



Blakely City Council Agenda

July 5, 2022, City Hall, 6:00 P.M.

- I. Call To Order, Roll Call, Invocation, Pledge Of Allegiance
- II. Mayor's Spotlight
- III. Approve Minutes
 1. Minutes June 7, 2022
 - i. Work Session
 - ii. Regular Session
 2. Minutes June 22, 2022
- IV. Citizens And Delegations
 3. Mrs. Betty Day – Tower Agreement
- V. Administrative Committee
 4. Will Caudill – Updates
 5. Matt Hromalik - E911 Updates
- VI. City Attorney's Report
 6. Resolution MEAG voting delegate
 7. Resolutions Hazard Mitigation Plan Update
 8. Resolution Barn Complex Financing
- VII. City Clerk's Report
 9. Budget Adjustments & Amendments
- VIII. New Items Proposed by Mayor and City Council
- IX. Public Comments
- X. Adjournment



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Work Session

June 7, 2022, City Hall, 5:00 P.M.

I. Address semi parking in residential areas

Kenneth Jones addressed the Mayor and Council regarding semi-truck parking. He stated that Mimi Reynolds had sent letters. He then stated that there was starting to be street damage on newly repaved streets from semi parking in residential areas especially on Howell St. Kenneth spoke on the section of the City Ordinances that addresses semi-trucks on City streets and asked the Mayor and Council to consider how they would like to handle this matter. The Mayor recommended advertising on FB and in the paper giving a 30 day deadline to comply with the City Ordinance and addressing in the ad that streets are being damaged and the City is receiving customer complaints. It was discussed to start with warnings to the semi-truck drivers and advancing any type of penalty from there. It was discussed to make the effective date July 1, 2022 and in the FB ad make a link to the entire Ordinance. The Mayor asked Kenneth to make the Police Department aware of what was discussed due to the fact that the major of these issues comes after 5:00 pm.

II. Quotes on new building at the barn

Lane Davis addressed the Mayor and Council regarding the bids received for the construction of the Utility Complex. He informed the Mayor and Council that only one bid had been received and that it was from Singleton Construction in the amount of \$\$463,196.60. He then stated that the City would be completing the interior work and that would be approximately another \$175,000 for a total of \$638,196.60. Lane then informed the Mayor and Council that the Singleton bid was only good until June 8th due to the changing prices of materials. He stated that the starting timeframe would be around September. Lane informed the Mayor and Council that others had come to look at the building but that no other bids had been received. There was discussion regarding payment for the Utility Complex. The Mayor reminded the Council of the payment from the Telecom sale or from the property tax account. He also stated that there were financing options with the payments being made from the property tax account.

III. Fire hydrant estimates

Lane Davis informed the Mayor and Council that three companies had put in quotes to service the City's fire hydrants. He stated that one quote was for \$17.00 per hydrant at a total of \$5,675. He stated that this was for basic service and that they would provide a report of what was wrong with each hydrant. He then stated that the next quote was for \$30.00 per hydrant at a total of \$9,750 and that they would locate and oscillate the valve. The last quote was for \$85.00 per hydrant and they estimate their count at 325 hydrants for a total of \$27,625. He stated that the second and third quotes would be performing the same service but that the third



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quote also included per diem. He then informed the Mayor and Council that all the companies stated it would take about a week to perform the service once they got started.

IV. Civic Center

Lane informed the Mayor and Council that he had received a price quote of \$4.00 a foot to raise the ceiling but was waiting on a quote from someone who could do both the ceiling and the sheetrock work. The Mayor and Council discussed waiting for the quote from the person who could do both jobs. It was then discussed to put the furniture on FB and offer it as a donation to non-profit entities.

