

**MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 15, 2015
7:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

City Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Robert Bridges at 7:05pm. Members present were Mayor Robert Bridges, Council Members David Huth, Perry Barton, Gayle Steed, Betty Lyle, and Hattie Thrasher. Also in attendance was City Clerk Racheal Partain, City Attorney Thomas Mitchell, and Building & Code Enforcement Officer Randy Gordon. Media was represented by Zac Taylor of the Barrow County News, Chris Bridges of the Barrow Journal, and Charles Anthony, news Director from WJBB FM Radio.

2. PUBLIC HEARING:

A. 2015 MILLAGE RATE

Mayor Robert Bridges called for a Public Hearing for the 2015 Millage Rate at 7:05pm. No public comment.

Mayor Robert Bridges closed the Public Hearing at 7:05pm.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 17, 2015

Gayle Steed made a motion to approve the minutes from the Council Meeting on November 17, 2015. Betty Lyle seconded the motion. Unanimous

B. SPECIAL CALLED MEETING NOVEMBER 24, 2015 12:00PM

David Huth made a motion to approve the minutes from the Special Called Meeting on November 24, 2015 at 12:00pm. Gayle Steed seconded the motion. Unanimous

C. SPECIAL CALLED MEETING NOVEMBER 24, 2015 6:00PM

Perry Barton made a motion to approve the minutes from the Special Called Meeting on November 24, 2015 at 6:00pm. Gayle Steed seconded the motion. Unanimous

4. OLD BUSINESS:

A. 2015 MILLAGE RATE

Perry Barton made a motion to set the 2015 Millage Rate to 5.777. David Huth seconded the motion. 2-3

Perry Barton voted yes.

David Huth voted yes.

Gayle Steed voted no.

Betty Lyle voted no.

Hattie thrasher voted no.

Motion failed.

Gayle Steed made a motion to set the 2015 Millage Rate to 5.018. Hattie Thrasher seconded the motion. 3-2

Perry Barton voted no.

David Huth voted no.

Gayle Steed voted yes.

Betty Lyle voted yes.

Hattie Thrasher voted yes.

Motion carried.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

A. CHANGE OF AUDITOR

Due to recent notification from the current Auditor that they would no longer be able to conduct the audit for City of Statham, and deadline requirements, there was not enough time to put out for bids for this service at this time.

Gayle Steed made a motion to authorize Mayor Robert Bridges to execute all documents required to authorize Hawkins & McNair to conduct the audit. Hattie Thrasher seconded the motion. Unanimous

B. SURPLUS VEHICLES AND POST ON GOVDEALS

Gayle Steed made a motion to surplus three city vehicles and post them on GovDeals. David Huth seconded the motion. Unanimous

C. TANK PRO CONTRACT

Perry Barton made a motion to accept the Tank Pro contract. Betty Lyle seconded the motion. Unanimous

D. NIXON/MCCRAINE PROPERTY

City Attorney Thomas Mitchell explained that two separate motions would be required for this item. The motions need to be voted on and recorded in the following order:

Perry Barton made a motion to authorize Mayor Robert Bridges to execute the Quit Claim Deed, quit claiming any of the city's interest in 2.812 acres that are reflected on the plat entitled Survey for Estate of Clifford Nixon dated 03/27/2015. David Huth seconded the motion. Unanimous

David Huth made a motion to accept the dedication of an easement 30ft wide on the SW boundary of the same property that is reflected in yellow also on the same plat. Gayle Steed seconded the motion. Unanimous

E. 1ST READING-ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT, CONDITIONAL USES FOR C-2

Perry Barton made a motion to waive the 1st Reading-Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment, Conditional Uses for C-2. Hattie Thrasher seconded the motion. Unanimous

6. OTHER BUSINESS:

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

9. ADJOURN:

David Huth made a motion to adjourn. Hattie Thrasher seconded the motion. Unanimous Meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm.