

CITY OF STATHAM

MINUTES

Statham City Hall

327 Jefferson Street, Statham, GA 30666



FY24 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING – June 13, 2023

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Piper called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Piper and Councilmembers Krause, Patterson, Penn, Thrasher, and Venable.

Also Present: Rachel Bembry, JAT Consulting Services, City Clerk Ashya Fambrough, Jordan McDaniel, Public Works/ Utilities, and PD Personnel.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- Mayor Piper led the Pledge of Allegiance and thanked the Veterans and their families for their service.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. FY24 BUDGET: To discuss the fiscal year 2024 budget.

Rachel Bembry gave an overview of the proposed FY24 budget. The proposed millage rate will increase from 4.003 to 4.06, which will be about \$3.42 per household based on a FMV of \$150,000.00. Expenditures of note are a stage for outside events, a projection system for meetings, New World software for the PD, tree removal, clean up days, road repairs, park updates, increased sewer capacity, and smoke testing.

Councilmember Penn noted that there are funds set aside to repair the bridge inside Bridges Park.

Chief Underwood asked for clarification on items submitted for the FY24 budget that were purchased in FY23. Rachel confirmed that those expenditures were not included in the FY24 budget. Councilmember Venable noted that there is \$60,000.00 in the FY23 budget that can be used for the first of three payments to purchase New World. Major Tim Hines of Barrow County Sherriff's Office gave a presentation of New World.

Council Penn requested an update on online bill pay. Rachel will review system upgrade options.

Tim Terrili asked for an update on the Tree and Greenspace Committee's FY 24 budget requests for \$12, 500.00. Councilmember Venable noted that tree removal is a separate line item now so the committee's budget will be \$9,000.00. Tim noted that two trees are being removed on broad street this week and the committee will plant two trees also.

Councilmember Venable noted that Council needs to determine how ARPA funds will be allocated and if they will continue with well development. Also, the proceeds of selling the Public Works building are earmarked for road repairs on Atlanta Hwy. and Broad St. Councilmember Krause agrees with keeping the well development funds set aside but noted that there needs to be a clear plan.

Councilmember Venable requested that the Bond Debt Payment be reviewed. Rachel will review.

ADJOURN

At 7:07 p.m., Mayor Piper asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Penn made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Krause seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.