The Mayor informed the Council that the dental insurance was up for renewal. He informed them that the quote from the current company was a significant increase. He stated that the City had received a quote from GMA at a savings for the City. He stated that the City has stayed with the local agent for some time now but with the large increase and the savings from GMA they may need to make a change in the dental insurance carrier

Chief Caudill address the Mayor and Council regarding the shooting on May 31st. He gave a brief history on what had led to the shooting incident. He stated that on June 3rd arrest warrants were issued but that no arrests have been made. He stated that some arrests have taken place on nuisance shooting calls that took place before May 31st. He stated that they have had issues regarding the slow processing of evidence and would be working with ATF in hopes to process evidence quicker.

Travis Wimbush, Mayor



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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



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June 22, 2022, City Hall, 6:00 P.M.

- I. **Call To Order, Roll Call, Invocation, Pledge Of Allegiance**
Let the record show that Mayor Travis Wimbrush called the meeting to order. Mayor Travis Wimbrush, Councilmember Margaret Davis, Councilmember Brad Clenney, Councilmember Al Hutchins and Councilmember Ray Jarrett were all present. Also present was the City Clerk, Melinda Crook. After a moment of silence Councilmember Al Hutchins gave the invocation and led the Mayor, Council and public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

- II. **Resolution Comprehensive Plan**
The Mayor reminded the Council that all the public hearings had been held and that all updates had been submitted. He then informed the Council that DCA had approved the updates and that a resolution needed to be passed before June 30th to make sure that the City is in compliance. A motion was made by Councilmember Jarrett and seconded by Councilmember Clenney to approve the Resolution. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmembers present

- III. **Resolution Adding Juneteenth to the Employee Handbook**
The Mayor stated that even though Juneteenth had been added as an official holiday this resolution was made to amend the City's employee handbook. A motion was made Councilmember Davis and seconded by Councilmember Clenney to approve the Resolution adding Juneteenth to the employee handbook. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmembers present

- IV. **Insurance**
Comparison figures between GMA's dental quote and Nippon's renewal quote were presented to the Mayor and Council. Upon review there was a recommendation to switch to the GMA's dental plan but keep the life insurance with Nippon which would be an overall savings to the City over \$5,000 per year. A motion was made by Councilmember Davis and seconded by Councilmember Hutchins to approve the switch of dental insurance to go with the quote from GMA and to keep the life insurance through the Nippon. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmembers present

Councilmember Davis questioned about the semi-truck parking. She spoke on issues that have been brought to her attention. There was discussion between the Mayor and Council. After the discussion it was suggested to bring items to the next work session for further discussion and to also discuss the possibility of amendments



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Councilmember Hutchins questioned changing the per diem in the future due to the cost of fuel and other items going up.

The Mayor informed the Council that a request had been received to close a street from 8pm to 1am. He stated that Chief Caudill had disapproved the request and that no action was needed by the Council. He stated that he supported the Chief's recommendation and that he was okay with possible day closures but not night time closures of streets.

- V. Public Comments
No public was present

VI. Executive Session – Personnel and Litigation

A motion was made by Councilmember Hutchins and seconded by Councilmember Clenney to enter into executive session for personnel and litigation. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmembers present

A motion was made by Councilmember Clenney and seconded by Councilmember Jarrett to return to regular session. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmembers present

A motion was made by Councilmember Davis and seconded by Councilmember Clenney to approve a temporary change in work hours for the outside departments not on shift hours from 8:00am to 5:00pm to 6:00am to 3:00pm due to the heat. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmembers present

VII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilmember Davis and seconded by Councilmember Clenney to adjourn the June 22nd Special Called Meeting. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmembers present

Travis Wimbush, Mayor

A RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of _____ that _____ is hereby appointed to serve as this City's voting delegate on the Municipal Electric Authority of Georgia's Election Committee, with authority to cast all votes to which this City is entitled. _____ is appointed as alternate voting delegate.

This _____ day of _____, 2022.

CITY OF _____

ATTEST:

Mayor

Clerk

Councilmember *

Councilmember *

[SEAL]

* Additional council signatures optional.

