

MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING
September 17, 2019
7:00 P.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER:

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

Members present were Mayor Robert Bridges, Vice Mayor Perry Barton, Council Members: 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, Police Officer Johnny Woods and City Attorney Thomas Mitchell. Media was represented by Ron Bridgeman of the Barrow Journal News.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Special Called Meeting, August 15, 2019

Perry Barton made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2019 Special Called Council meeting as written. Betty Lyle seconded, 4/4.

2. Council Meeting, August 20, 2019

Betty Lyle made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2019 Council meeting as written. Hattie Thrasher seconded, 4/4.

C. OLD BUSINESS:

1. 2nd Reading of Home Rule Amendment-Planning Director

Motion made by Perry Barton to approve Home Rule Amendment-Planning Director. Dwight McCormic seconded, 4/4.

2. 2nd Reading for Small Cell Ordinance-Permitting Department

Betty Lyle made a motion to approve 2nd Reading for Small Cell Ordinance-Permitting Department. Perry Barton seconded, 4/4.

D. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Relocation of Statham Police Department

City Administrator, Mai Chang reminded Council about Police Department having to move their office before end of December. Council discussed about the different options the city had. It was suggested the Police Department could go to 327 Jefferson Street location known currently as City Hall and City Hall would move to the 1921 Broad Street location. Betty Lyle made motion to move Police Department to the 327 Jefferson Street location, and City Hall go to the 1921 Broad Street location. Hattie Thrasher seconded, 3/1. Betty Lyle, Perry Barton, & Hattie Thrasher voted YES. Dwight McCormic voted NO. After the vote several Q & A's were taken and made from the Citizens present.

E. CITIZENS CONCERNS:

1. Catherine Corkren- Illegal Sale of 1921 Broad Street House

She stated the meeting was illegal because the agenda had not been posted 7 days in advance.

2. Kurt Bogenreider- Tree Committee & Pedestrian Safety/Crosswalks

Kurt Bogenreider was absent, but Gary Venable was asked by Dwight McCormic to step in and address the questions to Council about the waiver for property owners to sign when a tree is taken down on the right of way. City Attorney, Thomas Mitchell explained the liability issues that would protect the City. Dwight McCormic asked City Attorney, Thomas Mitchell if last line of the waiver could be removed? Mr. Mitchell said he didn't recommend it, but it could. Also was brought up by Mr. Venable that tree stumps needed to be ground up. Mayor responded they would be. Citizens stated concerns about repainting the crosswalks in the downtown areas.

F. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No Executive Session needed.

G. ADJOURN:

With no further business to discuss, Dwight McCormic made a motion to adjourn. Hattie Thrasher seconded, 4/4.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.