

**MINUTES  
COUNCIL MEETING  
May 15, 2018  
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, Edward Jackson, Dwight McCormic, Hattie Thrasher and Betty Lyle. Also in attendance was City Administrator, Michelle Irizarry, City Clerk, Mai Chang, City Attorney, Thomas Mitchell, Public Works Director, Sam Powell. Media was represented by Ron Bridgeman of the Barrow Journal.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**A. Council Meeting, April 17, 2018**

Betty Lyle made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2018 Council meeting as written. Edward Jackson seconded the motion, unanimous.

**3. HEARING**

**A. BP- Suspension of Licenses**

Public hearing was opened at 7:01pm to 7:02pm

**4. OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading- Business Hours of Operations & Gaming Devices**

City Attorney stated information was provided to Mayor and Council last month and there are no changes.

Perry Barton made motion to adopt. Edward Jackson seconded the motion, unanimous.

**B. BP- Suspension of Licenses**

City Attorney, Thomas Mitchell stated a proposal was given in executive session last Thursday night and he understands that Mayor and Council are willing to accept the proposal. He read the agreement between the City and the owner of the BP into the record and Council need to vote to confirm that it is what they wish to do.

Perry Barton made motion to accept the proposal. Hattie Thrasher seconded the motion. Motion passed with Perry Barton, Hattie Thrasher, Edward Jackson and Dwight McCormic voting yes. Betty Lyle voted no. 4/1

**5. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. FY15 Audit**

City Administrator, Michelle Irizarry stated there is no findings, total net position increased by \$434,000; \$82,000 in General Fund and \$352,000 in Business.

**B. Public Works Week Proclamation**

City Administrator, Michelle Irizarry stated that the City would like to adopt the Public Works Week and recognize our public service employees for all their hard work and dedications.

Edward Jackson made motion to adopt the Public Works Week Proclamation. Betty Lyle seconded the motion, unanimous.

**C. Police Dept.**

Perry Barton stated as there has been talked about having other entity taking over Statham Police Department. Perry made motion to retain Chief Johnston, the officers and Statham Police Department as is permanently. Hattie Thrasher seconded the motion. Motion passed with Perry Barton, Edward Jackson, Hattie Thrasher and Betty Lyle voting yes. Dwight McCormic voted no. 4/1

**D. Unfair Treatment of Volunteers by Mayor & Police Dept.**

Dwight McCormic stated in light of the Public Works week, he is speaking on a recent chain of events. A couple of people got arrested trying to help the City; Tony McDaniel and Sondra Moore. Dwight explained what their intent was and then they got arrested and he is trying to uncover the intent of the arrest.

Mayor Bridges stated permission was never given for them to take samples without the Mayor present.

**6. CITIZENS CONCERN:**

**A. Richard Dien Winfield-** 10<sup>th</sup> District Congress

Richard Winfield stated he is a candidate for Congress, have lived in Athens for 35 years with wife and three children and is a 1<sup>st</sup> time office seeker. He is fighting for everyone to have a job, a fair wage, benefits, paid monthly leave of 9 months, Health care system and Medicare for all without a co-pay.

**B. Marcia Dufresne:** Police Dept.

Marcia Dufresne addressed Council of the Statham Police Dept. She have lived here for 40 years in the City limits, seen many changes and positive growth which is the direct reflection of the leadership of Mayor Bridges. She always felt a level of security in a small town because of the Police Dept. She goes on and on with good and positive things on the Police Dept.

**C. Tammy Crawley-** Safety of Streets of Statham

Tammy stated that the last meeting, she discussed the height of the street signs and crossing guards at the school. She is here to address the crossing guards. She also gave out names and phone numbers of the people that she had been in contact with. They told her that it was not their problem but the City.

Edward Jackson also made some comments. Mayor Bridges stated it is the responsibility of Barrow County School and they are also shorthanded too. Mayor Bridges will re-visit this issue.

**7. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

No executive session

**8. ADJOURN:**

There being no further business before the Council, Edward Jackson made a motion to adjourn. Dwight McCormic seconded the motion, unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.