RESOLUTION – CITY OF BLAKELY, GEORGIA

EARLY COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE 2022-2027

WHEREAS, Early County and its municipalities recognize that it is threatened by several different types of natural and man-made hazards that can result in loss of life, property loss, economic hardship and threats to public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has required that every county and municipality have a pre-disaster mitigation plan in place, and requires the adoption of such plans in order to receive funding from the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, a Hazard Mitigation Plan is a community’s plan for evaluating hazards, identifying resources and capabilities, selecting appropriate actions, and developing and implementing the preferred mitigation actions to eliminate or reduce future damage in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents in the community; and

WHEREAS, the Early County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2022-2027 has been prepared in accordance with FEMA requirements at 44 CFR 201.6; and

WHEREAS, the Plan will be updated every five years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of Blakely, Georgia, that:

- 1) The City of Blakely, Georgia, has adopted the Early County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2022-2027; and
- 2) It is intended that the Plan be a working document and is the first of many steps toward improving rational, long-range mitigation planning and budgeting for Early County and its municipalities.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Blakely, Georgia, in regular session this ____ day of _____, 20__.



Mayor



City Clerk

GEORGIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND HOMELAND SECURITY AGENCY

BRIAN P. KEMP
GOVERNOR



JAMES C. STALLINGS
DIRECTOR

May 23, 2022

Honorable Hank Jester
Chairman
Early County Board of Commissioners
204 Court Square
Blakely, Georgia 39823

Dear Commissioner Jester,

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has completed its review of the Early County Hazard Mitigation Plan for compliance with the programmatic requirements of the Federal Hazard Mitigation Planning Standards contained in 44 CFR Section 201.6(b)-(d). FEMA has determined that the Early County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update is compliant with Federal standards, subject to formal community adoption.

The county and each municipality must pass individual resolutions adopting the Plan. Please forward the adopted and signed resolutions to Tomi King, Hazard Mitigation Planning Specialist, so that we may submit them to FEMA for inclusion in your plan for formal federal review and approval. Upon submittal of a copy of the participating jurisdictions' adoption documentation as well as documentation of the final public meeting, FEMA will issue formal approval of the Early County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Tomi King, Hazard Mitigation Planning Specialist, at (404) 791-7619.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John V. Krolikowski".

John V. "Jack" Krolikowski
Hazard Mitigation Deputy Manager

as/as

Enclosure

cc: Anthony Gentry, Director

Early County Emergency Management Agency

Early County Municipalities

Frank Maneer, Area Coordinator

Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Region 4
3005 Chamblee Tucker Road
Atlanta, GA 30341



FEMA

May 17, 2022

Mr. Steven Clark
Hazard Mitigation Manager
Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency
P.O. Box 18055
Atlanta, GA 30316-0055

Reference: Early County Hazard Mitigation Plan

Dear Mr. Clark:

The Federal review of the draft Early County Hazard Mitigation Plan for compliance with the planning requirements contained in 44 CFR §201.6 is complete. The plan is compliant with Federal requirements, subject to formal community adoption.

For our office to issue formal approval of the plan, the jurisdiction(s) must submit adoption documentation. Upon receipt of the adoption resolution(s) to our office, we will issue formal approval of the Early County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Once approved, please submit a final copy of the Plan, without draft notations and track changes.

If you or any plan participant need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Lillian Huffman, of my staff, at (202) 765-8968.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kristen M. Martenzy".

Kristen Martinenza, P.E., CFM
Branch Chief, Risk Analysis Branch
FEMA Region 4

**A RESOLUTION OF THE
BLAKELY CITY COUNCIL
PURSUANT TO THE DISASTER MITIGATION ACT OF 2000
AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF THE
Early COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, Early County and its municipal governments are required to complete a Hazard Mitigation Plan by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, local governments that complete Hazard Mitigation Plans will remain eligible for Federal mitigation funding; and

WHEREAS, Early County and its municipal governments have completed an updated Hazard Mitigation Plan that fulfills the Federal requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000.

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT THE BLAKELY CITY COUNCIL FORMALLY ADOPTS THIS UPDATED HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN.

RESOLVED THIS ___ DAY OF ___, 2022



Signed: Travis Wimbush, Mayor

(City Seal)



Attest: Melinda Crook, City Clerk