

**MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 19, 2016
7:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

City Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Robert Bridges at 7:06pm. Members present were Mayor Robert Bridges, Council Members Perry Barton, Gayle Steed, Betty Lyle, and Hattie Thrasher. Council Member David Huth was absent. Also in attendance was City Clerk Racheal Partain, Building & Code Enforcement Officer Randy Gordon, and Chief of Police Allan Johnston. City Attorney Thomas Mitchell was absent. Media was represented by Zac Taylor of the Barrow County News.

2. SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

A. LADIES HOMESTEAD GATHERING

Brooke Lewis-Slamkova, newly appointed President of the Ladies Homestead Gathering thanked Mayor and Council for support of their organization. Ms. Lewis said there were over 1200 visitors and 16 vendors during the Annual Sheep to Shawl event.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 15, 2016

Gayle Steed made a motion to approve the minutes from Council Meeting March 15, 2016. Betty Lyle seconded the motion. 4-0

B. SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 31, 2016

Perry Barton made a motion to approve the minutes from Special Called Meeting March 31, 2016. Hattie Thrasher seconded the motion. 4-0

4. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

A. BARROW COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES-STATEWIDE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT

Gayle Steed made a motion to approve Mayor Robert Bridges to execute all documents in regards to the Barrow County Emergency Services Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement. Hattie Thrasher seconded the motion. 4-0

B. BARROW COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM-REACH SCHOLARSHIP

According to City Attorney Thomas Mitchell, he would not recommend. The City does not have a statute to allow such donations.

Gayle Steed asked if there were any issues with the employees making a donation to the scholarship fund. Voluntary contributions can be made by the employees.

Perry Barton made a motion to not allow the City to make a donation to the Barrow County School System Reach Scholarship, but to allow employees to make voluntary donations. Gayle Steed seconded the motion. 4-0



C. QUIET ZONE PROPOSAL

Perry Barton made a motion to continue research on the Quiet Zone Proposal. Gayle Steed seconded the motion. 2-2

Perry Barton voted yes.

Gayle Steed voted yes.

Betty Lyle voted no.

Hattie Thrasher voted no.

Mayor Bridges broke the tie by voting no. He stated that he did not want to put any liability on the City of Statham.

Motion failed.

D. QUOTES FOR PURCHASE OF BACKHOE & BOBCAT

I. JOHN DEERE-\$140,801.65

- **BACKHOE-\$78865.57**

- **BOBCAT-\$61,936.08**

II. CASE-\$145,421.76

- **BACKHOE-\$81,888.24**

- **BOBCAT-\$63,533.52**

Randy Gordon stated that the quotes are comparable and the equipment that the City is currently using is not dependable and needs to be replaced as soon as possible to continue to do the work efficiently.

Gayle Steed asked to make it clear that this equipment would be on a payment plan, and that the John Deere had an extended warranty available.

Randy Gordon confirmed that the equipment would be on a five year payment plan and that an extended warranty was available with the John Deere equipment at an additional cost that would be included in the monthly payment.

Representative from Flint Equipment/John Deere, James Brown, explained that the extended warranty was 5 years or 5000 hours, whichever comes first. He also explained the warranty on the Bobcat was \$8,000, compared to the \$3,000 for the backhoe, and that it was a manufacturer's warranty.

Betty Lyle made a motion to approve the purchase of the Backhoe with the extended warranty and the Bobcat from John Deere. Hattie Thrasher seconded the motion. 4-0

6. OTHER BUSINESS:

A. TRUE AMERICAN CLASSIC, INC.-CONDITIONAL USE APPLICATION

Special Called Meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday May 10, 2016 at 6pm for the Public Hearing and vote on this item.

Budget Workshop will immediately follow the meeting.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was no Executive Session.

8. ADJOURN:

Perry Barton made a motion to adjourn. Hattie Thrasher seconded the motion. 4-0 Meeting was adjourned at 7:21pm.