



Blakely City Council Agenda

Work Session

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

- I. Gwen Houston – Senior Center
- II. Natural Gas Connection



**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLAKELY
SPEAKER APPEARANCE FORM**

NAME: Gwen Houston
ADDRESS: 15038 Damascus Hilton Rd
CITY: Blakely STATE: GA ZIP: 39823
PHONE: 229 124-8258 E-MAIL: gwen.houston@yahoo.com
DETAIL OF AGENDA ITEM TO BE ADDRESSED: Blakely Senior Center Project

Any individual wishing to address the Blakely City Council must complete the information requested above. Speakers will be allotted five minutes in which to complete their presentation abiding by the following rules:

- a. Agenda item to be addressed must be specified, vague answers such as "concerns" or "policies" will not be accepted.
- b. Mayor and Council have the right to decline hearing issues that have been previously presented.
- c. No person shall be allowed to make obscene, derogatory or slanderous remarks that disrupt the orderly conduct of the meeting.
- d. No person shall disrupt or interfere in any way with the orderly conduct of the meeting.
- e. Remarks shall end when a speaker's allotted time has expired.
- f. Speakers may respond to questions from Council members and the Mayor, should clarification be necessary; provided, however, no person shall be permitted to enter discussion with a Council member or any member of the City staff during the conduct of a meeting.
- g. Any person willfully violating these rules may be prohibited from appearing before the Council for a period of 60 days.

08/18/22
Date

Gwen Houston
Speaker Signature

Date

City Clerk

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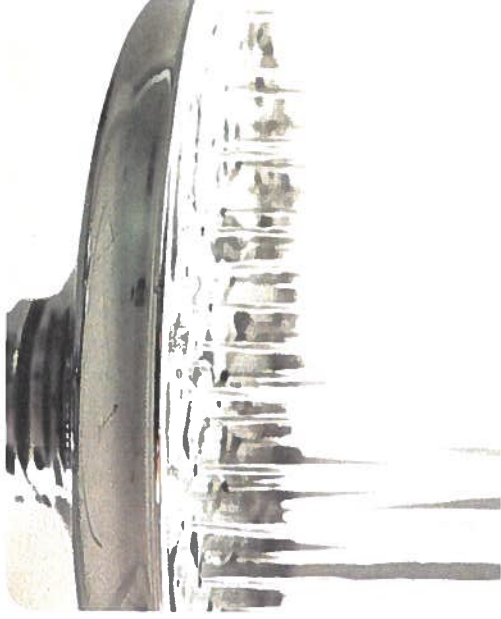
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September 6, 2022, City Hall, 6:00 P.M.

- I. Call To Order, Roll Call, Invocation, Pledge Of Allegiance
- II. Mayor's Spotlight
- III. Approve Minutes
 1. Minutes August 2, 2022
 - i. Work Session
 - ii. Regular Session
- IV. Citizens And Delegations
- V. Administrative Committee
 2. Will Caudill – Updates
 3. Matt Hromalik - E911 Updates
- VI. City Attorney's Report
- VII. City Clerk's Report
- VIII. New Items Proposed by Mayor and City Council
 4. Alcohol License JCK Celebration Station
 5. Alcohol License J&J on Main
- IX. Public Comments
- X. Adjournment



Blakely City Council Minutes

August 2, 2022, City Hall, 6:00 P.M.

- I. 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 Brad Clenney, Councilmember Al Hutchins and Councilmember Ray Jarrett 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. The Mayor and Council led the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. Mayor's Spotlight
The Mayor announced that this month's Mayor spotlight was for Councilmember Brad Clenney. He spoke on Councilmember Clenney's participation at Vacation Bible School and the time he takes volunteering and working in the community.
- III. Executive Session
A motion was made by Councilmember Clenney and seconded by Councilmember Jarrett to enter into Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmembers present

