

**COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 18, 2014  
7:00 P.M.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Robert Bridges at 7:00 pm. Members present were Mayor Robert Bridges, Council Members Betty Lyle, Hattie Thrasher, Gayle Steed, Perry Barton, and David Huth. Also in attendance was Building & Code Enforcement Officer Randy Gordon, City Administrator Steve Martin, City Attorney Thomas Mitchell, and City Clerk Racheal Partain. Media was represented by Bonny Harper of the Barrow County News and Cindy Edge of the Barrow Journal.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. AMENDED MINUTES, COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 16, 2014**

Betty Lyle made a motion to approve the amended minutes from the Council Meeting on September 16, 2014. Hattie Thrasher seconded the motion. Unanimous.

**B. COUNCIL MEETING, OCTOBER 21, 2014**

Gayle Steed made a motion to approve the minutes from the Council meeting on October 21, 2014. Perry Barton seconded the motion. Unanimous.

**C. SPECIAL CALLED MEETING, NOVEMBER 13, 2014**

Betty Lyle made a motion to approve the minutes from the Special Called Meeting on November 13, 2014. Hattie Thrasher seconded the motion. Unanimous.

**3. OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. 2<sup>ND</sup> READING-PROPOSED COMCAST FRANCHISE AGREEMENT**

The Proposed Comcast Franchise Agreement includes a current fee of 5% paid on a quarterly basis (currently bi-annual) with a ten year term. Perry Barton made a motion to approve the Proposed Comcast Agreement. David Huth seconded the motion. Unanimous.

**B. 2<sup>ND</sup> READING-MULBERRY STREET REZONE**

Owner of the property at 309 Mulberry Street Adrian Nedelcu, submitted an application to rezone his property from R-1 to C-1 and adding conditional use to allow him to rent as residential or commercial. Gayle Steed made a motion to approve the Mulberry Street Rezone. David Huth seconded the motion. Unanimous.

**C. 2<sup>ND</sup> READING-SUNSET DRIVE REZONE**

Statham Storage Solutions submitted a request to rezone the property on Sunset Drive from R-1 to CH-1 to extend their storage facility. David Huth made a motion to approve the Sunset Drive Rezone. Betty Lyle seconded the motion. Unanimous.

**D. 2<sup>ND</sup> READING-CITY ADMINISTRATOR ORDINANCE**

Hattie Thrasher made a motion to approve the City Administrator Ordinance. Gayle Steed seconded the motion. Unanimous.



4. **NEW BUSINESS:**

Gayle Steed made a motion to amend the Agenda to include the Statham Police Department Take Home Car Policy. This Agenda Item was added as Item "4-J". David Huth seconded the motion. Unanimous.

A. **1<sup>ST</sup> READING-ANNEXATION-MANG YANG/JEFFERSON ROAD**

Gayle Steed made a motion to waive the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the Annexation. Hattie Thrasher seconded the motion. Unanimous.

B. **1<sup>ST</sup> READING-REZONE-MANG YANG/JEFFERSON ROAD**

Perry Barton made a motion to waive the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the Rezone. David Huth seconded the motion. Unanimous.

C. **GRANITE LANE DRAINAGE PROJECT**

Perry Barton made a motion to approve the Granite Lane Drainage Project. David Huth seconded the motion. Perry Barton, David Huth, Gayle Steed, and Hattie Thrasher voted yes. Betty Lyle abstained. 4-1

D. **MCCARTY ROAD PAVING/PATCHING PROJECT AWARD**

City Administrator Steve Martin asked Mayor and Council to approve this project to include \$15,027.00 2005 from SLOST funds, \$20,000.00 from 2006 SLOST funds, \$18,056.51 from LMIG funds. Perry Barton made a motion to approve the McCarty Road Patching Project awarded to the lowest bidder Stewart Brothers \$45,850. Gayle Steed seconded the motion. Unanimous.

E. **RE-PURPOSING FUNDS FROM SALE OF POLICE DEPARTMENT WEAPON TO PURCHASE VEHICLES**

Police Chief Allan Johnston stated that he was waiting for Clyde Armory to get back to him in regards to ATF clearance of the weapon transfer before any funds could be issued. Funds in the amount of \$3500 will be used to repair the "out of service" vehicle to get it back on the road. David Huth made a motion to approve to re-purpose funds from the sale of Police Department weapon. Gayle Steed seconded the motion. Unanimous.

F. **EMPLOYEE CHRISTMAS GIFT CARDS**

Gayle Steed made a motion to approve \$35 Employee Christmas Gift Cards. Betty Lyle seconded the motion. Unanimous.

G. **WALTON DEVELOPMENT SEWER LINE AGREEMENT-WALL ROAD-316**

Perry Barton made a motion to approve the Walton Development Sewer Line Agreement. David Huth seconded the motion. Unanimous.

H. **CHANGES TO GMEBS RETIREE LIFE INSURANCE RATES**

As of January 1, 2015, the Retiree Basic Life Insurance rate will increase from \$0.35/\$1000 to \$2.66/\$1000. The city currently pays this premium. Perry Barton made a motion to approve Retiree Life Insurance Premium at the current rate of \$0.35, with the Retiree covering the additional amount of \$2.31 if they choose to keep the coverage. David Huth seconded the motion. Unanimous.

I. **1<sup>ST</sup> READING-SPEED ZONE ORDINANCE**

City Administrator Steve Martin explained that the previous measurement of Jefferson Street and Atlanta Hwy. was incorrect. That issue has been corrected and re-presented to Mayor and Council. He expressed the need to have this approved so that speed permit can be updated for an effective date of January 1, 2016. Gayle Steed made a motion to waive the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the Speed Ordinance. Hattie Thrasher seconded the motion. Unanimous.



**J. STATHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT TAKE HOME CAR POLICY**

Chief Allan Johnston presented the Statham Police Department Take Home Car Policy to Mayor and Council. Chief Johnston stated that all current officers live within 10 miles of the city limits. The maximum mileage for the policy would not exceed 25 miles outside of the city limits. Perry Barton made a motion to approve the Statham Police Department Take Home Car Policy. David Huth seconded the motion. Unanimous.

**5. OTHER BUSINESS:**

There was no other business.

**6. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Mayor Robert Bridges mentioned the Christmas decorations that were currently going up around town in preparation for the Christmas in Statham event.

**7. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**8. ADJOURN:**

David Huth made a motion to adjourn. Hattie Thrasher seconded the motion. The regular meeting of the City of Statham City Council adjourned at 7:24 pm.

