



**BLAKELY CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES**

**MAY 3, 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 the City Attorney, Tommy Coleman, and the City Clerk, Melinda Crook.

**II) APPROVE MINUTES**

**APRIL 5, 2011 MINUTES** A motion was made by Councilman Charles Middleton and seconded by Councilman Andy Smith to approve the April 5th minutes. The motion carried.

**III) CITIZENS AND DELEGATIONS**

**IV) ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**BUDGET REQUEST, BLAKELY SENIOR CENTER** The SOWEGA Council on Aging submitted a request to the Council requesting additional funding of 2500 for fuel and 2500 for maintenance and repairs. There was discussion between the Council as to what they already receive from the City and that this could be addressed at budget time this year.

**V) CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING CHAMBER CONTRACT** The City Attorney explained the Resolution to the Council. There was discussion between the Council. A motion was made by Councilman Charles Middleton and seconded by Councilman Andy Smith to approve the Resolution for the Chamber Contract. The motion carried.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING COURT SQUARE DEVELOPMENT CONTRACT**

The City Attorney explained the Resolution to the Council stating again how Hotel/Motel funds could be used. There was discussion between the Council. A motion was made by Councilman Charles Middleton and seconded by Councilman Andy Smith to approve the Resolution for Court Square Development Contract. Let the record show that Councilman Torre' Mills and Councilman Al Hutchins voted No and the Mayor broke the tie with a vote of Yes. The motion carried.

**GATEWAY PROJECT RESOLUTION** The City Attorney and Mayor explained the Resolution to the Council, stating that the TE Grant that was gotten for the Gateway Project doesn't start paying until actual construction commences but that there are engineering cost that need to be covered at the present time. The Council was informed that EC2012 is willing to loan the City \$100,000, at no

interest, to cover the balance of these costs and that once the reimbursement starts from the grant the City will pay back the advance. The Mayor also explained that this has to go through the City due to the fact that the City is the Fiscal Agent for the grant. There was some discussion between the Council. A motion was made by Councilman Torre' Mills and seconded by Councilman Andy Smith to approve the Gateway Project Resolution. The motion carried.

The City Attorney brought to the Council, for their information, Reapportionment Procedures. He then explained that nothing could be done at this time due to information not yet available.

**VI) CITY CLERK'S REPORT**

The Council was given their financial reports. The Clerk then informed the Council that because of some scheduling issues the audit had not started but was due to start the following week.

**VII) NEW ITEMS PROPOSED BY MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**

Councilman Mills and Hutchins brought several items to the Council for discussion such as: how water & sewer are measured in regards to washing cars, watering gardens and lawns and filling pools. Sidewalks were questioned due to the possibility of some school transportation being cut. It was questioned about making Mosley Ave. a one way street. Portable restrooms at Washington Park was discussed. The senior citizen discount on the base rate and security lights was discussed. It was also questioned how many senior citizens were getting discounts and if there was a way to let seniors know, on their bill, that their account was classified correctly in the computer system.

Councilman Hutchins then questioned the possibility of lowering the Milage rate due to a refund that the City would be receiving from the Dept. of Public Safety. The Mayor suggested that be readdressed when the time came to set the Milage rate.

**VIII) PUBLIC COMMENTS**

A citizen asked the Council that since the PCA was being charged on the bill would the Council again relieve the 10% penalty. The Mayor explained to the Council and public how continuing to relieve this penalty would affect a portion of the City's revenues. A motion was made by Councilman Torre' Mills and seconded by Councilman Al Hutchins to approve waiving the 10% penalty for the month of May. Let the record show that Councilman Andy Smith and Councilman Charles Middleton voted No and the Mayor broke the tie with a vote of No. The motion did not carry.

**IX) ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Councilman Charles Middleton and seconded by Councilman Andy Smith to adjourn the May 3<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting. The motion carried.

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Ric Hall, Mayor