



Blakely City Council Minutes

January 31, 2023, City Hall, 6:00 P.M.

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

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 Tommy Coleman and City Clerk Melinda Crook. There was a moment of silent for those lost and the victim in Tenn. Councilmember Hutchins gave the invocation. The Mayor and Council led the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Re-Open Civic Center

A motion was made by Councilmember Clenney and seconded by Councilmember Jarrett to amend the Civic Center rental agreement with the change discussed in the work session along with making the rental fee \$200 for half a day rental (four hours or less) and \$300 for a full day rental (four hours or more) with a \$100 security deposit with \$50.00 refundable and \$50.00 withheld for cleanup. Councilmember Clenney and Councilmember Jarrett voted "YEH" and Councilmember Hutchins and Councilmember Davis voted "NAY". The Mayor requested the City Clerk to take a poll of the Councilmembers votes to which after the poll the City Clerk informed the Mayor that there was a tie at which time the Mayor voted to break the tie with a vote of "NAY" The motion did not carry.

The Mayor asked if there was another motion the Council would like to make. A motion was made by Councilmember Hutchins and seconded by Councilmember Davis to amend the Civic Center rental agreement with the changes discussed in the work session along with making the rental fee \$175 for half a day rental (four hours or less) and \$225 for a full day rental (four hours or more) with a \$100 security deposit with \$50.00 refundable and \$50.00 withheld for cleanup. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmembers present

III. Set Per-Diem

The Mayor presented a recommendation on making the per diem increase 3% for salaried employees in being able to drive City vehicles home and 4% for all employees. A motion was made by Councilmember Jarrett and seconded by Councilmember Clenney to make the per diem increase 4% as previously presented and retro back to January 1. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmembers present

A motion was made by Councilmember Jarrett and seconded by Councilmember Clenney to amend the verbiage in the original motion from per diem to cost of living increase. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmembers present



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IV. Executive Session – Personnel

A motion was made by Councilmember Davis and seconded by Councilmember Jarrett to enter into Executive Session on personnel. 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 from Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmembers present

The Mayor stated that items addressed in Executive Session will be addressed by the City Attorney

V. Public Comments

It was reminded to the Mayor and Council about the Chamber of Commerce banquet on Thursday night at 6:30pm

VI. Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilmember Clenney and seconded by Councilmember Jarrett to adjourn the January 31st Special Called Meeting. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmembers present

Travis Wimbush, Mayor