



**BLAKELY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

APRIL 5, 2011

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 City Attorney, Tommy Coleman, City Clerk, Melinda Crook and Utility Director Charles Jenkins.

II) APPROVE MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Torre' Mills and seconded by Councilman Al Hutchins to approve the March 1st Minutes. The motion carried.

III) CITIZENS AND DELEGATIONS

REBECCA TEAGUE - ICE CREAM TRUCK Not present

SPRING CREEK HEALTH COOPERATIVE – ASSISTANCE WITH FUNDING

A representative came and briefly explained that she represented two organizations. The first organization she represented is Spring Creek Health Cooperative, which assists people to get medications at a reduced rate. The other organization she was representing was the Patula Center for Children, which is the child advocacy center for the Judicial Circuit. She explained that with the change in the hospital Spring Creeks electric bills were no longer being paid by the hospital and this was an unexpected expenditure and asked if anything could be done. There was some discussion between the Council and the representative. The Mayor and Council explained that the City cannot assist in regards to utility payments. It was further explained that because of the time period any other type of assistance would need to be further addressed at budget time.

SYLVIA DANIELS – PARTY GIVEN AT CIVIC CENTER Not present

IV) ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

WINE LICENSE – QUICK BUYS A motion was made by Councilman Charles Middleton and seconded by Councilman Andy Smith to approve the Wine License for Quick Buys. The motion carried.

BEER LICENSE – ED’S OYSTER BAR A motion was made by Councilman Charles Middleton and seconded by Councilman to approve the beer license for Ed’s Oyster Bar. The motion carried.

GAME ROOM – TED WALLER Mr. Waller explained to the Council that the game room would be open Mon, Tue, Thur. and Fri. after school until 10:30 and Sat. starting from 11:00am until 10:30. He also informed the Council that no alcohol would be allowed but that he would have snacks, such as chips, cracker and soda, no cooking on the premises. A motion was made by Councilman Charles Middleton and seconded by Councilman Andy Smith to approve the Game Room License for Ted Waller providing inspection is passed for all building code requirements. The motion carried.

V) CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT

CHAMBER CONTRACT There was discussion between the Council regarding the new contracts and then the Chamber President, Christie, came before the to ask that the contracts be tabled until she could discuss with the Attorney these changes and some changes in the verbiage due to a crossing of responsibilities with EC2055. A motion was made by Councilman Al Hutchins and seconded by Councilman Charles Middleton to table to Chamber Contract. The motion carried.

CABLE FRANCHISE ORDINANCE There was discussion between the Council and the Utility Director on the change in the Cable Franchise Fee Ordinance. The Utility Director explained that the fees for Three Notch, Georgia Power and Windstream are at 4% and Cable was being charged 5% and therefore this would be to make them all uniform. A motion was made by Councilman Charles Middleton and seconded by Councilman Andy Smith to approve the change from 5% to 4% in the Cable Franchise Ordinance. Let the record show that Councilman Al Hutchins and Councilman Torre’ Mills voted No and the Mayor broke the tie with a vote of Yes. The motion carried.

GAS CONTRACT SOUTHERN STATES There was discussion between the Council and the Utility Director the purpose of the contract and the terms of the contract. He then informed the Council that this was just for permission to proceed with the contract if approved by Southern States. A motion was made by Councilman Charles Middleton and seconded by Councilman Andy Smith to grant the Utility Director permission to proceed with the contract upon Southern States acceptance. The motion carried.

VI) CITY CLERK’S REPORT

The Council was given their financial reports. The Clerk was questioned by the Council regarding the financial report. The Clerk explained to the Council and public the computer software issue in factoring the PCA incorrectly since Sept. 2009. The Clerk further explained that the software company was working on a report to make corrections to customer accounts. The Clerk then informed the Council and public that the computer system had been corrected and would be audited to make sure that it continued to factor correctly.

VII) NEW ITEMS PROPOSED BY MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

Councilman Hutchins discussed several items with the Council such as, detailed list of Fire Dept emergencies, lower electric bills and business license for Dynamic Technologies.

There was discussion between the Fire Chief, Mayor and Council and the City Attorney regarding the business license for Mr. James McCoy.

The Clerk was questioned about a refund for Sylvia Daniels and items pertaining to payments for Mr. Mells.

VIII) PUBLIC COMMENTS

IX) ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Charles Middleton and seconded by Councilman Andy Smith to adjourn the April 5th City Council meeting. The motion carried.

Ric Hall, Mayor