



**BLAKELY CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
MINUTES**

**DECEMBER 27, 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 Middleton, Councilman Hutchins and Councilman Smith were all present. Also present was the City Clerk, Melinda Crook.

**II) CITIZENS AND DELEGATIONS**

**MARY MCCLENDON – WILLIE WIMBERLY – EXTEND HOURS CIVIC CENTER – DEC 29<sup>TH</sup>**

Mr. Wimberly came before the Council to request an extension of the hours until 2:00 am for their function at the Civic Center on December 29th. Mr. Wimberly explained that they would have security. There was then more discussion between the Council about a permanent extension of the hours at the Civic Center so that this matter did not continue to come before the Council or just extending the hours for special events and not all the time. A motion was made by Councilman Hutchins and approved by Councilman Mills to extend the Civic Center hours on December 29th until 1:00am then clean up and out of the center by 2:00am. Let the record show that the motion carried with all Councilman Hutchins, Mills and Middleton voting Yes and Councilman Smith voting No.

**WILLIE TINSON – POOL HALL AND SNACK BAR**

Mr. Tinson came before the Council to request a business license for a pool hall and snack bar. Councilman Mills explained the Ordinance to Mr. Tinson. Councilman Mills then informed Mr. Tinson that once all his documents are complete and he has his bond to come back before the Council for approval. Mr. Tinson was then informed that the next meeting would be January 8, 2013.

**SHEILA TINER - BAIL BOND LICENSE**

Mr. Tiner came before the Council to request a bail bond license. She provided all the paperwork to the Council showing that she met the all the criteria. The Mayor and Council review her documentation then informed her to present her documentation at City Hall. A motion was made by Councilman Hutchins and seconded by Councilman Middleton to approve the business license for Sheila Tiner. The motion carried unanimously

**III) ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**IV) CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

**SECOND READING OF PARKING LOT ORDINANCE** There was some discussion between the Council regarding the type of gravel, which would need to be specified in the Ordinance. A motion was made by Councilman Mills to approve the Parking Lot Ordinance specifying a type of gravel. The motion died due to a lack of second

**FIRST READING OF ALCOHOL ORDINANCE** The City Clerk explained that there had been a typo in the cost charged for beer and wine license when the Ordinances had been redone in 2009. This typo had dropped the cost from \$300 to \$250 and this Ordinance was to make the correction back to \$300. The City Clerk then read the Ordinance constituting a first reading.

**RESOLUTION RE: EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES**

The City Clerk explained that because of the legislation change on Executive Sessions the City Attorney had drafted a Resolution regarding the minutes from these meetings. A motion was made by Councilman Mills and seconded by Councilman Smith to approve the Resolution regarding review and approval of the minutes from Executive Sessions. The motion carried unanimously

**V) CITY CLERK'S REPORT**

Due to all the Councilman Mills being unable to attend the December 19th meeting the City Clerk informed the Council of the sales tax audit. The City Clerk presented the Council with the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter

budget adjustments informing them that all the adjustments zeroed out between departments except for moving the bond interest expense from the General Fund and the Water Treatment Department to the bond fund. A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Hutchins to approve the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter budget adjustments. The motion carried unanimously

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

**WORKERS COMPENSATION RENEWAL, WORK COMP LOCAL AGENT, BRAD CLENNEY**

The Mayor informed the Council of the renewal quote on the Workers Comp insurance with GMA. He informed them that the cost was \$95,130 and that Brad Clenney was the City's agent on record. The Mayor then asked the City Clerk to explain how Mr. Clenney had become the agent on record. After her explanation the City Clerk informed the Council that, upon checking with GMA, Mr. Clenney could be taken off as agent on record and the City could deal directly with GMA thus saving \$5,100. A motion was made by Councilman Mills and seconded by Councilman Hutchins to remove Brad Clenney as agent on record with GMA. The motion carried unanimously

**GATEWAY PROJECT CONTRACT** A motion was made by Councilman Smith and seconded by Councilman Mills to approve the addendum, provided by the City Attorney, and the letter of agreement for the Gateway project from EMC Engineering. The motion carried unanimously

**CHANGING VERBIAGE ON ZONING ORDINANCE RE HARDSHIP CASES FROM 60 TO NO MORE THAN 180 DAYS**

There was discussion between the Mayor and Council about the number of days to place in the Ordinance. The Council agreed that the Public Hearing on this Ordinance change should be placed on the agenda of the regular meeting of the Planning Commission in January.

**CHANGE DATE OF JANUARY MEETING** A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Smith to approve changing the date of the January 1st City Council meeting to January 8th due to the 1st being a holiday. The motion carried unanimously

**LOST NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE** The Mayor informed the Council that all the necessary paperwork had been filed and received by the State when due.

**ONLINE UTILITY EXCHANGE** The Mayor informed the Council of a Web demo that he had seen along with the City Clerk and Utility Director regarding credit checks for utility customers. He informed the Council that he would like to try to reduce the City's unpaid bills because of a net write off in 2012 of approximately \$50,609. He informed the Council that these credit checks could be used to base deposits and that he was also looking at the new item of prepaid electric meters.

The Mayor informed the Council of the LMIG program with GDOT. He informed them that this program had taken the place of the LARP program and that per a letter from GDOT the City had been allocated \$48,000 for streets and sidewalks. He then informed them that we were trying to get this monies escrow until 2013 to be placed with next year's allocation and the City's 30% match. He informed them that what projects the City submitted could be changed but that we had to get information submitted no later than December 31st.

The Mayor informed the Council that the buyback of ½ of the vacation time, on the employees who could not sell or use enough and would exceed their carry over allotment, was \$3,786.31.

The Mayor informed the Council that he would like final feedback on the RFP for limb pick up at the January 8<sup>th</sup> regular City Council meeting.

**VII) PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Merritt discussed with the Council more about the Parking Lot Ordinance.

**VIII) EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**IX) ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Mills to adjourn the December 27<sup>th</sup> Special Called City Council meeting. The motion carried unanimously

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Anthony Howard, Mayor