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MINUTES COUNCIL MEETING January 21, 2020 7:00 P.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER:

Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Joe Piper at 7:00 p.m.

Members present were Mayor Joe Piper, Vice Mayor Dwight McCormic, Council Members: Betty Lyle, Hattie Thrasher, Tammy Crawley and Gary Venable. Also, in attendance was City Clerk Kay Fortney, Public Works Director Sam Powell, Police Chief Ira Underwood, Captain John Davis, Officer Johnny Wood and City Attorney Thomas Mitchell. Media was represented by Ron Bridgeman of the Barrow Journal News.

Mayor opened meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

B. REDO VOTE OF VICE MAYOR

We did the vote on January 3, 2020 by a secret ballot and according to Georgia law that is not permitted so we are making sure that everyone in attendance do the vote by role call.

Betty Lyle's response was Dwight McCormic
Gary Venable's response was Gary Venable
Tammy Crawley's response was Gary Venable
Dwight McCormic's response was Dwight McCormic
Hattie Thrasher's response was Dwight McCormic

Vote passed with 3/2 for Dwight McCormic for Vice Mayor.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Council Meeting of December 17, 2019
2. Special Called Meeting of January 3, 2020

Dwight McCormic made the motion to approve minutes as written from December 17, 2019, Hattie Thrasher seconded. Gary Venable abstained. Motion passed 4/1.

Gary Venable made a motion to approve minutes as written from January 3, 2020 SCM, Tammy Crawley seconded. motion passed 5/5.

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D. OLD BUSINESS:

No old business to discuss at this time.

E. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Timothy Casper- Absent
2. Fajita Mex Grill- Maria Fuentes-Alcohol License Renewal
City Attorney explained they were behind in applying. Gary Venable made the motion to approve, Dwight McCormic seconded. Betty Lyle voted No. Hattie Thrasher abstained. Dwight McCormic, Gary Venable & Tammy Crawley voted YES. Motion passed 3/2. Mayor Piper let them know there would be a late fee.
3. Ga. Cities Week of April 19-25-
Dwight McCormic made a motion for approval, Gary Venable seconded. Motion passed 5/5.
4. Moratorium on Developments- City Attorney Thomas Mitchell read aloud a Moratorium that if passed by council it would not effect any parcel of land two acres or less. Dwight McCormic made a motion to approve Moratorium, and to hire Mr. Weitz to redo City maps. Tammy Crawley seconded. Motion passed. 5/5.

F. CITIZENS CONCERNS:

1. Gary Venable- Read tree removal contract. He made a motion to remove clause from contract not hold citizens responsible if tree city is cutting down falls on citizens home. Gary Venable made motion, Dwight McCormic seconded. Betty Lyle & Hattie Thrasher voted NO, Dwight McCormic, Gary Venable & Tammy Crawley voted YES. Motion passed 3/2.
2. Gary Venable- Website & Facebook page.
Gary Venable made a motion to go out and get bids for a new website and Facebook page. Tammy Crawley seconded. Betty Lyle & Hattie Thrasher voted NO. Dwight McCormic, Gary Venable & Tammy Crawley voted YES. Motion passed 3/2.
3. Gary Venable- Meeting Structure-
It has been brought to the forefront that we have more time between the work session and the council meetings. It has been suggested that the work session be held 1st Thursday and Council Meetings on the 3rd Thursday. City Attorney Thomas Mitchell said it would have to be changed in our ordinance. Betty Lyle felt that it was too much time in between the two meetings. Dwight McCormic made a motion that this be tabled until next months meeting. Gary Venable seconded 3/2.
4. Gary Venable- City Building & Properties-
Gary Venable made a motion to table this topic until next month. Dwight McCormic suggested to hold a town hall meeting to get the publics input. Gary Venable made a motion to hold a public forum on March 9, 2020 @ 7 p.m. in the Community Center. Dwight McCormic seconded. Motion passed 5/5.

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After the vote, the Mayor introduced the new Police Chief, Ira Underwood. Chief spoke a little about himself and encouraged everyone to attend the Meet & Greet on Saturday February 8, 2020 @ 10 a.m.

5. Betty Lyle-Festivals

Betty Lyle announced that she would continue to head up the Sunflower Festival and the Lions Club would be in charge of the Springfest.

6. Joyce Jacks- Goodness Boxes- Absent

Dwight McCormic spoke a little about the Goodness boxes that Joyce supports for people in need. Police Chief said they had them in Auburn when he was there. Dwight also said he is working with Joyce and Governor to get our emergency siren working or a new one.

G. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Litigation

Gary Venable made a motion to go into executive session at 8:29 p.m. Hattie Thrasher seconded. 5/5.

Dwight McCormic made a motion to come out of executive session at 8:39 p.m. Hattie Thrasher seconded. 5/5.

H. ADJOURN:

With no further business to discuss, Dwight McCormic made a motion to adjourn meeting. Hattie Thrasher seconded. 5/5.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.