

**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MARCH 17, 2020**  
**7:00 P. M.**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular business meeting of the City of Statham City Council was called to order by Mayor Joe Piper at 7:03 p.m.

Members present were Mayor Joe Piper and Council Members Tammy Crawley, Dwight McCormic, and Gary Venable. Council members Betty Lyle and Hattie Thrasher were absent. Also in attendance was City Attorney Thomas Mitchell, City Clerk Susan Gabriel, City Accountant April Plank, Public Works Director Sam Powell, Water Plant Director Jordan McDaniel, Chief Underwood, Captain Davis, Officer Russo, and Ron Bridgeman from the Barrow News-Journal.

**B. PLEDGE TO FLAG**

Mayor Piper opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**COUNCIL MEETING, FEBRUARY 18, 2020**

Gary Venable made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2020 council meeting as written. Dwight McCormic seconded the motion, 3-0.

**WORK SESSION, MARCH 5, 2020**

Dwight McCormic made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2020 work session minutes as written. Gary Venable seconded the motion, 3-0.

**D. OLD BUSINESS**

**1. TAMMY CRAWLEY – NEW TECHNOLOGY COMPANY**

Bids were received from Athens Micro Computers and TKS. Tammy Crawley made a motion to go with TKS for \$1862 per month for the first year, then \$950 per month after the first year. Dwight McCormic seconded the motion 2-1. Gary Venable abstained because he had prior dealings with both companies.

City attorney Thomas Mitchell said there must be three affirmative council votes. Tammy Crawley made a motion to table until April 9 when there will be a special called meeting. Dwight McCormick seconded the motion, 3-0.

**2. GARY VENABLE****a. SIDEWALK & BRICK REPAIRS**

There are no quotes for brick repairs at this time. There was discussion about 4' sidewalks and 8' sidewalks. Also, there were complaints that Mayweather Concrete Finishing had not cleaned up grass, dirt, and nails after they poured sidewalks on Broad Street.

Dwight McCormic made a motion to approve the bid from Mayweather Concrete Finishing of \$4,784 for 4' sidewalk at the corner of Ventura Street and 8<sup>th</sup> Street with the condition that they clean up after pouring the sidewalk. Gary Venable seconded the motion, 3-0.

**b. BUILDINGS**

Gary Venable said he would like to request that the city get information for renovating the public works building.

Mr. Venable made a motion to go out for RFI (request for information) and get the costs for renovating the public works building. Tammy Crawley seconded the motion, 3-0.

**c. WEBSITE RFPs**

The city received proposals from Madison Studios, LLC and Sophicity for the website. Madison Studios proposed a one-time fee of \$5750 - \$7000 plus monthly payments of up to \$180 per month. Sophicity (IT N A Box) gives a GMA discount. The onboarding, setup, deployment, and expenses are discounted in total, so the cost for these services is \$0. There is a monthly fee of \$397.50 (also discounted).

Gary Venable made a motion to award the contract to Mimsware Corporation d/b/a Sophicity. Dwight McCormic seconded the motion, 3-0.

**d. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER FUTURE LAND USE MAP, APRIL 9, 2020, 6:30 P.M.**

Dwight McCormic made a motion to keep the April 9, 2020 meeting on the calendar for now. Gary Venable seconded the motion, 3-0.

**E. NEW BUSINESS****1. MAYOR PIPER/JORDAN MCDANIEL – EMI PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ADDENDUM NO. 3**

Jordan McDaniel said the EMI proposal is for smoke testing the sewer lines, GIS survey of manholes, creation of a new sewer map, and preparing NPDES permit renewal for the Water Treatment Facility backwash pond, the total not to exceed \$16,150.00. Discussion followed.

Dwight McCormick made a motion to accept EMI's professional services proposal. Gary Venable seconded the motion, 3-0.

2. WILLIAM WARWICK, RADAR SIGNS PRESENTATION

Mr. Warwick displayed two radar signs, one rechargeable and one AC or solar powered. He discussed the information that can be retrieved from these signs. No action was taken.

3. GARY VENABLE – POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

a. PANDEMIC POLICY

Mayor Piper discussed the policy.

b. CREDIT CARD POLICY

Gary Venable made a motion to adopt the Pandemic Policy and **Purchasing** Credit Card Policy. Tammy Crawley seconded the motion, 3-0.

4. MAYOR PIPER - STATEWIDE MUTUAL AID AND ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT

Thomas Mitchell said this agreement allows you to request assistance from other jurisdictions when needed.

Tammy Crawley made a motion to adopt the agreement. Dwight McCormic seconded the motion, 3-0.

5. 1<sup>ST</sup> READING, TREE ORDINANCE

Gary Venable made a motion to postpone the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the Tree Ordinance until April 9, 2020. Tammy Crawley seconded the motion, 3-0.

6. CHIEF UNDERWOOD – POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Chief Underwood read the police January and February department activity report. Dwight McCormic read a letter of commendation for Officer Andrew Russo.

F. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dwight McCormic made a motion to go into executive session to discuss pending litigation. Gary Venable seconded the motion, 3-0. The council went into executive session at 8:24 p.m.

Dwight McCormic made a motion to come out of executive session. Gary Venable seconded the motion, 3-0. The council came out of executive session at 8:50 p.m.

G. ADJOURN

There being no further business before the Council, Dwight McCormic made a motion to adjourn. Gary Venable seconded the motion, 3-0. The regular meeting of the City of Statham City Council adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Gabriel, City Clerk