

**COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
JANUARY 20, 2015
7:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Robert Bridges at 7:00 pm. Members present were Mayor Robert Bridges, Council Members Betty Lyle, Gayle Steed, Perry Barton, and David Huth, and Hattie Thrasher. Also in attendance was Building & Code Enforcement Officer Randy Gordon, City Administrator Steve Martin, City Attorney Thomas Mitchell, and City Clerk Racheal Partain. Media was represented by Bonny Harper of the Barrow County News.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. COUNCIL MEETING, DECEMBER 16, 2014

Gayle Steed made a motion to approve the minutes from the Council Meeting on December 16, 2014. Betty Lyle seconded the motion. Unanimous.

3. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. 1ST READING FOR ADOPTION-HOME RULE CHARTER AMENDMENT REGARDING PURCHASING

The current City Charter states that any purchase or contract over the amount of \$200 shall be published, advertised, and sealed bids accepted. The amended charter will increase this amount to \$25,000.00. City Attorney Thomas Mitchell explained the Home Rule Charter Amendment to Mayor and Council and asked if they had any questions or concerns. There were no questions. Perry Barton made a motion to waive the 1st reading of the Home Rule Charter Amendment Regarding Purchasing. Gayle seconded the motion. Unanimous.

B. AUTHORIZE THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR AND CIT CLERK TO ADVERTISE AND PROVIDE REQUIRED NOTICE OF HOME RULE CHARTER AMENDMENT

Gayle Steed made a motion to authorize the City Administrator and City Clerk to advertise and provide required notice of Home Rule Amendment. David Huth seconded the motion. Unanimous.

C. 68TH ANNUAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DINNER & CELEBRATION- SATURDAY, JANUARY 31ST-CHATEAU ELAN

City Clerk Racheal Partain asked for number of attendees for the 68th Annual Chamber of Commerce Dinner & Celebration. Mayor Bridges confirmed 2 attendees for the dinner. All Council Members declined attendance.

D. APPROVAL OF REVISED COMMUNITY CENTER APPLICATION

Community Center Application was revised to include descriptions of all three (3) community center rental facilities and changes were made to the rental fee and refundable deposit requirements. We are currently awaiting a confirmed maximum capacity figure from our Building/Code Enforcement Department for future reference. Betty Lyle made a motion to approve the Revised Community Center Application as is and once the capacity information is received it will be added. David Huth seconded the motion. Unanimous.



E. APPOINT ELECTIONS SUPERINTENDANT, ABSENTEE BALLOT CLERK, & MUNICIPAL REGISTRAR

Gayle Steed made a motion to appoint City Clerk Racheal Partain as Elections Superintendent, Absentee Ballot Clerk, & Municipal Registrar. Hattie Thrasher seconded the motion. Unanimous.

F. SET QUALIFYING FEES FOR 2015-3% OF PAY

- **MAYOR \$360.00**
- **COUNCIL MEMBER \$180.00**

Hattie Thrasher made a motion to set 2015 Qualifying Fees to 3% of pay. Betty Lyle seconded the motion. Unanimous.

G. EMPLOYEE WORKPLACE WELLNESS POLICY

As part of the City of Statham's commitment to health and wellness, the City of Statham applied for the Health Promotion Grant Program offered by GMA, which requires all participants to promote workplace wellness. The Employee Workplace Wellness Policy will provide employees with the tools they need to make positive lifestyle changes that result in better physical and emotional health and wellbeing. David Huth made a motion to approve the Employee Workplace Wellness Policy. Perry Barton seconded the motion. Unanimous.

H. GEORGIA CITIES WEEK-APRIL 19-25

Perry Barton made a motion to participate in Georgia Cities Week-April 19-25. Hattie Thrasher seconded the motion. Unanimous.

I. APPROVE APPLICATION FOR THE GEFA EMERGENCY FUND FOR THE FILTER REHAB PROJECT AT THE WATER PLANT

EMI conducted a Water Treatment Facility Evaluation on the city's water treatment plant and submitted the evaluation report was submitted in December 2014. Due to the extensive cost of the filter rehab they suggested that we apply for a GEFA Grant to make the repairs. David Huth made a motion to approve the GEFA Grant Application. Betty Lyle seconded the motion. Unanimous.

J. APPROVE EMI'S PROPOSAL TO PREPARE A PERFORMANCE SURVEY OF THE WATER TREATMENT FACILITY-\$5,500.00

Perry Barton made a motion to approve EMI's proposal to prepare a performance survey of the water treatment facility not to exceed \$5,500.00. Hattie Thrasher seconded the motion. Unanimous.

K. APPROVE EMI'S PROPOSAL TO COMPLETE AN OPERATIONAL EVALUATION OF THE WATER SYSTEM REQUIRED BY THE GEORGIA EPD-\$2,500.00

David Huth made a motion to approve EMI's proposal to complete an operational evaluation of the water system required by the Georgia EPD not to exceed \$2,500.00. Hattie Thrasher seconded the motion. Unanimous.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no Committee Reports.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive Session.

8. ADJOURN

David Huth made a motion to adjourn. Hattie Thrasher seconded the motion. The regular meeting of the City of Statham City Council adjourned at 7:15 pm.

****THIS MEETING WAS NOT RECORDED DUE TO A MALFUNCTION WITH OUR RECORDING EQUIPMENT****