



**Blakely City Council Meeting
Minutes**

July 13, 2010

City Hall

6:00 P.M.

I) Call To Order, Invocation, Roll Call

Mayor Ric Hall called the meeting to order. Councilman Mills gave the invocation. All Councilmen were present. Also present were Flinn Coleman, Attorney and Trudie Evans, Assistant City Clerk.

II) Approve Minutes

A motion to approve the June 1st minutes was made by Councilman Al Hutchins and seconded by Councilman Charles Middleton. Motion carried.

III) Citizens And Delegations

Dale Laney, Mainstreet Broadband Wireless

Mr. Dale Laney brought to the council a proposal to install wireless broadband equipment on the city water tank behind City Hall. Mr. Laney explained the needs of his company as to the equipment to be installed, the weight, etc. He also discussed the compensation to the City would be either 3 free wireless accounts or \$500.00 monthly. The council opted for the monetary compensation as city offices already have wireless internet. Councilman Charles Middleton made a motion to allow Mainstreet Broadband Wireless to install the equipment as long as it is not in conflict with a no compete clause in the agreement with SGRITA. Councilman Mills seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Darrell Alexander, Big Mama Outreach Center Status

Darrell Alexander addressed the Council regarding the status of the Big Mama Outreach Center. He questioned what plan the City had for the youth of the community. Mayor Hall's response was that the City supports the Blakely Early County Recreation Department. The Council recommended that Mr. Alexander work with the Recreation Department to develop programs for the youth and that if the Rec Dept presented a valid program requiring a budget increase to the City that the City would consider that request when planning the budget for the next fiscal year.

IV) Administrative Committee Reports

Bids For Dump Truck – three bids for the dump truck were presented. However neither James Allen nor Charles Jenkins were present to discuss the bids with the council. Councilman Mills made a motion to table any decision on the dump truck until James or Charles could provide a recommendation. Councilman Middleton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

V) City Attorney's Report

Mixed Drink Referendum – Councilman Middleton made a motion to adopt a resolution that would allow the mixed drink referendum to be placed on the November ballot. Motion died for lack of second.

Resolution Of Support For Tanglewood Apartments – Councilman Mills made a motion to adopt the resolution of support for Tanglewood Apartments. Councilman Hutchins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Resolution Adopting The State Fire Codes [Adopted By Ordinance In June, However State Fire Comm. Requested Resolution For Their Records] - Councilman Middleton made a motion to adopt the resolution adopting the state fire codes. Councilman Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried

VI) City Clerk's Report

City Clerk Melinda Crook was not present. Financial reports were handed out to all council members.

VII) New Items Proposed By Mayor And City Council

Bids For Painting Water Tank & Vacuum Truck Being Prepared By P. Simonton - Mayor Hall informed the Council that Paul Simonton was preparing bids for painting the water tank [inside and out] and for a vacuum truck. Both items are to be paid for out of the bond.

Councilman Mills brought up the error in the dollar amounts on the Chamber of Commerce contract. He also had concerns over how the Chamber uses those funds and suggested we get some sort of print out from the Chamber to see exactly how they use those funds. Councilman Mills made a motion to approve the signing of the Chamber contract with the option to review and compare the contract with a model contract from DCA. Councilman Middleton seconded the motion. Motion carried

Councilman Hutchins had a couple of questions regarding background check fees for rental of the civic center and who to contact regarding sewer fees.

VIII) Public Comments

A local minister spoke to the council about programs for the youth of the City.

IX) Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Middleton and seconded by Councilman Mills.

Ric Hall, Mayor