



## **BLAKELY CITY COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES**

### **CITY HALL**

**FEBRUARY 4, 2020**

**6:00 P.M.**

#### **I) CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Travis Wimbush called the meeting to order. Mayor Wimbush, Councilmember Zachary, Councilmember Hutchins and Councilmember Jarrett were present. Also present were City Attorney Gary Lamar and Trudie Evans. Mr. Billy Powell gave the invocation. The Mayor and Council lead the public in the Pledge of Allegiance

#### **II) APPROVE MINUTES**

A motion was made by Councilmember Hutchins and seconded by Councilmember Zachary to approve the January 7<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> minutes. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmembers present.

#### **III) CITIZENS AND DELEGATIONS**

Sam Lee – Replace Mobile Home

Mr. Lee addressed the council asking permission to replace a mobile home at 1011 Damascus Street. The existing mobile home had been damaged and therefore had to be destroyed. Mr. Lee had appeared before the Planning Commission and City Council previously, July 2019, and his request was denied. Mark Hawkins explained that the previous mobile home was a nonconforming use and that once that mobile home was removed the zoning automatically reverted to the original R1. Mayor Wimbush asked Mr. Lee to stay after the meeting so that he, Mr. Lee and the city attorney could discuss what legal options were available.

#### **IV) ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE**

Chief Caudill updated those present on the police activity for the month of January. He also stated that he was still looking to hire some certified officers. Chief Caudill then recognized Tonya Tinsley for her 29 years of law enforcement and her promotion to Assistant Chief of Police.

Craig Hughes presented updates on the 2019 year end financial statement and on the various projects.

Gabe Jordan presented information on the temp employees and the costs to make them full time employees. Mayor Wimbush stated that this would be considered during the budget workshop.

Mayor Wimbush asked Gabe to update the Council about the railroad iron needed at the landfill. Gabe informed the council that we had gotten a quote on the iron, however before we acted on the quote the iron had been sold. The new cost would be an increase of \$900.00 to 1,200.00 higher

than the original quote. He also informed the Council that the County had already approved their part of the additional funds. A motion to approve the additional funds was made by Councilmember Jarrett and seconded by Councilmember Zachary. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmembers present.

**Adam Askew – Proposal To Install New Guide Rails In The Hwy 39 Lift Station**

A motion was made by Councilmember Zachary to approve the quote from JH Wright & Associates in the amount of \$8,760.00 to install the lift station rails. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Jarrett. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmembers present.

**Adam Askew - Quote To Replace Damaged Pumps**

Adam presented quotes to repair and also replace the lift station pumps that were damaged by lightning. No action was taken at this time as the Council is waiting to see the insurance company's response for the claim.

**Lane Davis– Purchase Of Sewer Bypass Pump**

A motion was made by Councilmember Jarrett to approve the purchase of a sewer bypass pump from United Rentals in the amount of \$18,242.96. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Zachary. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmembers present.

**Mark Hawkins – Beer License, One Stop, 12930 Magnolia**

A motion was made by Councilmember Zachary to approve the beer license for One Stop. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Jarrett. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmembers present.

**V) CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

**Renew Court Square Development**

A motion was made by Councilmember Zachary to approve the renewal of the Court Square Development agreement. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Jarrett. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmembers present.

**VI) CITY CLERK'S REPORT**

City Clerk Melinda Crook was not present due to continuing education. Financial reports were given to the Council. She will be back in the office tomorrow should they have any questions regarding the reports.

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

**Reappointments To The Housing Authority Board**

Mayor Wimbush stated that per the city attorney these appointments were to be made by the Mayor. This information was presented to the council just for their knowledge.

**Safety Policy Statement**

Mayor Wimbush explained that this was a restatement of the existing policy and was a point of information for the council.

#### Striping Of Square

A motion to approve the quote from TB&J in the amount of \$4,675.00 for striping of the Square was made by Councilmember Zachary and seconded by Councilmember Jarrett. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmembers present.

#### Resealing And Striping Of City Hall And DA Parking Lots

A motion to approve the quote from TB&J for resealing and striping of the City Hall and DA office parking lots was made by Councilmember Jarrett and seconded by Councilmember Zachary. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmembers present.

#### E911 Over Payment

A motion to accept the proposed E911 overpayment was made by Councilmember Jarrett and seconded by Councilmember Zachary. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmembers present.

#### Schedule Budget Workshops

A budget workshop was scheduled for Thursday, February 13th, at 6PM.

Mayor Wimbush read a proclamation in honor of Black History Month.

Councilman Hutchins brought a request for Tara J's to allow for parking for their establishment on City property. Mayor Wimbush said we would look into it.

Councilman Hutchins questioned employee Lane Davis about some repairs at the civic center.

Councilman Hutchins also reminded those present about the Unsung Heroes Banquet coming up on the 29<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Wimbush made a community service announcement about the basketball team's advancement to the playoffs.

### **VIII) PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Mike Newberry addressed the Council regarding Peanut Proud. He thanked them for their past support and asked that they continue to support Peanut Proud.

Dr. Sheila Tiner questioned a fact that Craig Hughes had brought up in his updates regarding the 7.5% administration fee in the grant.

Tony Thompson addressed the Council regarding a large pothole on Freeman Road. He was not sure if the area in question belonged to the City or County. Mrs. June Merritt was present and she informed Tony that it did indeed belong to the County and that a service order had been put in for its repair.

Dr. Sheila Tiner stated that she appreciated the way the new Council was conducting the meetings.

**IX) ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business a motion to adjourn was made by Councilmember Zachary and seconded by Councilmember Hutchins. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmembers present.

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Travis Wimbush, Mayor