



Blakely City Council Meeting Minutes

March 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, 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 Al Hutchins to approve the February 1st minutes with the correction to add Charles Middleton in attendance for the February meeting. The motion carried

III) Citizens and Delegations

No items

IV) Administrative Committee Reports

Chief Jones – Request Approval to go out for Annual Firefighters Grant

Chief Jones came to the Council to request approval to go out for the Annual Firefighters Grant for rescue equipment. He informed the Council that he would be applying for \$100,000.00 grant with the City having a 5% match. A motion was made by Councilman Charles Middleton and seconded by Councilman Andy Smith to approve Chief Jones applying for the Firefighters Grant. The motion carried

Application for Pawn Shop License

The Mayor briefly explained why there was an approval from Public Safety. Councilman Mills questioned why this business was coming before the Council. The City Attorney informed the Council that due to City Ordinance the application had to be approved by Public Safety for Council approval. A motion was made by Councilman Charles Middleton and seconded by Councilman Mills to approve the business license application for Deep South Pawn Shop. The motion carried.

V) City Attorney's Report

Chamber Contract The Attorney explained the changes in the Chamber contract and that there would be two separate contracts one being the Hotel/Motel contract and the second being for remaining fees paid to the Chamber to come to the \$25,000.00

that is being paid to the Chamber per the City Budget. The City Attorney will be revising contracts and will present contract at next meeting.

VI) City Clerk's Report

The Council was given their financial reports. The clerk gave a short update on items purchased for the center and repairs to the A/C unit. The clerk then brought to the Council that Mr. Eddie Mells be put on place to monitor events at the Civic Center. The Clerk informed the Council that an agreement with Mr. Mells had been reached. The Clerk told the Council that per the agreement Mr. Mells would be paid \$20.00 per event plus mileage to open the center, check on the center at least once during the function and to close the center. The Council was informed that Mr. Mells would receive a prepaid cell phone and would be required to complete a checklist during walkthroughs before and after each function. There was some discussion with the Council, Clerk and Mr. Mells. A motion was made by Councilman Charles Middleton and seconded by Councilman Torre' Mills to approve Mr. Mells to monitor the Civic Center for events. The motion carried.

VII) New Items Proposed By Mayor and City Council

VIII) Public Comments

Ms. Nancy Wright, a representative for some concerned citizens, addressed the Council in regards to the how high the bills were for the month of March. Ms. Wright stated several items (redlining, renovation to City Hall, tampering with metering system, income tax refunds, etc...) that were said to be reasons for the higher billing. The Mayor responded to Ms. Wright's comments and stated that City Hall would provide requested information. A motion was made by Councilman Torre' Mills to waive the 10% late fee for the month of March. The motion carried with Charles Middleton voting No.

A few other citizens voiced complaints regarding the March bills.

Another citizen addressed some problems they were having with the Rec. Dept. Councilman Mills informed him that these were items that would need to be taken to the Rec. Dept. Board.

IX) Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilman Charles Middleton and seconded by Councilman Torre; Mills to adjourn the March 3rd Council meeting. The motion carried.

Ric Hall, Mayor