

**MINUTES  
COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 16, 2016  
7:00 P.M.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

City Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Robert Bridges at 7:02pm. Members present were Mayor Robert Bridges, Council Members David Huth, Perry Barton, Gayle Steed, Betty Lyle, and Hattie Thrasher. Also in attendance was City Clerk Racheal Partain, City Attorney Thomas Mitchell, and Building & Code Enforcement Officer Randy Gordon. Media was represented by Zac Taylor of the Barrow County News.

**2. SPECIAL PRESENTATION:**

**A. JAMES LONG-EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT RECOGNITION**

James Long was not present.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**A. COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 19, 2016**

Gayle Steed made a motion to approve the minutes from the Council Meeting on January 19, 2016. Hattie Thrasher seconded the motion. Unanimous

**4. OLD BUSINESS:**

There was no old business.

**5. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. RIDE 4 THE FALLEN-SATURDAY MAY 21<sup>ST</sup>**

Mr. Robert Wilson gave a short description of the event schedule.

David Huth made a motion to approve the Ride 4 the Fallen Ceremony on Saturday May 2, 2016. Perry Barton seconded the motion. Unanimous

**B. GA CITIES WEEK-APRIL 17-23**

Perry Barton made a motion to approve participation in GA Cities Week April 17<sup>th</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> 2016. Hattie Thrasher seconded the motion. Unanimous

**C. SERVER REPLACEMENT QUOTES**

**I. ATHENS MICRO-\$6,332.00**

**II. TECHWORX-\$6,144.94**

Perry Barton made a motion to approve the server replacement quote submitted by Athens Micro for \$6,332.00. Betty Lyle seconded the motion. Unanimous



**6. OTHER BUSINESS:**

**A. HEARING ON THE APPEAL BY OFFICER BRIAN COWART**

Chief Allan Johnston presented his case regarding his decision to terminate former Office Brian Cowart on the basis of insubordination and untruthfulness.

Mr. Eric Eberhardt presented his case on behalf of former Officer Brian Cowart, in regards to his appeal of his termination from the Statham Police Department. Mr. Eberhardt argued that the matter was clearly a misunderstanding/miscommunication of directive. He also asked the Council to reconsider the decision to terminate and re-instate former Office Brian Cowart's employment to unmark his POST records.

Perry Barton made a motion to support the decision of termination by Chief Allan Johnston. Betty Lyle seconded the motion. Unanimous

**7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

There were no committee reports.

**8. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Hattie Thrasher made a motion to go into Executive Session. David Huth seconded the motion. Unanimous

The Council went into Executive Session at 7:53pm.

Gayle Steed made a motion to come out of Executive Session. David Huth seconded the motion. Unanimous

The Council came out of Executive Session at 8:03pm

**9. ADJOURN:**

David Huth made a motion to adjourn. Hattie Thrasher seconded the motion. Unanimous Meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.