A motion was made by Councilmember Clenney and seconded by Councilmember Hutchins to enter back into regular session. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmembers present
No action was taken at this time
- IV. Approve Minutes
A motion was made by Councilmember Clenney and seconded by Councilmember Jarrett to approve the minutes from the July 5th City Council meeting and Work Session. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmembers present
- V. Citizens And Delegations
Meredith Whitehead
Meredith Whitehead came before the Mayor and Council regarding property off of Redbud. She spoke on conditions of homes in this area and of having a need for newer, energy efficient homes. She went on to speak of the condition of other homes around the City. She spoke on how grateful the citizens who received the CDBG homes were to have a better more energy efficient home to live in now. She informed the Mayor and Council that the person she was dealing with, Curtis Turner out of Leesburg, wants to bring better homes to Blakely. She also informed the Mayor and Council that there would not be a need for any zone changes in this project at the present time. Mr. Turner addressed the Mayor and Council. He stated that he had met Meredith when looking for land in this area. He stated that these homes would not be section 8. He then spoke to the Mayor and Council about the possibility of some in-kind work



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from the City to help keep the cost down and more affordable for the citizens. The Mayor stated that they would need to meet again to go over specifics of an in-kind request. Mr. Turner stated that these homes, 65 to 70 would not be rent to own or lease to own. Councilmember Clenney questioned what the cost of one of these homes may be. Mr. Turner responded saying that they would be 1200 sq. ft. 3 bedroom/1 ½ to 2 baths for around \$165,000 - \$170,000 and that if some townhouses were possible, they would be 1000 sq. ft around \$135,000. Mr. Turner also stated that the company he represents would be assisting in financing.

VI. Administrative Committee

Will Caudill – Updates

Chief Will Caudill gave his monthly report stating that there had been a total of 735 calls for service for July.

Matt Hromalik - E911 Updates

Director Matt Hromalik gave his month report stating that there had been a total of 4,625 calls for the month of July.

VII. City Attorney's Report

MEAG Plant Vogle

Matthew Chancey from MEAG gave a brief explanation of the what was being requested of the Mayor and Council. He stated that they needed to either vote to tender or not to tender for three projects being, SPV (M), SPV (J) and SPV (P). He stated that these needed to be in three separate votes.

A motion was made by Councilmember Davis and seconded by Councilmember Clenney to not tender on SPV (M). The motion carried unanimously by Councilmembers present.

A motion was made by Councilmember Clenney and seconded by Councilmember Davis to not tender on SPV (J). The motion carried unanimously by Councilmembers present.

A motion was made by Councilmember Clenney and seconded by Councilmember Jarrett to not tender on SPV (P). The motion carried unanimously by Councilmembers present

Resolution accepting Harris property on College Street

The City Attorney Flin Coleman gave a brief history on this piece of property and ownership. He stated that the house is in a state of disrepair and had not been fully paid off which caused this to linger in court. He then stated that presently the house is paid off and the owner now wished to donate the property to the City. He informed the Mayor and Council that a quick claim had been drafted on the property and that the City just needed to vote whether to accept the donation or not accept the donation of the property. A motion was made by Councilmember Jarrett and seconded by Councilmember Clenney to accept the Harris property on College St. as



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a donation to the City. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmembers present. The Mayor then asked the Council to go see the property and to come up with a plan of action

VIII. City Clerk's Report

The City Clerk Melinda Crook presented the Mayor and Council with monthly financial reports as of the end of June. She then gave a power point presentation of the financials to the public. Ms. Crook asked the Mayor and Council to for approval to move the current budget figures for the Sanitation Dept. into the General Fund. She stated that this was to reclassified the Sanitation budget under the same group as the Department Head, Billy Powell. Ms. Crook stated that this reclassification was for the revenues and expenditures/ The Mayor informed the Council that the budget numbers where not changing just being reclassified to be under the correct Department Head and correct fund. A motion was made by Councilmember Jarrett and seconded by Councilmember Clenney to approve moving the Sanitation budget expenses and revenues to the General Fund under the new Department Head, Billy Powell. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmembers present

IX. New Items Proposed by Mayor and City Council

The Mayor reminded the Council of the Town Hall meeting at the Senior Center regarding the equipment and walking trail. He stated that the meeting was at 5:00pm Thursday.

