



## **Blakely City Council Meeting Minutes**

**October 5, 2010**

**City Hall**

**6:00 P.M.**

### **I) Call to Order, Invocation, Roll Call**

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

### **II) Approve Minutes**

A motion was made by Councilman Al Hutchins and seconded by Councilman Torre' Mills to approve the September 7th and September 16th Minutes. The motion carried.

### **III) Citizens and Delegations**

#### **Steven Bonner, Rec Dept, Washington Park Pool**

The Recreation Director, Steven Bonner, came before that Council to answer their questions from a report that they had received at the September meeting. Councilman Mills questioned Mr. Bonner about some of items on the report. Mr. Bonner explained the water flow & circulation problems to the Council and informed them that the only way to rectify the problem was to bust up the pool and redo the lines. He then informed the Council that he was checking into grants or any other way to receive funding for a new pool. He then told the Council that the Rec. Dept. board recommends closing and condemning the current pool because it was probably cheaper to build a new pool. Mr. Bonner told the Council of ideas he had of a water park at the sports complex. There was discussion between Mr. Bonner and the Council regarding several areas that could possibly be used for a new pool such as asking the school about using property next to the Betsy Scott gym where dressing rooms in the gym could be used. Mr. Bonner also informed the Council of an idea of extending the play ground around the current pool to make a family type area with more equipment and cooking areas. There was discussion about the City and County working together to fill in the existing pool. Councilman Mills request that Mr. Bonner continue to keep him informed of a schedule of the activities. A motion was made by Councilman Andy Smith and seconded by Councilman Torre' Mills to abandon and fill in the existing pool. The motion carried.

#### **IV)Administrative Committee Reports**

##### **V) City Attorney's Report**

###### **Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance Establishing a Variance Procedure for Manufactured Homes**

A motion was made by Councilman Torre' Mills and seconded by Councilman Al Hutchins to approve the Ordinance Establishing a Variance Procedure for Manufactured Homes. The motion carried.

The City Attorney information to the Council pertaining to a new law to start in January 2011, in which the Mayor and Council would be responsible for their own filing of reports to the State Ethics Commission.

##### **VI)City Clerk's Report**

The Council was given their financial reports. The City Clerk asked the Council for their permission to make budget adjustments and that if amendments were need they would be brought to the Council. A motion was made by Councilman Torre' Mills and seconded by Councilman Al Hutchins to allow adjustments up to \$5,000 with anything over that amount to be brought to the Council for approval. The motion carried.

##### **VII) New Items Proposed By Mayor and City Council**

Wanda Hudson came before the Council to ask for approval to submit for a new 2011 CDBG Grant for a project on Ft. Gaines, Mulberry and China Berry streets. The Council asked Ms. Hudson what amount she was requesting and she informed them she was going to request the full \$500,000 allowed. She informed the Council that they would need to approve two Resolutions if they agreed to submit for the new grant. A motion was made by Councilman Andy Smith and seconded by Councilman Torre' Mills to approve the Resolution to apply and the Resolution for a City cash match of at least 5%. The motion carried.

Councilman Mills brought to the Council a suggestion of given a relief to the citizens in the City of the 10% penalty for three months (Oct, Nov and Dec). The Mayor informed the Council that the only way to do this legally was to amend the current Ordinance. The City Attorney then presented an Ordinance to amend the current Ordinance regarding utility bill penalties. The Mayor also reminded the Council that since an Ordinance required two readings to put into place the City could relieve the 10% penalty for only two of the suggested three month being November and December. There was a first reading of an Ordinance Amending the City Code of the City of Blakely to provide a waiver of the ten percent additional charge on unpaid utility bills.

Nancy Wright came before the Council and informed them that the CHIP Grant she had tried to get had been denied and that she was now trying for the USDA 523 and asked the Mayor and Council if they would again write a letter of support when she was ready. She then questioned denial of service to her building. She

informed the Council that she was requesting services to make needed repairs. Ms. Wright was informed that that the building needed to meet codes to receive services but that it would be discussed with the Building Inspector on how the City can work with the situation.

**VIII) Public Comments**

**IX)Adjournment**

A motion was made by Councilman Andy Smith and seconded by Councilman Torre' Mills to adjourn the October 5th City Council Meeting. The motion carried.

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Ric Hall, Mayor