



**BLAKELY CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES**

**JUNE 7, 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, and the City Clerk, Melinda Crook.

**II) APPROVE MINUTES**

**MAY 3, 2011 MINUTES** - A motion was made by Councilman Charles Middleton and seconded by Councilman Al Hutchins to approve the May 3rd Minutes. The motion carried.

**III) CITIZENS AND DELEGATIONS**

No one was present

**IV) ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

No items

**V) CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

**FIRST READING OF GENERAL ELECTION ORDINANCE** - There was a first reading of the General Election Ordinance

**VI) CITY CLERK'S REPORT**

The Council was given their financial reports. The Clerk informed the Council that the auditors had been in City Hall one week and were back in their office working on the balance of the audit. The Clerk also gave to the Council a document from the software company stating the issues of late. The Clerk then informed the Council of another software issue that had come about on the June billing but that it had been corrected and new bills corrected bills had been sent the those 126 customers affected.

**VII) NEW ITEMS PROPOSED BY MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
UPDATE ON GATEWAY PROJECT -**

The Mayor asked the Council to consider moving the July 5th meeting to another day due to the fact that he, Councilman Smith, Councilman Middleton and the

Clerk would be on trips that week. A motion was made by Councilman Al Hutchins and seconded by Councilman Charles Middleton to move the July 5th Council meeting to July 11th. The motion carried.

Councilman Hutchins questioned if scrap metal had been sold from the landfill, where the revenue gets credited and if the County receives half the income. He was informed that when sold the revenue gets credited to the landfill revenue account and that yes the County would receive half and that revenue. The amounts for this sale would be checked on in City Hall. Councilman Hutchins also question why summer rates started on the June billing. He was informed it was due to the rate structure the Council had adopted.

Councilman Mills informed the Council that he would like to present the Washington High Alumni Association with a key to the City during their parade. The Council agreed.

#### **VIII) PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Tracey Robinson questioned the summer rates. He also questioned the time period the City holds a customer's deposit and how deposits are handled on a deceased persons account. Mr. Robinson was informed that the difference between the winter and summer rates was factored on the usage after the first 1,000 and the rate was .075 in the winter and .105 in the summer. He was also informed that the City had requested that Electric Cities conduct a survey about deposits. Their findings were that and out of 25 responses 15 held deposits until accounts were final. He was also informed that on a deceased citizens account the deposit was applied to the final bill and if any credit remained it would be turned over to the estate to be handled.

Another citizen questioned the funding for the Gateway Project.

Mr. Mells gave the monthly report on the Civic Center. There was discussion between Mr. Mells and the Council on a few items. Councilman Mills asked that a signature for the Renter and Mr. Mells be added to the checklist. The Council and Mr. Mells also discussed the lending of tables and chairs from the center. The Council told Mr. Mells that tables and chairs needed to be signed out with his signature and the signature of the person borrowing them (employees were specifically mentioned).

#### **IX) ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Councilman Charles Middleton and seconded by Councilman Torre' Mills to adjourn the June 7<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting. The motion carried.

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Ric Hall, Mayor