

**MINUTES  
COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 18, 2016  
7:00 P.M.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Robert Bridges at 7:00pm.

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 Mai Chang, City Attorney Thomas Mitchell, and Building & Code Enforcement Officer Randy Gordon. Media was represented by Sharon Hogan of the Barrow Journal.

*Mayor Bridges presented the Pillar Award to Beth Whitehead for “Outstanding Services to the City of Statham Community”.*

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**A. COUNCIL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 20, 2016**

Gayle Steed made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2016 council meeting as written. Betty Lyle seconded the motion. 4-0

**3. OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. MILLAGE RATE FOR 2016 PROPERTY TAX**

Perry Barton made a motion to approve the 2016 millage rate at 5.133. Gayle Steed seconded the motion. 4-0

**B. 2<sup>ND</sup> READING OF THE AMENDMENT TO YARD SALE ORDINANCE**

City Attorney Thomas Mitchell explained that the purpose of the Amendment to Yard Sale Ordinance is to replace the word “City Clerk” with “Code Enforcement Officer” in the ordinance.

Gayle Steed made a motion to approve the amendment to the yard sale ordinance. Perry Barton seconded the motion. 4-0

**C. EMI- SEWER LINE**

Mayor Bridges explained that this is just changing directions of the sewer line and it is going to work out better.

Perry Barton made a motion to approve the changes on the EMI-Sewer Line. Hattie Thrasher seconded the motion. 4-0

**4. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. 1<sup>ST</sup> READING OF AMENDMENT TO ALCOHOL ORDINANCE**

City Attorney Thomas Mitchell explained that the legislature has changed the law regarding distances for alcohol related businesses from churches and schools. It is now up to the cities. Mr. Mitchell presented an ordinance based on the City of Winder’s ordinance and also explained that the City can specify which days it can be sold during the week but not on Sundays.

Mayor Bridges asked if there were any questions.

Perry Barton made comment that the Mexican Restaurant on Railroad St. had made a request to see if they would be able to serve beer and wine to help bring in more business and be more profitable.

Gayle Steed made a motion to waive the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Amendment to Alcohol Ordinance. Perry Barton seconded the motion. Gayle Steed and Perry Barton voted “yes”. Betty Lyle and Hattie Thrasher voted “no”. Mayor Bridges voted “yes” and broke the tie.

**B. MAYOR’S CHRISTMAS MOTORCADE**

Mayor Bridges explains that the Mayor’s Christmas Motorcade was discussed last month and asked if anybody wanted to take it on and let him know if they are interested.

Gayle Steed suggested that the City should take it on and could partner with one of the closer Cities in Barrow County to have them distributed.

Council members agreed to collect items listed on the Mayor’s Christmas Motorcade and have them dropped off at City Hall. Gayle Steed and Hattie Thrasher agreed to work together on this.

**5. OTHER BUSINESS:**

There was none.

**6. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

No executive Session.

**7. ADJOURN:**

There being no further business before the Council, Hattie Thrasher made a motion to adjourn. Perry Barton seconded the motion. 4-0

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.