



Blakely City Council Meeting Minutes

February 1, 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 and Councilman Andy Smith 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

January 4, 2011 Minutes A motion was made by Councilman Charles Middleton and seconded by Councilman Al Hutchins to approve the January 4th Minutes. The motion carried.

III) Citizens and Delegations

IV) Administrative Committee Reports

Separate Street Dept from Sanitation Dept

The Utility Director, Charles Jenkins, explained to the Council the decision to separate the Street Dept from the Sanitation Dept. He informed the Council that he felt that four departments under one Supervisor was too much responsibility to be handled efficiently and effectively. He then informed the Council that he was recommending promoting Charlie Wade to Dept Head over the Street and Cemetery Depts. The Council then discussed with the Utility Director and Charlie Wade if a rate of pay had been agreed upon. The Council then discussed with Charlie Wade his opinion on making the move from the Fire Dept. A motion was made by Council Charles Middleton and seconded by Councilman Al Hutchins to promote Charlie Wade to Dept. Head over the Street and Cemetery Dept. The motion carried.

V) City Attorney's Report

Ethics Resolution Councilman Mills question the difference in the verbiage between the Ethic Resolution written by the City Attorney and the version submitted by GMA. The City Clerk informed the Council of the bullet items that GMA required to be in Ethic Resolution. A motion was made by Councilman Andy Smith and seconded by Councilman Charles Middleton to approve the GMA version on the Ethics Resolution. The motion carried

Chamber Contract Councilman Mills discussed with the City Attorney the Chamber Contract regarding Hotel/Motel/Tax. Due to needing more clarification on the uses of the Hotel/Motel Tax uses and funding to the Chamber a motion was made by Councilman

Andy Smith and seconded by Councilman Al Hutchins to table the Chamber Contract. The motion carried.

Selection of Consulting Firm for 2011 CDBG A motion was made by Councilman Andy Smith and seconded by Councilman Charles Middleton to approve G.W. Hudson Consulting for the 2011 CDBG. The motion carried.

Selection of Architectural Firm for 2011 CDBG The Mayor informed the Council of the Architectural Firms that sent proposals and that P.C. Simonton and Associates had won the bid on scoring. The Mayor and Council then discussed the scoring procedures. The Council then questioned who had done the scoring and the Mayor informed them that he along with the Utility Director and the City Clerk had completed the scoring. Councilman Mills and Councilman Hutchins requested copied of the proposals and scoring reports. A motion was made by Councilman Charles Middleton and seconded by Councilman Andy Smith to approve P.C. Simonton and Associates as the Architectural Firm. The motion carried.

VI) City Clerk's Report

The City Clerk gave the Council financial reports. The Clerk also provided to the Council a monthly report on the Civic Center showing inventory, a list of renter issues and identified building maintenance items. The Clerk asked the Council to consider certified funds (cash, money order or credit card) from customers whose services had been cut off for non-payment of utility services. The Council agreed with this policy change.

VII) New Items Proposed By Mayor and City Council

Request from Peanut Proud For Council Members to Ride in Parade

The Mayor informed the Council of the request for the Council Members to ride in the Peanut Proud Parade in March.

Update on Water Tower The Mayor informed the Council that painting on the water tower was due to begin the following week.

Update on 12" MLK Water Line The Mayor informed the Council that upon requesting the City Clerk to provide him information of monies spent to date he found that there was not enough funding to install the 12" water line on MLK. He then informed the Council that he then contacted Mr. Simonton and informed him that the approved bid would have to be put on hold.

Councilman Smith brought to the Council that the Library requested 15 minute parking signs.

The Mayor updated the Council on how he is going to proceed with the pool.

A motion was made by Councilman Torre' Mills and seconded by Councilman Al Hutchins to leave the present Councilman appoint to boards stay in those positions (Councilman Hutchins, RDC, Councilman Mill, Middleton and the Mayor, Public Safety and Councilman Smith the Library Board). The motion carried

The Council discussed the items in the City Clerks report on the Civic Center and asked that the maintenance items be taken care of along with purchasing four new tables, 20

chairs and racks to store chairs and tables. Brenda Wall informed the Council that the Library had a rack that was available to the City.

VIII) Public Comments

IX) Adjournment

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

Ric Hall, Mayor