



Blakely City Council Meeting Minutes

January 4, 2011

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, Councilman Andy Smith and Councilman Charles Middleton were all present. Also present were the City Attorney, Tommy Coleman the City Clerk, Melinda Crook, and the Utility Director, Charles Jenkins.

II) Approve Minutes

A motion was made by Councilman Charles Middleton and seconded by Councilman Torre' Mills to approve the minutes for the December 7th and December 20th City Council Meetings. The motion carried.

III) Citizens and Delegations

Paul Simonton – Bid Results Water System Improvements

Mr. Simonton brought to the Council bid results for a 12" water line for the 62 bypass starting at MLK. He informed the Council of four bids that had been received with the lowest being Fortis Engineering Solutions in the amount of \$349,391.68. Mr. Simonton then answered questions from the Council. A motion was made by Councilman Charles Middleton and seconded by Councilman Torre' Mills to approve the bid from Fortis Engineering Solution in the amount of \$349,391.68. The motion carried.

IV) Administrative Committee Reports

Beer License Patricia Eafford Jr

A motion was made by Councilman Charles Middleton and seconded by Councilman Andy Smith to approve the beer license for Patricia Eafford. The motion carried

Beer License Julie Cleveland

A motion was made by Councilman Charles Middleton and seconded by Councilman Andy Smith to approve the beer license for Julie Cleveland. The motion carried.

V) City Attorney's Report

Second Reading and Adoption Of An Ordinance Regarding Outdoor Landscape Watering

A motion was made by Councilman Charles Middleton and seconded by Councilman Andy Smith to adopt the Ordinance regarding outdoor landscape watering. The motion carried.

Second Reading and Adoption of An Ordinance Fixing Election Qualifying Fees

A motion was made by Councilman Charles Middleton and seconded by Councilman Al Hutchins to adopt the Ordinance fixing Election Qualifying Fees. The motion carried.

VI) City Clerk's Report

The Council was given financial reports. There were no other items to be discussed

VII) New Items Proposed By Mayor and City Council

Mayor Pro Tem A motion was made by Councilman Al Hutchins and seconded by Councilman Andy Smith that Councilman Torre' Mills serve as Mayor Pro Tem. The motion carried.

Private Sector Appointment to RDC There was discussion between the Council on who can be picked as the Private Sector Appointment to RDC and why the City always follows the Counties pick. A motion was made by Councilman Charles Middleton and seconded by Councilman Andy Smith to appoint the new Chamber Director, Christie Haines. The motion carried

Councilman Hutchins question cleaning supplies at the Civic Center stating that renters are expected to clean, however, no supplies are there to use. He also brought to the Council's attention state of the refrigerator and stove at the Civic Center. He was informed that the cleaning supplies are taken when left and that the refrigerator and stove items would be looked into and corrected. The Council then asked the City Clerk to have the City Hall cleaning person clean the Civic Center.

Councilman Hutchins and Councilman Mills questioned a quick claim deed on the MEAG substation. There was then discussion with the City Attorney regarding quick claim deed processing. There was also discussion between the Mayor, Council and Utility Director over the sale of the substation to MEAG and when it had taken place, due to the date on the quick claim deed. The City Clerk was then asked to get the information together on the sale of the substation to MEAG.

VIII) Public Comments

Nancy Wright addressed the Council to let them know that the ECCDC was beginning a Homeless Count at the end of January, 2011 and Income Tax Assistance beginning January 18, 2011.

A citizen addressed the Council regard a notice he had received from Code Enforcement regarding moving his horses and the fact that he was only given 10 days to do so. There was discussion between the Council and citizen regarding the City Ordinance. The Mayor and Council asked the citizen to gather information pertaining to how much acreage he had in regards to the Ordinance and provide this information to City Hall. He was then informed that the matter is actually out of the City's hands but when he provided the information the matter would be looked into further.

IX) Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilman Charles Middleton and seconded by Councilman Torre' Mills to adjourn to January 4th City Council Meeting. The motion carried.

Ric Hall, Mayor