

**COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
MARCH 17, 2015
7:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Vice Mayor Gayle Steed at 7:02 pm. Members present were Vice Mayor Gayle Steed, Council Members David Huth, Perry Barton, and Hattie Thrasher. Mayor Robert Bridges and Council Member Betty Lyle were absent. Also in attendance was City Administrator Steve Martin, City Clerk Racheal Partain, Building & Code Enforcement Officer Randy Gordon, and Amy Cowan representative for City Attorney Thomas Mitchell. Media was represented by Bonny Harper of the Barrow County News and Cindy Edge of the Barrow Journal.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. SPECIAL CALLED MEETING, JANUARY 27, 2015

Perry Barton made a motion to approve the minutes from the Special Called Meeting on January 27th, 2015. Hattie Thrasher seconded the motion. David Huth voted in favor to approve. 3-0

B. COUNCIL MEETING, FEBRUARY 17, 2015

David Huth made a motion to approve the minutes from the Council Meeting on February 17, 2015. Hattie Thrasher seconded the motion. Perry Barton voted in favor to approve. 3-0

3. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business

4. NEW BUSINESS:

A. ALEN REPORTING SYSTEM-CHIEF ALLAN JOHNSTON

City Administrator Steve Martin explained that the changeover to Alen Reporting System would be a smooth transition and that our current data would be converted and imported at no cost to the city.

Perry Barton made a motion to approve the changeover to the Alen reporting System. Hattie Thrasher seconded the motion. David Huth voted to in favor to approve. 3-0

B. AMERICAN PEST CONTROL

David Huth made a motion to approve the American Pest Control contract addition for complete termite bonding. Perry Barton seconded the motion. Hattie Thrasher voted in favor to approve. 3-0



C. WATER & SEWER RATE INCREASE

- I. STATHAM'S RATES ARE CURRENTLY 12%-44% LOWER THAN THE SURROUNDING WATER SYSTEMS. BY 2018, THE AVERAGE INSIDE RESIDENTIAL BILL AT 4,000 GALLONS A MONTH WILL INCREASE FROM \$25.55 TO \$33.44 FOR WATER AND FROM \$20.20 TO \$26.44 PER MONTH FOR SEWER**
- II. 2015-12%**
- III. 2016-6%**
- IV. 2017-5%**
- V. 2018-5%**
- VI. 5% ANNUALLY THEREAFTER**

Perry Barton made a motion to approve the increase. David Huth seconded the motion. Hattie Thrasher voted in favor to approve. 3-0

5. MRS. JUANITA CLANTON-575 MCCARTY ROAD-WATER BILL

Mrs. Clanton had concerns about her water bill for 575 McCarty Road, which is her son's residence, the water bill has significantly increased the past few months and according to Mrs. Clanton and her plumber there was no leak detected that would have caused her usage to increase at the level in which she was billed.

David Huth made a motion to table this decision until further research could be done in this matter. Hattie Thrasher seconded the motion. Perry Barton voted in favor to table. 3-0

6. MRS. CATHY BENNETT

Mrs. Bennett had no comments

7. MRS. KENDRA MOORE

Mrs. Moore expressed more concerns in regards to the financial status of the City of Statham. Mrs. Moore also posed more questions directed to Mayor and Council in the matter. Additional questions were also asked by other citizens present at the meeting. Mr. Dwight McCormic raised the question again about the council's thoughts on becoming a water first community. Mr. Michael Gentry also still had questions concerning the city's water treatment plant and the GEFA loan application that was submitted for a low interest loan to do repairs at the water treatment plant. Discussion ensued among citizens, council members, and city administrator.

8. OTHER BUSINESS:

There was no other business.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

There were no committee reports.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was no Executive Session.

11. ADJOURN:

David Huth made a motion to adjourn. Hattie Thrasher seconded the motion. Perry Barton voted in favor to adjourn. 3-0 City Council Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

