



**CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Piper called the meeting to order at 7: 01 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Piper and Councilmembers Krause, Patterson, and Thrasher.

Also present: City Attorney Jody Campbell, City Clerk Ashya Fambrough, and Police Captain Nichols.

Call in: Councilmembers Penn and Venable

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-** Mayor Piper led the Pledge of Allegiance and thanked all the veterans and their families for their service.

## **VOTING ITEMS**

- 1. Beautification and Tree Committee Officers:** Per City of Statham Code of Ordinances Section 12-21, the Mayor shall appoint seven individual residents of the City to the Tree Committee to be confirmed by City Council; each individual member of the Tree Committee shall serve for a term lasting two (2) years beginning January 1, 2023 and will expire December 31, 2024.

The current committee nominated Tim Terilli as Chairman, Lee Patterson as Co Chairman, Christine Bogenrieder as Secretary, and as members: Dwight McCormic, Kurt Bodenrieder, Shannon Patterson, and Debi Krause. Councilmember Patterson made a motion to confirm the nominees of the Tree Committee for the January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024. Councilmember Thrasher seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- 2. Resolution- R-22-04:** Resolution of the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Statham requesting the introduction of local legislation amending the Charter of the City of Statham, Georgia to provide for term limits in the Office of Mayor and City Council.

Councilmember Patterson made a motion to table this item to January 5, 2023 Work Session. Councilmember Penn seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- 3. Ordinance O-22-07: *Second Reading.*** Ordinance to amend Chapter 28 of the City of Statham, Georgia of Ordinances; to create the Office of Prosecuting Attorney for the Municipal Court; To establish an effective date; and other purposes.

Councilmember Thrasher made a motion to approve Ordinance O-22-07 to amend Chapter 28 of the City of Statham and establish the Office of Prosecuting Attorney. Councilmember Krause seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- 4. Alcohol License Distance Waiver Permit Renewal:** Fajita Mex Grill, applicant, has applied for a City of Statham alcoholic beverage license distance waiver permit for beer, wine and distilled spirits located at 1916 Railroad Street, Statham, GA 30666. This location has a current business license and alcoholic beverage license for beer, wine and distilled spirits by the drink.

Councilmember Krause made a motion to approve the Alcohol License Distance Waiver Permit Renewal for MF Fajita Mex Grill for the 2023 calendar year. Councilmember Patterson seconded the motion, and the motion passed 4-1 with Councilmember Thrasher voting no.

Councilmember Krause made a motion to amend the agenda to add Item 5. Councilmember Thrasher seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- 5. Local Sales & Use Taxes (LOST) Certificate of Distribution:** To sign an agreement between Barrow County, The City of Auburn, The City of Bethlehem, The City of Braselton, The City of Carl, The City of Statham and, The City of Winder in which the City of Statham shall receive 3.140% of the proceeds of the combination of city and county local sales and use tax generated in the tax district.

Councilmember Patterson made a motion to approve the signing of the Local Sales & Use Taxes (LOST) Certificate of Distribution. Councilmember Krause seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

## **MINUTE APPROVAL**

- 1.** December 8, 2022 Work Session Minutes (submitted to Council on December 13, 2022).

Councilmember Krause made a motion to approve the December 8, 2022 Work Session Minutes. Councilmember Thrasher seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

## **ADJOURN**

At 7:10 p.m., Mayor Piper asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Thrasher made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Krause seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.