



**BLAKELY CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
CITY HALL**

MARCH 6, 2018

6:00 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 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. Mike Newberry gave the invocation. The Mayor led the Council and public in the Pledge of Allegiance

II) APPROVE MINUTES

A motion to approve the February 6th and 13th minutes was made by Councilman Hutchins and seconded by Councilman Middleton. The motion carried unanimously by Councilman present.

III) CITIZENS AND DELEGATIONS

Anthony & Marrian Alexander – Electric Bill
Was not present

IV) ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Charlie Wade – Bids for Mower

A motion to approve the bid from SunSouth in the amount of \$18,750.00 was made by Councilman Hutchins and seconded by Councilman Thornton. The motion carried unanimously by Councilman present.

V) CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Resolution Adopting A Sexual Harassment Policy/Conflict of Interest

Councilman Crozier made a motion to approve the Resolution adopting a sexual harassment/conflict of interest policy. Councilman Middleton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by Councilman present.

Resolution Regarding Opioid Crisis

No action was taken due to the City approving the Legal Service Agreement at the February 13th Special Called Meeting.

Resolution to approve MGAG "Main Street Program"

The Mayor briefly explained that this program was regarding interest fee loans for the purchase of gas appliance by citizens. There was discussion, from the Council, regarding loan qualifications and other items. He stated that there was no liability to the City. Councilman Crozier made a motion to approve the resolution to approve the MGAG Main Street Program regarding financing of gas appliances. Councilman Middleton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by Councilman present.

VI) CITY CLERK'S REPORT

The City Clerk presented the Council with financial reports for the ending of 2017 and today for 2018. She also provided an update report on current City projects. She then present the Council with the final 2017 budget adjustments and asked the Council to review for approval. A motion was made by Councilman Middleton to approve the final 2017 budget adjustments. Councilman Thornton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by Councilman present.

VII) NEW ITEMS PROPOSED BY MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Request to sell 2 Public Safety Vehicles

The City Attorney, Tommy Coleman informed the Mayor that the Council needed to declare the vehicles surplus property before they could approve the sale. A motion was made by Councilman Crozier to declare two 2010 Crown Victoria's surplus property. Councilman Hutchins seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by Councilman present. A motion to approve the sale of two 2010 Crown Victoria's from the Department of Public Safety, to the City of Donaldsonville in the amount of \$18,000 was made by Councilman Hutchins. Councilman Middleton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by Councilman present.

Jenna Hazelet, from ServLine, came before the Council to present a high water bill insurance policy. She explained how the policy works and could assist customers as well as the City. She explained that there was also a policy that a customer could get that would assist with the cost of repairs for water or sewer service lines. The Mayor questioned sewer backups, to which Ms. Hazelet stated that she would check on that option. She then presented the Council with an approximate cost of the policy, for their consideration.

Mike Newberry addressed the Council regarding their assistance with Peanut Proud, which is coming up on March 24th.

Matt Hammond informed the Council and public of the Fiber promotion through Peanut Proud.

Councilman Hutchins questions the fiber line on HWY 27 by Five Bridges Rd. He asked if there was any way possible the line could be brought up the East side of the road. The Mayor asked that we check the pole attachment agreement with Three

Notch for attaching to their poles and Matt stated that the fiber count would have to be check to make sure that there is enough.

Councilman Hutchins asked Kenneth Jones to remind the City employees of the seat belt policy.

TG Floyd came before the Council with the Recreation Department 14 youth AllStar Basketball team. He informed the Council of the games that the boys had played and that in the end won the State Championship. He introduced the team to the Council. Coach Anthony Lingo then addressed the Council to say how much he appreciated the City and County's assistance and commitment to the Rec. Dept.

VIII) PUBLIC COMMENTS

Letitia Tinson addressed the Council to thank them for putting poles up on the corner of Jesse Johnson and Palmetto. She then stated that there was another problem with vehicles not adhering to the correct ROW and not stopping before exiting on Jesse Johnson from Palmetto. The Mayor stated that we could place the speed limit monitoring box in that area and ask Public Safety to monitor this area for violators.

Mildred Mells questioned the speed limit on Flowers Dr. The Mayor again stated that we could place the City's speed limit monitoring box in this area and ask Public Safety to monitor for violators.

IX) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Hutchins. The motion carried unanimously by Councilman present.

Anthony Howard, Mayor