



**BLAKELY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

DECEMBER 19, 2012

CITY HALL

9:00 A.M.

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

Mayor Howard called the meeting to order. Mayor Howard led the Council and guests in the Pledge of Allegiance. Let the record show that Mayor Howard, Councilman Middleton, Councilman Hutchins and Councilman Smith were all present. Councilman Mills was not present. Also present were the City Clerk, Melinda Crook

II) LOST UPDATE

The Mayor informed the Council that at the County meeting, held on December 17th, the County approve leaving the LOST agreement at the same percentages. The Mayor reaffirmed that the City percentage would be 40%. A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Hutchins to approve the LOST agreement with the City portion being 40%. The motion carried unanimously

Councilman Hutchins questioned the extension of hrs at the Civic Center for Ms. Williams for the function on the 22nd. There was some discussion between the Mayor and Council about extending the hours permanently by ½ to 1 hour. No decision was made at this time about permanently extending the hours it was agreed not to extend the hours for the 22nd.

The City Clerk informed the Council that due to the Tax Specialists trying to recover \$52,000 in sales tax monies paid by the City for the upgrades on the treatment plant, the City was audited by the GA Dept of Revenue from June 2009 to October 2012. She then informed them that only one issue was found during this audit. The issue was with Family Connections being classified as tax exempt. She informed them that if this found to be incorrect the City would owe approximately 1,200 in unpaid taxes and penalties and interest on that money. She also informed them that the City could request relief from the penalties but would have to pay the interest at 1 ½% for approximately 42 months. She then informed them that she was given 120 days to prove whether or not they should be classified as tax exempt and that she had already started working on this matter.

III) ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Hutchins to adjourn the December 19th City Council meeting.

Anthony Howard, Mayor