The Mayor updated the Council on the Civic Center renovation. He stated that the numbers for the sheetrock and ceiling raising will be coming soon to be presented to the Council. He stated that Lane Davis has been doing tear out work and some other things at the center to help save on the cost.

The Mayor informed the Council that he had put out a reminder of COVID protocols due to increases in cases. He stated that masks were still optional

The Mayor asked the Council to consider repaving Murdock St. as part of the repaving project that was being done. He stated that the additional cost would be \$22,320 which could be paid out of the TSPLOST funds. A motion was made by Councilmember Jarrett and seconded by Councilmember Clenney to approve the additional paving of Murdock St in the amount of \$22,320. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmembers present.

The Mayor spoke to the Council about an ad in the EC News as sponsorship for the Early County Bobcats. He presented the Council with the cost per the type of ad that they chose. A motion was made by Councilmember Jarrett and seconded by Councilmember Clenney to approve the purchase of a ½ page color ad in the amount of \$521.68. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmembers present



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The Mayor stated that quotes will be gotten for a car charging station to be taken up at the next month's Council meeting. He also requested the Council to review the renewal proposal from Waste Management to be addressed at the next month's Council meeting.

A motion was made by Councilmember Jarrett and seconded by Councilmember Clenney to end the Emergency Declaration on September 5, 2022. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmembers present

Councilmember Hutchins and Councilmember Jarrett commended Chief Caudill and the Police Department for how good of a job that they do and thanked them for all that they do.

X. Public Comments

Charlie Sol thanked Meredith for what they are trying to do to bring in new homes. He also spoke on wanting to have a better working relationship between the City and the County officials. He suggested possibly a Councilmember and Commissioner have lunch once a week. He spoke on the possibility of town hall meetings with the citizens.

Brother Jason thanked the Mayor and Council for their support of the food bank. He then spoke on the housing project.

Celia Bostwick spoke on the housing issues and stated that she was glad the Mayor and Council is considering the housing project presented.

The Mayor informed the Council that the City had received confirmation that the City is eligible for the purchase of two Police cars, a grabber truck and a garbage truck through the USDA grant/loan program.

XI. Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilmember Hutchins and seconded by Councilmember Clenney to adjourn the August 2nd City Council meeting.

Travis Wimbush, Mayor



ALCOHOL LICENSE APPLICATION

Identification Section	
1	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 60%;"> <p>Name of licensee:</p> <p><i>Corene B. Wright</i></p> </div> <div style="width: 35%;"> <p>Social security no:</p> <p>██████-██-████</p> </div> </div>
2	<p>Is licensee a corporation?</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: flex-end; align-items: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No </div> <p>If "yes", name and address of registered agent</p>
3	<p>Legal business name, address and phone number:</p> <p><i>J&K Celebration Station Event</i> <i>602 North Main Street</i> <i>Blakely, Georgia 39828</i></p>
Alcohol Information Section	
4	<p>Type of license(s) requested (check all that apply)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beer [fee \$300.00]</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wine [fee \$300.00]</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Liquor [fee \$2,500.00]</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> On Premise Consumption of Distilled Spirits [fee \$2,000.00]</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Special Events 1 day Alcoholic Beverage [fee \$100.00] Date of Event _____</p>

