdsong accounts. The Clerk was questioned as to whether she had ever disciplined any other employee for billing issues. The Clerk responded that she had. There was no further action taken at this time.

**XI) ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Mills to adjourn the October 2, 2012 City Council Meeting. The motion carried unanimously

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Anthony Howard, Mayor