

**MINUTES**  
**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**May 21, 2019**  
**7:00 P.M.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Robert Bridges at 7:02 p.m.

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

*Mayor Robert Bridges expressed gratitude for job well done on the Springfest. He extended his appreciation for everyone's help who worked on it. Also, because of the volume of business to be discussed, comments will be allowed no more than five minutes each.*

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**A. Council Meeting, April 16, 2019**

Betty Lyle made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2019 Council meeting as written. Edward Jackson seconded the motion, unanimous.

**B. Special Call Meeting, May 9, 2019**

Betty Lyle made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2019 Special Call meeting as written. Hattie Thrasher seconded, unanimous.

**3. EXECUTIVE SESSION: ( Real Estate)**

Perry Barton made a motion to go into executive session and put the executive session in front of the Old Business at 7:04pm. Edward Jackson seconded, unanimous.

Perry Barton made motion to come out of executive session at 7:24 p.m. Edward Jackson seconded, unanimous.

**4. OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading on Sidewalk Ordinance**

Perry Barton made motion to approve sidewalk ordinance. Edward Jackson seconded, motion failed. Perry Barton, Edward Jackson, voting YES. Betty Lyle, Dwight McCormic and Hattie Thrasher voting NO. 2/3

**B. Georgia Department of Corrections Agreement**

Perry Barton made motion to accept agreement. Edward Jackson seconded, unanimous.

**C. Edee's BBQ**

Edee explained the new drawings for restaurant. Edward Jackson suggested to him to stay within the contracts. No action taken.

#### **D. Home Rule Amendment**

Thomas Mitchell explained the added sections of the Amendment to Council about the Home Rule Amendment to be advertised three times before the adoption.

Dwight McCormic made motion to waive 1<sup>st</sup> Read of Home Rule Amendment. Betty Lyle seconded, unanimous.

### **5. NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **A. CSI Agreement & Tech Fee**

Perry Barton made motion to approve CSI agreement & Tech Fee. Dwight McCormic seconded, unanimous.

#### **B. New Vehicle for Police Department**

Police Chief Allan Johnston spoke on why he thought buying this vehicle would be good for the PD department because of availability, cost, Ford vs Chargers and the PD budget allowance.

Perry Barton made a motion to approve the vehicle purchase for PD. Betty Lyle seconded, unanimous.

#### **C. Grant for Library**

Beth McIntyre explained the grant to Council. How much it was and it is for repurposing purposes. It is a 90/10 grant and the library system are not giving anymore of this type of grant.

Edward Jackson made motion to accept the grant. Perry Barton seconded, unanimous.

#### **D. Pawn Shop Zoning**

Thomas Mitchell explained the language in the ordinance. Perry Barton made motion to waive 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Edward Jackson seconded, unanimous.

#### **E. Massage Parlors**

Perry Barton made motion to amend the ordinance to include massage parlors. Thomas to include massage parlors in the ordinance. Edward Jackson seconded, unanimous.

Edward Jackson made motion to waive 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Perry Barton seconded, unanimous.

#### **F. Kurt J. Bogenrieder: Dock Access to train depot**

Mr. Bogenrieder wanted explanation about his 2 loading spaces at the train depot building. Mayor to talk with him at later time. No action taken.

**G. Lakes of Statham: Sean Murphey, Jason Waliman, Ken Wilson**

Motion made by Edward Jackson to table until June 18, 2019. Hattie Thrasher seconded, unanimous.

**6. CITIZENS CONCERNS:**

**George Warzecka-** Discussed Code Enforcement & Issues with the Detention Pond in his subdivision.

**Corina Mathis-** Discussed wanting to purchase an Alleyway behind her home. No action taken.

**Karen Hopkins-** Discussed high water bills at her apartment. Public Works Director to go out to apartment and evaluate.

**Nell Davenport-** Discussed high water bills at her apartment. Public Works Director to go out to apartment and evaluate.

**Linda Hendricks-** High Water Bills- absent

**Catherine Corkren-**Personnel, city business, agendas- Ms. Corkren stated personnel issues at PD and the grant for the Library was illegal, etc.

**7. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** No Executive Session

**8. ADJOURN:**

Motion was made by Hattie Thrasher to adjourn council meeting with no further business. Edward Jackson seconded, unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33pm.