



Blakely City Council Minutes

June 7, 2022, City Hall, 6:00 P.M.

I. Public Hearing

a. Re-zoning 18920 E South Blvd

Mayor Travis Wimbush called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. He asked if there was anyone in attendance to speak in favor of this rezoning from R1 to R2. JB Jones came before the Mayor and Council addressing a few other issues but when specifically asked about this rezoning he stated he had no opposition.

The Mayor then asked if there was anyone in attendance who wished to speak in opposition to the rezoning. There was no one who addressed the Mayor and Council. The public hearing closed at 6:05

b. Re-zoning on MLK

Mayor Travis Wimbush called the public hearing to order on the rezoning on MLK from R1 to PUD. He then asked if there was anyone who was in attendance to speak in favor of the rezoning. There was no one in attendance who addressed the Mayor and Council.

The Mayor then asked if there was anyone in attendance who wished to speak in opposition of the rezoning. There was no one in attendance who addressed the Mayor and Council. The public hearing closed at 6:07

II. Call To Order, Roll Call, Invocation, Pledge Of Allegiance

Let the record show that Mayor Travis Wimbush called the meeting to order. Mayor Travis Wimbush, Councilmember Margaret Davis, Councilmember Al Hutchins, Councilmember Ray Jarrett and Councilmember Brad Clenney were all present. Also present was the City Attorney, Flin Coleman and the City Clerk Melinda Crook. After a moment of silence Billy Powell gave the invocation and led the Mayor, Council and Public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor informed the Council that the agenda needed to be amended to add the joint (City/County) vacancy on the Recreation Board. A motion was made by Councilmember Davis and seconded by Councilmember Hutchins to amend the agenda adding the vacancy on the Recreation Board. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmembers present

III. Mayor's Spotlight

The Mayor stated that the June Mayor's spotlight was Tracey Craft. He spoke of an incident where Tracey had noticed something and reported it to the Police which led to some evidence



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being found in an ongoing investigation which assisted in an arrest. He then spoke of the job that Tracey performs at the Landfill and a little history of Tracey's time with the City.

IV. Approve Minutes

A motion was made by Councilmember Clenney and seconded by Councilmember Davis to approve the minutes from the Work Session, Regular Session and Special Called meeting. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmembers present

V. Citizens And Delegations - None present

VI. Administrative Committee

Will Caudill – Updates

Blakely Police Chief Will Caudill gave the monthly report for the Police Department. He stated that they had taken a total of 732 calls. He then gave a breakdown of the calls

Matt Hromalik - E911 Updates

E911 Director Matt Hromalik gave the monthly report for E911. He stated that they had taken a total of 4536 calls. He then gave a breakdown of the monthly calls

Planning Commission

Re-zoning 18920 E South Blvd

Kenneth Jones came before the Mayor and Council to speak on the rezoning. He stated that Mr. Berry Early was gifted the property and wants to rezone from R1 to R2 to be able to place a mobile home on the property. He spoke on the Planning Commission meeting and stated that their recommendation was in favor of the rezoning. A motion was made by Councilmember Davis and seconded by Councilmember Hutchins to approve the rezoning from R1 to R2. Councilmember Hutchins then questioned the age of the trailer. Kenneth spoke of the inspection that has to be done before it is moved into the location. Councilmember Jarrett asked if the City could change the age limit of the trailers. Kenneth explained and spoke of the HUD stickers and what all that means and that it meets standard. Kenneth spoke on the set-up process and regulations per ordinances. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmembers present

Re-zoning on MLK

Kenneth stated that this is a continuation of the truck stop property. He spoke on the previous zone change. Kenneth stated that the PUD zoning just allows for more than one structure to be built on property. He then informed the Mayor and Council that the Planning Commission had approved the zone change from R1 to PUD. A motion was made by Councilmember Davis and



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seconded by Councilmember Clenney to approve the zone change on the MLK property from R1 to PUD as presented. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmembers present

VII. City Attorney's Report

Second Reading & Adoption of Ordinance Closing N Bay Street

A motion was made by Councilmember Clenney and seconded by Councilmember Davis to adopt the Ordinance Closing N. Bay Street. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmembers present

The Mayor questioned the City Attorney, Flin Coleman, about the tower agreements present. The City Attorney explained that there had been a change from \$500 per year to \$500 per month. He then stated that Kenneth Jones had informed him that there needed to be name changes on one of the agreements and that there should be a third agreement for the hospital. The Mayor asked the Council how they wished to proceed. A motion was made by Councilmember Jarrett and seconded by Councilmember Clenney to table the tower agreements until the corrections had been made. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmembers present

VIII. City Clerk's Report

The City Clerk presented the Mayor and Council with financial reports. She then gave a power point presentation of the financials for the public.

IX. New Items Proposed by Mayor and City Council

The Mayor spoke to the Council about a group that wants to do a movie night. The Mayor informed the Council of the cost and paperwork that needs to be completed. He stated that he would like to do this for three months being June, July and August and that the City cost would be for the company to put on the movie and the company may have food trucks approved by the health department. He stated that he felt the if was a good idea to use some funds to do something positive in/for the community. A motion was made by Councilmember Clenney and seconded by Councilmember Davis to approve three movie nights over the next three months at one per month. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmembers present

The Mayor spoke on the pay increases provided to each Councilmember. He informed the Council that the one with no name was Kevon Bennett. A motion was made by Councilmember Davis and seconded by Councilmember Clenney to approve the pay increases as presented. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmembers present



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Councilmember Clenney presented to the Mayor and Council to represent the City owned property on Murdock up for sealed bid sale for at least what the City has invested in the property. A motion was made by Councilmember Clenney and seconded by Councilmember Davis to represent the property at 17 Murdock St for sale by sealed bid. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmembers present

Councilmember questioned who owned the old bush shop on Washington St. He stated that he had been getting complaints of junk cars on the property.

A motion was made by Councilmember Clenney and seconded by Councilmember Davis to move forward with the Utility Complex and accepting the bid from Singleton Construction in the amount of \$463,196.60. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmembers present

A motion was made by Councilmember Clenney and seconded by Councilmember Davis to approve the proposal submitted for the inspection of roughly 300 fire hydrants in the amount of \$5,675. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmembers present

The Mayor spoke on the renaming of several post offices in several cities. He asked the Council to consider presenting names to be consider for the renaming of the Blakely post office. He stated that he had given some names that had been recommended.

Proclamation for Elder Abuse

The Mayor stated that June was Elderly Abuse month. He then read a Proclamation for Elderly Abuse and proclaimed June Elderly Abuse month. He stated that Ms. Lee Chapman Taylor had asked for the proclamation because she takes this subject to heart.

X. Public Comments

JB Jones spoke on the resurfacing of some streets in the City of Blakely. He questioned when something was going to be done about E. South Blvd. He then stated that even though the drainage had been worked on around his property he questioned the cleaning of ditches all the way down E. South Blvd.

Celia Bostwick stated that fireworks would be June 30th at the sports complex. She stated that the Treadwells will still do a donation along with others organizations support. She stated that there would be things for kids to do as well as vendors and that the evening's festivities would start at 5:00pm.

XI. Adjournment



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A motion was made by Councilmember Clenney and seconded by Councilmember Davis to adjourn the June 7th City Council Meeting. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmembers present

Travis Wimbush, Mayor