



**BLAKELY CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
CITY HALL**

**FEBRUARY 13, 2018**

**3:00 P.M.**

**I) 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 Al Hutchins and Councilman Charles Middleton were present. Councilman Jamey Crozier was not present. Let the record show that the City Clerk, Melinda Crook and the City Attorney, Tommy Coleman were also present.

**Litigation Regarding Opioid Crisis**

Jeff Friedman and Matthew Conn, from Friedman, Dazzio, Zulanis & Bowling P.C., gave a power point presentation on the growing Opioid crisis. They stated that they were working together with the Stone Law Group on this issue. They spoke of the growing issue and how it affects communities which is why they are going out to the communities to get them involved. There was discussion between the Council and Mr. Friedman. A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Hutchins to approve the Legal Service Agreement to retain Friedman, Dazzio and Stone Law Group to represent the City to pursue damages incurred as a result of the opioid crisis. The motion carried unanimously by Councilman present

**II) ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Thornton to adjourn the February 13<sup>th</sup> Special called Meeting. The motion carried unanimously by Councilman present.

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Anthony Howard, Mayor