5	<p>Type of business (check one)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Club <input type="checkbox"/> Tavern or lounge <input type="checkbox"/> Convenience store <input type="checkbox"/> Package store <input type="checkbox"/> Restaurant <input type="checkbox"/> Grocery <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <i>Event</i>
6	<p>Will alcohol be consumed on the premises? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (Check all that apply)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On Premise Consumption Beer [fee 200.00] <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On Premise Consumption Wine [fee 200.00]
7	<p>Will at least fifty percent (50%) of the gross income of the establishment result from the sale of food? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>
8	<p>Do you comply with the distance requirements of O.C.G.A. 3-3-21, O.C.G.A. 3-4-49 and regulation 560-2-2-.32 below?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>No person may knowingly and intentionally sell or offer to sell:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Any retail package liquor within 600 feet of any school ground. B. Any retail package malt beverages or wine within 300 feet of any school ground. C. Any retail package liquor within 300 feet of any church building. D. Any liquor, malt beverages and/or wine within 300 feet of any government owned and operated alcohol treatment center. E. Any new retail package liquor within 500 yards of an existing licensed retail package liquor location.
9	<p>Do you comply with the requirements of regulation 560-2-2-.38 below?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Neither a retail dealer or retail consumption dealer, whether licensed in this state or not, nor any of his employees or members of such retail dealer's or retail consumption dealer's immediate family shall have, own or enjoy any ownership interest in, or Partnership arrangement or other business association with the business of any wholesaler, manufacturer, producer, shipper, importer or broker.</p>

10 Are you a resident of the City of Blakely? Yes No
If not per City Ordinance section 3.21(a) you must designate a resident of the City who shall be responsible for any matter relating to the license. Please enter name, address and phone number of such designee below.

11 Is this application for retail package liquor?
 Yes No
If "yes", do you comply with the requirements of O.C.G.A. 3-4-21 and regulation 560-2-2-.40, as shown below, regarding the limit of two (2) licenses per person?

No person shall be issued more than two retail package liquor licenses, nor shall any person be permitted to have a beneficial interest in more than two retail package liquor licenses issued by the department regardless of the degree of such interest. For the purposes of explanation and applicability of the code: "beneficial interest" as used here means: when a person holds the retail package liquor license in his own name, or when he has a legal, equitable or other ownership interest in, or has any legally enforceable interest or financial interest in, or derives any economic benefit from, or has control over a retail package liquor business. The term "person" shall include all members of a retail package liquor dealer licensee's family; and the term "family" shall include Any person related to the holder of the license within the first degree of consanguinity and affinity as computed according to the Canon law which includes the following: spouse, parents, step-parents, parents-in-law, brothers and sisters, step-brothers and stepsisters, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, children, step-children and children-in-law.

Signature Section

I declare under penalty of perjury, that this application has been examined by me, and to the best of my Knowledge and belief is true, correct, and complete.

By my signature I acknowledge that as the licensee that it is my responsibility to be familiar with Chapter 3 "ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES" of the City of Blakely Code of Ordinances. The Ordinance can be found on the City website at: www.cityofblakely.net. A copy of the ordinance is also on file at the City of Blakely City Hall, located at 82 Court Square.

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Coree B. Wright
Signature / title

June 29, 2022
Date

I hereby certify that Corene B. Wright is personally known to me, that said applicant signed the foregoing application after stating to me personal knowledge and understanding of all statements and answers made herein and under oath actually administered by me, has sworn that said statements and answers are true.

This day 27th of June

Stephanie G. Lore
Notary public



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Public notice ran in Early County News Date _____

Fees Paid
Application fee of \$75.00 (must be paid before processing) paid Date _____

Beer = 300.00
Wine = 300.00
Liquor = 2,500.00
Total Due _____

Consumption on premises fees
Beer = 200.00
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Distilled Spirits = 2,000.00
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These fees to be paid after approval by Council.
Date Paid _____

Blakely Police Department

Approved Disapproved

Signature _____ Date _____

City Council

Agenda date _____

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Jennifer Michel / Co-owner
 Signature / title

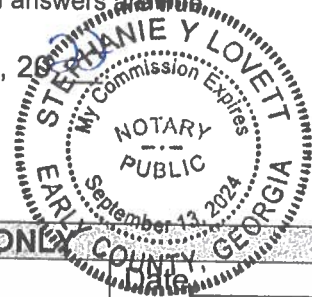
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I hereby certify that Jennifer McClellan is personally known to me, that said applicant signed the foregoing application after stating to me personal knowledge and understanding of all statements and answers made herein, and, under oath actually administered by me, has sworn that said statements and answers are true.

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