



**BLAKELY CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
CITY HALL**

January 2, 2018

6:00 P.M.

I) SWEARING IN OF NEW OFFICIALS

Mayor, Anthony Howard, swore in Councilman Al Hutchins and Councilman Charles Middleton.

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

The Mayor, Anthony Howard, called the meeting to order. Let the record show that the Mayor, Anthony Howard, Councilman Frank Thornton, Councilman James Crozier and Councilman Al Hutchins and Councilman Charles Middleton were all present. Let the record show that the City Attorney, Tommy Coleman and the City Clerk, Melinda Crook were also present. Travis Wimbush gave the invocation. The Mayor led the Council and public in the Pledge of Allegiance

III) APPROVE MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Hutchins and seconded by Councilman Middleton to approve the December 5th, December 13th and December 20th minutes. The motion carried unanimously by Councilman present.

IV) CITIZENS AND DELEGATIONS

Bridget Worlds – Moving In A Mobile Home At 350 MLK

The Building Official, Kenneth Jones, informed the Council that Ms. Worlds has turned in an application to rezone from Commercial to R2. Councilman Hutchins questioned the location and zoning of this property. There was discussion between the Council regarding zoning.

V) ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning Commission – Conditional Use – Primary Care – College St

The Building Official, Kenneth Jones, informed the Council about the Pediatric addition and that the property was zoned R1 which is the reason for the conditional use. The conditional use has been approved by the Planning Commission. A motion was made by Councilman Crozier and seconded by Councilman Thornton to approve the Primary Care conditional use on College St. The motion carried unanimously by Councilman present

Fred's Alcohol License - The Building Official informed the Council that a local designee had been supplied and that the paperwork and ad were all in order. A motion was made by Councilman Crozier and seconded by Councilman Thornton to approve the Alcohol License for Fred's. The motion carried unanimously by Councilman present.

VI) CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Second Reading And Adoption Of Cell Tower Ordinance

The City Attorney reminded the Council that this give certain standards for towers. Councilman Hutchins questioned how location and placement is made. The City Attorney responded and also briefly explained the origin of this Ordinance. A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Crozier to adopt the Cell Tower Ordinance. The motion carried unanimously by Councilman present

Second Reading And Adoption Of Truck Route Ordinance

There was discussion between the Council regarding paving the balance of Maple St., the official entrance of this street and if this Ordinance protects children regarding heavy truck traffic areas.

A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Thornton to adopt the Truck Route Ordinance. The motion carried unanimously by Councilman present.

Renew Chamber Of Commerce

A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Thornton to renew the Chamber of Commerce Agreement. The motion carried unanimously by Councilman present

Renew Court Square Development

A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Crozier to renew the Court Square Development Agreement. The motion carried unanimously by Councilman present

Resolution GMA Firefighters Cancer Benefit Program

The City Attorney informed the Council that this Resolution was to acknowledge Fire Fighters for the service they perform. A motion was made by Councilman Crozier and seconded by Councilman Middleton to approve the GMA Firefighters Cancer Benefit Program Resolution. The motion carried unanimously by Councilman present

Legal Services Agreement – USDA Loan

The City Attorney explained that the pricing is for work performed on the Fire Department USDA loan. There was a brief discussion on the new building. The Attorney stated that this agreement is a USDA requirement. A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Thornton to approve the Legal Services Agreement between the City and Attorney Tommy Coleman/Perry & Walters. The motion carried unanimously by Councilman present

VII) CITY CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk presented the Council with the monthly financial reports. She updated the Council on the software conversion and FEMA reimbursement. She briefly explained the budget adjustments and one amendment. A motion was made by Councilman Crozier and seconded by Councilman Thornton to approve the budget amendment and adjustments as present. The motion carried unanimously by Councilman present.

VIII) NEW ITEMS PROPOSED BY MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Reappointment Of Council Representative To Public Safety Board

A motion was made by Councilman Hutchins and seconded by Councilman Crozier to re-appoint Councilman Thornton and Councilman Middleton to the Public Safety Board. The motion carried unanimously by Councilman present

Appoint Mayor Pro Tem – Charles Middleton

A motion was made by Councilman Hutchins and seconded by Councilman Crozier to approve Charles Middleton as the 2018 Mayor Pro Tem. The motion carried unanimously by Councilman present

2018 Holidays

There was a brief discussion regarding making the day off for Veterans Day being the 12th of November, a Monday, since the actual Holiday fell on Sunday. A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Thornton to approve the 2018 Holiday schedule with the change of Veterans Day to Monday the 12th, due to the actual day being on a Sunday.

Renewal Of Alcohol Licenses

There was a brief discussion regarding the 12 violations/issues with Coco Lounge, provided by Public Safety. There was some discussion between the Council and Sheriff on this matter. The Mayor requested that the Public Safety reports be incorporated into the minutes to keep on the record. A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Thornton to renew the alcohol licenses for 2018 with the 12 reports on record. The motion carried unanimously by Councilman present

Change City Policy As It Relates To A Per Diem For Travel

The City Attorney explained that is change was not complete as of yet but that the change would be a per diem of \$150 per day for Councilman and \$100 per day for employees. He stated this would not include

mileage, airfare or hotel and the asked for feedback from the Council. Upon hearing no feedback the Mayor requested that the City Attorney proceed with the proposed changes he had stated.

Appointment to the Recreation Board - Anthony Lingo, Buddy Moore

Councilman Crozier informed the Council that the terms for Jody Glass and himself, on the Recreation Board, had expired. Councilman Crozier informed the Council that Jody Glass wished to be reappointed and that he would like to recommend Anthony Lingo to take his spot on the board. There was discussion on how to get appointed to the board. A motion was made by Councilman Thornton and seconded by Councilman Middleton to reappoint Jody Glass and to appoint Anthony Lingo in place of Councilman Crozier. The motion carried unanimously by Councilman present

Councilman Crozier discussed the “At Large” seat and asked that the City request the County to reappoint Mr. Ray Enfinger. A motion was made by Councilman Crozier and seconded by Councilman Middleton to approve Mr. Ray Enfinger, as the City’s vote, for the “At Large” seat appointed by the City and County. The motion carried unanimously by Councilman present.

Councilman Crozier spoke about getting a presentation set up, in February, regarding a water leak insurance, for the citizens.

IX) PUBLIC COMMENTS

Commissioner Sol spoke about the Truck Route Ordinance and the signs being put up regarding “No Semi-Trucks.” He questioned semi-truck classification. There was some discussion between Commissioner Sol, the City Attorney and Council.

X) EXECUTIVE SESSION – Personnel

A motion was made by Councilman Hutchins and seconded by Councilman Thornton to enter into Executive Session for personnel matters. The motion carried unanimously by Councilman present

XI) ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Thornton to adjourn the January 2nd City Council Meeting. The motion carried unanimously by Councilman present.

Anthony Howard, Mayor