

**MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING
August 21, 2018
7:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

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

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

Mayor Bridges presented plaques to Tim and Patti Powell in appreciation for the number of years of employment with the City of Statham.

Sheriff Judd Smith gave a speech regarding an article in the paper regarding taking over the policing for Statham that was published a few weeks back. He wanted to make clear of that article. Sheriff Smith stated some background information on him that he was born and raised in Statham. He would like to work "side by side" with Statham and NOT in front or behind.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. Council Meeting, JULY 17, 2018

Perry Barton made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2018 Council meeting as written. Edward Jackson seconded the motion, unanimous.

B. Special Called Meeting, July 30, 2018

Perry Barton made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 30, 2018 Special Called meeting as written. Edward Jackson seconded the motion, unanimous.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

A. 2nd Reading: Alcohol Ordinance Amendment for Church

Perry Barton made a motion to approve the Alcohol Ordinance Amendment, Edward Jackson seconded the motion. Motion passed with Perry Barton, Edward Jackson and Dwight McCormic voting yes. Betty Lyle and Hattie Thrasher voting no. 3/2

B. 2nd Reading: Convenience Store Security Ordinance

Councilman Dwight McCormic asked questions. Chief Allan Johnston stated that both stores are aware of the requirements of the training and are onboard.

Perry Barton made motion to approve the Convenience Store Security Ordinance. Hattie Thrasher seconded the motion, unanimous.

C. Ethics Board

Perry Barton made motion to table it for a called meeting. Hattie Thrasher seconded the motion, unanimous.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Final Plat for Lakes of Statham

Not ready, moving to next month

B. Ballfield Agreement

Both teams, the Winder Lions and Travel Team stated how and what they will bring in and agreed to maintain maintenance of the ball fields, pay for the water and power bills and stay in compliance with the liability insurance.

Dwight McCormic made motion to approve as long as the insurance stayed in compliance. Edward Jackson seconded the motion.

C. Cutoff-Off Fee for Water (Change to Admin Fee)

Perry Barton made motion to approve the wording change from Cutoff to Admin. Edward Jackson seconded the motion, unanimous.

D. Proposed 2018 Millage Rate

No action required

E. 1st Reading: Amendment to Open Records Officer

City Attorney, Thomas Mitchell explained that City can designate more than one open records officers, one for the non-Police request and one for the Police request.

Perry Barton made motion to waive first reading to the Amendment to Open Records Officer. Hattie Thrasher seconded the motion, unanimous.

F. 1st Reading: Rezoning 342 Price St. –R1 to R2 (Winding River Realty)

City Administrator stated that Mr. Alvarez and Hal Chitwood have discussed. If Mayor and Council approve, he will stay in compliance with the fire codes and build the firewall between the two duplex.

Edward Jackson made the motion to waive the first reading. Perry Barton seconded the motion, unanimous.

G. Christmas Festival

Betty Lyle made motion to table it until September's meeting. Hattie Thrasher seconded the motion, unanimous.

5. CITIZENS CONCERN:

A. Catherine Corkren- Budget, Ethics, Police & Thomas Mitchell (*2996 Waters Rd., Atlanta*)

Catherine Corkren stated personal things about herself, she does have law suits in Superior Court, City lets Thomas Mitchell run City and gives wrong advices and that Statham loses no matter what because of that man ad she goes on.

B. Tammy Crawley: Ethics Committee, Open Records Request & Street Safety (*2022 Rachel Dr., Statham*)

Ms. Crawley stated that she is concerned about Street safety for the kids, there were 4 wheelers and kids got hit because they ran out in the road at Jackson and Hammond Rd.

City Attorney, Thomas Mitchell gave out a copy of the letter from the Attorney General's office that was written to Ms. Corkren in regards to her complaint on the City. The letter stated that City of Statham is in compliance with the Open Records request and reads out the first paragraph.

Councilman, Dwight McCormic also described Ms. Corkren as being a Hyperlitigious person. (Definition of that word is attached)

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Litigation

Motion made by Edward Jackson to go into executive session at 7:51pm. Perry Barton seconded the motion, unanimous.

Motion made by Dwight McCormic to come out of executive session at 8:02pm. Hattie Thrasher seconded the motion, unanimous.

7. ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the Council, Hattie Thrasher made motion to adjourn. Edward Jackson seconded the motion, unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03p.m.