

**MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING
January 15, 2019
7:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

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

Members present were Council Members Perry Barton, 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, Interim Water Director Jordan McDaniel and City Attorney Thomas Mitchell. Media was represented by Ron Bridgeman of the Barrow Journal.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. Special Called Meeting, December 13, 2018

Betty Lyle made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2018 Special Called Council meeting as written. Hattie Thrasher seconded the motion, unanimous.

B. Council Meeting, December 18, 2018

Perry Barton made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2018 Council meeting as written. Betty Lyle seconded the motion, unanimous.

City Attorney, Thomas Mitchell swore in the new City Clerk, Kay Fortney.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Home Rule Amendment/Provisions to the City's Charter

City Attorney, Thomas Mitchell explained section 7 on the ordinance to Mayor and Council. He also went over the current meeting procedures. Questions were asked and discussion made.

Perry Barton made a motion to approve the amendment. Edward Jackson seconded the motion. Motion passed with Perry Barton, Edward Jackson, and Hattie Thrasher voting Yes. Betty Lyle and Dwight McCormic voting No. 3/2

4. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Rolling Over Vacation Hours for City Employees

Mai Chang, City Administrator, explained how any new employee that is hired in December would be forced to take accrued vacation time by the end of December 31, of that year, therefore she proposed rolling over 80 hours vacation time till following year, or two other options so employees would not lose them. Discussion from Council was made.

Betty Lyle made motion to table this proposal for now. Hattie Thrasher seconded the motion, unanimous.

B. Set Qualifying Fees for 2019 Elections

Mai Chang, City Administrator, explained the Qualifying fees of Mayor is 3%=\$360.00, and Council is 3%=\$180.00.

Edward Jackson made motion to approve fees. Dwight McCormic seconded the motion, unanimous.

C. APPOINT ELECTIONS SUPERINTENDENT

Mai Chang, City Administrator, addresses council about appointing an Elections Superintendent, to do the qualifying, and that it was usually the City Clerk

Edward Jackson made motion to accept the City Clerk to do qualifying as Elections Superintendent. Perry Barton seconded the motion, unanimous.

D. GEORGIA CITIES WEEK-APRIL 21-27

Mai Chang, City Administrator, explained Georgia Cities Week of April 21-27. Discussion made.

Eddie Jackson made a motion to approve. Hattie Thrasher seconded the motion, unanimous.

E. ADD NEW CITY CLERK TO BANK ACCOUNTS

It was recommended by Mai Chang, City Administrator, to add the City Clerk, Kay Fortney, to all City bank accounts.

Dwight McCormic made a motion to approve. Perry Barton seconded the motion, unanimous.

F. GLENN JACKSON WATER SERVICE AREA

City Administrator, Mai Chang, explained that the County will give their water main line on Glenn Jackson Road up to the end of Statham’s water service line because it is in Statham’s water service area. Statham will give the parcels that is in the sewer service area to the County due to Statham can’t bill for sewer without providing water to those areas. Approval is needed from the Council.

Motion was made by Perry Barton. Edward Jackson seconded the motion, unanimous.

5. CITIZENS CONCERNS

Sean Murphey: Approval of Plat for Lakes of Statham— (Absent)

Catherine Corkren: Home Rule & Finance

Ms. Corkren stated she was opposed to the Home Rule, she also stated she is opposed to the agenda postings and them being the same as meeting last week. She is also opposed to how the Open Meeting/Open Records was being conducted by the City, and also opposed to Mr. Powell not putting the recorded meetings on the City’s website for everyone to view. She was also opposed to the price she has to pay for videos and open records, and also opposed to everything pertaining to open meetings and open records going to the City’s Attorney, Thomas Mitchell for review.

Tammy Crawley: Home Rule Amendment

Ms. Crawley personally does not agree with the amendment and feels that citizens of Statham should have right to be heard so they can agree or disagree on items of interest to the citizens and the City.

A brief discussion between Mai Chang and council members regarding the Audits that Mr. Hawkins was to complete. Mai Chang, City Administrator, and Council Member, Edward Jackson to follow up on any audit work to push it to be done in timely manner.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION--- DISPOSITION

At 7:30 p.m. a motion was made by Perry Barton to go into an executive session and Edward Jackson seconded it, unanimous.

At 7:45p.m. motion was made by Edward Jackson to adjourn executive session, and Hattie Thrasher seconded it, unanimous.

7. ADJOURN:

Motion was made by Eddie Jackson to adjourn meeting and Dwight McCormic seconded it, unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.