

**MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 20, 2018
7:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Robert Bridges at 7:00pm.

Members present were Mayor Robert Bridges, Council Members Perry Barton, Edward Jackson, Dwight McCormic and Betty Lyle. Hattie Thrasher was absent. Also in attendance was City Administrator, Michelle Irizarry, City Clerk, Mai Chang, City Attorney, Thomas Mitchell, Public Works Director, Sam Powell. Media was represented by Ron Bridgeman of the Barrow Journal.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. Council Meeting, January 16, 2018

Betty Lyle made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2018 Council meeting as written. Edward Jackson seconded the motion. 4/0

3. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Service Delivery Strategy (SDS)

City Attorney, Thomas Mitchell stated he does not have anything to report other than Thursday night with resolving issues with the service area. He does not recommend any actions tonight.

B. TAVT Amendment

City Attorney, Thomas Mitchell stated Ms. Irizarry spoke to the folks at the County and got an email today about what their justification is. There is no need to do anything tonight but maybe in the new fiscal year. It's immature to do anything tonight.

C. Purchasing New Truck for Public Works

Sam Powell stated that they were seeking approval on what was presented last Thursday night on a truck with roughly over \$15,000 collected from auctions. They would like approval to go shopping.

Perry Barton made motion to take action to purchase a truck up to the amount collected of \$15,000 or so and at the same time to find an additional contender. Betty Lyle seconded the motion. 4/0

4. CITIZENS CONCERN:

A. Rita Garrett: Betty Lyle: Statham Concerned Citizen (2171 Price Mill Rd., Bishop, GA)

Rita stated she is Kelly Pickens's sister and is here to address the issues that came up in the Work Session in January titled "Betty Lyle: Concerned Citizens and the actions of Perry Barton". She stated this took place in front of a small young man and her daughter, Nicole Green which owns a business here. Her daughter became very upset and was crying because of the cruel treatment that was done to their friend Katie. She also would like to address the Facebook post that was pulled out of Perry's pocket and was wrongly stated that it was her sister's last words. She stated her sister passed away on Oct 12th, eleven days after that post. She stated you don't understand how it is to live with a person that has a mental issue. There is no excuse for what was done. They owed her sister and their friend an apology for trying to use her sister.

Rita said Ms. Betty, you stood and degraded Katie in front of a group of people and was sure it was a setup. Rita goes on with the "at your house, Katie told you she was not hiding anything and yes she was going to help get you out of here". She stated that Ms. Betty made a little spectacle out of her T-shirt and the remarks on the back of the T-shirt. You are an Official and represent the whole

town. You don't get angry at somebody because your way didn't go. Your meeting with a reporter was not done so you could trash that man sitting right there (pointing to the Mayor). She stated you were mad because they owed you money for jobs you've done but were not paid. She goes on and on and ended up with, who to blame for my sister committing suicide? Look in the mirror!

B. Logan & Jennifer Cronic: *Inmates within 100ft of the Schools (270 Third St, Statham)*

Mr. Logan stated last week there were inmates on Third Street on school property within 100 feet of our children. He is bringing this up to see if it can be resolved. He stated he has two daughters in Statham Elementary School that he cares about very much. He pointed out what had happened in Florida and that children's safety can be looked over. He stated the inmates were working on a water line or something and were standing right there in the car rider's lane.

Mayor Bridges stated they are not allowed anywhere close to a school and should stay within that 100 feet. He will talk to the Officer.

C. Cyndi Ball: *The Statham Homestead Trial for April 21-22 and Nov. 4-5, 2018*

Brook Lewis-Slamdora spoke in Cyndi's absent. Brook stated that they are looking to establish a tour of farms two weekends a year this year on April 21-22 and in November 4-5. They would like to put rack cards in City Hall and visitor centers.

Edward Jackson made motion to let them put the rack cards at City Hall. Perry Barton seconded the motion. 4/0

D. Brooke Lewis-Slamdora/Ladies Homestead: *Sheep to Shawl Festival – April 7, 2018, 9am - 3pm*

Brooke stated they like to host the Sheep to Shawl festival again this year. They will supply Porta Potty, vendors will setup and they would like to borrow the City's golf cart.

Betty Lyle made motion to approve the event. Edward Jackson seconded the motion. 4/0

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No executive session

6. ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the Council, Perry Barton made a motion to adjourn. Edward Jackson seconded the motion. 4/0

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.