Blakely City Council
Minutes

October 19, 2020 **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. The City Clerk, Melinda Crook, was also present. The City Attorney was not present There was a moment of silence for all those affected by COVID-19. Councilmember Al Hutchins gave the invocation. The Mayor and Council led the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II) New Items Proposed By Mayor And City Council

Acceptance of House at 264 College Street-
Mayor requested this be taken up after Executive Session.
After Executive Session a motion was made by Councilmember Clenney and seconded by Councilmember Jarrett to accept the property at 264 College Street. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmembers present.

Blakely Net
The Mayor informed the Council that some of the closing documents had been received, signed and are accessible for the Councils review. He stated that Tom Berry and the City Attorney have found all the documents to be in order and in the best interest of the City. He then stated that they hope to be finished with the closing this week. He stated that inventory relocation will be taking place also. The Mayor informed the Council that no services will be interrupted and hopes it is a smooth transition. Councilmember Hutchins questioned if the name will still be BlakelyNet to which the Mayor stated it would probably change to Kudzu or Diverse but that documents would be going out to that affect.

Halloween Trick or Treat
The Mayor stated that in the October meeting documents had been provided to the Council regarding recommendations/suggestions on protocols for this year's trick or treat. He stated that the school system and Chamber of Commerce will be doing something different regarding how the allow the businesses around the square that allow the pre-K and Kindergartners to come around the square. He stated that the Chamber is organizing for a collection that will go to the school at a date prior to Halloween. He then stated that what is being asked of the Council

is for protocol on Halloween night. He stated that it was recommended in lieu of door to door trick or treating it be allowed for something like Trunk or Treat. He stated that this would be facilitated by someone outside the City and that social distancing protocols would be in place. He stated that there are individuals that would assist, from the school and other areas. A motion was made by Councilmember Jarrett and seconded by Councilmember Clenney to approve going with the proposed Trunk or Treat from 4:00pm to 7:00pm on October 31st. Councilmember Hutchins questions exactly on the square, to which the Mayor responded it would be all the way around the square. There was some further discussion on how the function may take place. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmembers present

ECG Year End Settlement
The Mayor informed the Council that per the documents received the City's portion of the ECG year end settlement would be $8,846.29. He then asked the Council how the opted to received the funds per the document. A motion was made by Councilmember Jarrett and seconded by Councilmember Clenney to receive the year end settlement to be deposited in the General Fund. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmembers present

III) Public Comments

There were no public comments

IV) Executive Session

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

A motion was made by Councilmember Davis and seconded by Councilmember Jarrett to enter back into regular session. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmembers present.

Refer back to Item II for a motion that was made upon returning to regular session.

V) Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilmember Jarrett and seconded by Councilmember Clenney to adjourn the October 19th Special Called Meeting. The motion carried unanimously by Councilmembers present.

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Travis Wimbush, Mayor