



**BLAKELY SPECIAL CALL MEETING
MINUTES
CITY HALL**

MARCH 17, 2020

6:00 P.M.

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

Let the record show that Mayor Travis Wimbush call the meeting to order. Mayor Travis Wimbush, Councilmember Ray Jarrett, Councilmember Margaret Zachary and Councilmember Al Hutchins were also present. Also present was the City Clerk, Melinda Crook. Councilmember Al Hutchins gave the invocation. The Mayor led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The public was asked to stream the meeting due to the virus so no one from the public was present-the meeting was stream live and uploaded to the City FB page

II) NEW ITEMS PROPOSED BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Mayor Wimbush read a statement regarding COVID-19. Mayor Wimbush then stated that the City would be placed under a Local Emergency Declaration. He stated that this Declaration would be amended as needed. Mayor Wimbush then stated that the Declaration put in place a curfew from 10:00pm to 5:00 am, Public gatherings of no more than 25 people and that the City was closing the City Parks as well as the City Civic Center. Mayor Wimbush then read a Public Announcement regarding the closing of City Hall to public access until further notice. He stated that this would also be amended as necessary.

Councilmember Hutchins questioned COVID-19 transmission to which no one present had any answers.

Councilmember Zachary questioned the cut off of utilities and extensions on payment. She asked that these be looked at on a case by case basis. A motion was made by Councilmember Zachary and seconded by Councilmember Hutchins to approve extension to be looked at on a case by cases basis. The Council then discussed the amounts still due after the crisis is over and that the citizens need to considered during this time. Councilmember Jarrett stated that he was in agreement with looking at customer accounts on a case by case basis for extension. Mayor Wimbush also spoke of the need for water, by the citizens, due to COVID-19 and that kids are at home with the school closures. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmembers present

Mayor Wimbush again asked for the public's assistance with this crisis and for their understanding that this Declaration was not being put in place as a punishment but preventative measures.

III) ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Councilmember Jarrett and seconded by Councilmember Zachary to adjourn the March 17th Special Called meeting. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmembers present.

Travis Wimbush, Mayor