



**Blakely City Council Meeting
Minutes**

August 2, 2010

City Hall

6:00 P.M.

I) Call to Order, Invocation, Roll Call

Mayor Ric Hall called the meeting to order. Councilman Andy Smith gave the invocation. Mayor Ric Hall, Councilman Torre' Mills, Councilman Al Hutchins, Councilman Andy Smith and Councilman Charles Middleton were all present. Also present were the City Attorney, Tommy Coleman and the City Clerk, Melinda Crook.

II) Approve Minutes

A motion was made by Councilman Andy Smith and seconded by Councilman Charles Middleton to approve the July 13th Minutes. The motion carried.

III) Citizens and Delegations

Gladys George – Mobile Home Not Present

Paul Simonton - Bids For Vacuum Truck Mr. Simonton provided the Council with bids from three companies, Adams Equipment, Environmental Products of GA and Tractor & Equipment Co. He then gave a description of the vehicle and informed the Council of the purpose for the Vacuum Truck. Mr. Simonton recommended to the Council the bid from Adams Equipment in the amount of \$247,255.00. There were some questions from the Council for Mr. Simonton. A motion was made by Councilman Charles Middleton and seconded by Councilman Andy Smith to accept the bid for the Vacuum Truck from Adams Equipment in the amount of \$247,255.00. The motion carried.

Mr. Simonton was asked to include painting of an Early County symbol when getting bids for the painting of the water tank.

IV) Administrative Committee Reports

Bids for Dump Truck The Council was presented with three bids from Yancey, Coffman International and FTL, STL & amp; WST of Montgomery for a new dump truck. The Utility Director informed the Council that all the bids met specifications and that he recommend the lowest bid for \$91,661 from FTL, STL & amp; WST of Montgomery. The Council was informed that the dump truck had been placed in the budget for 2010. A motion was made by Council Charles Middleton and seconded by

Councilman Andy Smith to accept the bid from FTL, STL & WST of Montgomery in the amount of \$91,661.00. The motion carried.

V) City Attorney's Report

First Reading of Ordinance Establishing a Variance Procedure for

Manufactured Homes There was a first reading of an Ordinance Establishing a variance procedure for manufactured homes.

The City Attorney brought to the Council the new SPLOST Referendum. There was discussion between the City Attorney and Council regarding the City's allotted amount. The Mayor informed the Council that the City would be receiving approximately 200,000 more than the last SPLOST making it 2.7 million. The Mayor also informed the Council that this Referendum was being done now so that the County did not have to have a special election next year for this one item. A motion was made by Councilman Andy Smith and seconded by Councilman Charles Middleton to approve the SPLOST Resolution/Contract. The motion carried.

VI) City Clerk's Report

The Council members were given their financial reports. The Clerk informed the Council that utility bills were increasing. The Clerk also informed the Council that the Auditors would be at the Sept meeting to give the audit report and that a copy of the audit would be forwarded to each member of the Council.

VII) New Items Proposed By Mayor and City Council

The Council was given a copy of a report from the GA Public Service Commission showing our rates in comparison to other electric providers.

The Mayor and Chief Jones brought back to the Council an issue regarding propane tanks near a residential area. The Chief had been asked to render an opinion on the safety factor of firefighting. The Mayor informed the Council that because of the growing opposition, the owner of the propane tanks had reached out to the Development Authority for assistance and that they had agreed to lease to him property near 62 East and the bypass. Chief Jones had informed the Mayor that he saw no problems with the area, being zoned industrial and no residents being in the immediate vicinity. The Chief then gave the Council more detail on the situation.

Councilman Mills brought to the Council a split in Public Safety, which had been discussed at the last Public Safety meeting. This split would mean that the City would take back over their portion of the Police Dept. Councilman Mills informed the Council that he brought this up because we were going to start our budget process shortly and that in the PS budget there were new cars and he felt that the City should not assist with those if this split was going to take place. There was discussion between the Council on the main aspects which would need to be looked into if the Sheriff did opt to split PS. The Mayor discussed with the Council sitting back down with the Sheriff to get a better idea of how long he would give the City to get things in place. He stated that he would also see if the Sheriff might possibly reconsider the

split. After further discussion the Mayor suggested the City Council go ahead and set up a committee, made up of Councilman Mills and Councilman Middleton, to gather information on the cost to the City to start the Police Dept. There was also discussion between the Mayor and Council regarding what might need to be done in regards to the Millage rate, which would be coming up soon to be set.

VIII) Public Comments

A citizen addressed the Council in regards to use of the Civic Center. There was some discussion between the Council and Mayor regarding rentals and fee schedules, items which would continue to be looked into.

IX) Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilman Charles Middleton and seconded by Councilman Torre' Mills to adjourn the August 2nd City Council meeting. The motion carried.

Ric Hall, Mayor