



**BLAKELY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

AUGUST 2, 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

JULY 11, 2011 MINUTES Councilman Mills brought to the Council's attention for correction the misspelling on item #4 of preset which should have been present. A motion was made by Councilman Andy Smith and seconded by Councilman Charles Middleton to approve the July 11th Minutes with the correction on item #4 from preset to present. The motion carried.

III) CITIZENS AND DELEGATIONS

No one was present

IV) ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

PAUL SIMONTON - WATER CONSERVATION PLAN - RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A WATER CONSERVATION PLAN

Mr. Simonton addressed the Council regarding a water conservation plan. He explained items that had been done to better control the City's unaccounted for water like upgrading to radio read meters, changing stopped or poorly registering meters and adding meters to City buildings that were not previously metered. He explained to the Council the implementation of water conservation measures (adoption of a conservation oriented water rate structure, statewide outdoor water use schedule, high-low reports from City Hall to assist in early leak detection or stopped meters, etc...) He answered questions from the Council and make sure to stress that this plan is now law and the City does not have an option but to adopt a plan. He then presented to the Council a Resolution to establish a Water Conservation Plan in accordance with the rules of the GA Dept of Natural Resources, EPD. A motion was made by Councilman Charles Middleton and seconded by Councilman Andy Smith to approve the Resolution establishing a Water Conservation Plan. The motion carried.

V) CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

The City Attorney brought to the Council for their information and consideration an Ordinance to impose a charge on E911 prepaid wireless service to be addressed at a future Council meeting. There were a brief discussion between the Council and the City Attorney.

VI) CITY CLERK'S REPORT

The Council was given financial reports and the Audit report to look over and ask questions. The Clerk then explained to the Council that the Auditor would be unable to attend the Sept. meeting and would it be possible to have a special called meeting or hold off until the Oct. meeting and the decision was to wait to see if we need to have a special called meeting. The Clerk was then questioned about the refund from Public Safety. The Clerk informed the Council that some stayed in the General Fund and some was put in the reserve funds. There was further discussion between the Council and Clerk regard finances and the reserve accounts.

VII) NEW ITEMS PROPOSED BY MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

HAZARDOUS WASTE TRUST FUND APPLICATION - RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT

The Mayor brought to the Council a Resolution to approve for the Hazardous Waste Trust Fund application for reimbursement. He explained that this is done yearly and the City had \$10,397.15 in eligible costs. There was a brief discussion between the Mayor and Council. A motion was made by Councilman Charles Middleton and seconded by Councilman Torre' Mills to approve the Resolution. The motion carried.

Councilman Hutchins questioned getting a monthly report from the Fire Department. There was a brief discussion between the City Attorney and the Council as to what reports might or might not have a cost attached to them even for the Council members. The City Attorney then informed the Council that if they passed a motion for a report to be generated then there would not be a charge for a report. There was then some discussion between the Council regarding the report. A motion was made by Councilman Al Hutchins and seconded by Councilman Torre' Mills to have a monthly Fire Department activity report generated for all the Mayor and Council. Let the record show that Councilman Charles Middleton and Councilman Andy Smith voted No and the Mayor broke the tie with a vote of No. The motion did not carry.

Councilman Hutchins questioned the City Attorney about the sale of scrap metal at the landfill and whether bids should be gotten. The City Attorney informed the Council that there should be bids gotten on the sale of scrap metals at the landfill. Councilman Hutchins then brought questioned a payment on the sale of metals from 2009 where the City was not paid and a payment for the sale of metals in 2010 where the City had not paid half to the County. The City Clerk informed the Mayor and Council and she would look into the items.

VIII) PUBLIC COMMENTS

IX) ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Charles Middleton and seconded by Councilman Andy Smith to adjourn the August 2nd Council meeting. The motion carried.

Ric Hall, Mayor