

**MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING
July 17, 2018
7:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Robert Bridges at 6:59pm.

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, June 19 2018

Betty Lyle made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2018 Council meeting as written. Edward Jackson seconded the motion, unanimous.

3. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Rezoning Petition – Lakes of Statham

Sid Ransom informed Mayor and Council the land survey is to begin this week. They will do the 18” water table for the three sides and request City to approve.

Catherine Corkren asked question on what sewer problem was with the current sewer line in place a few months ago she was here and overheard a meeting between the City and Sid. Mr. Ransom explained the sewer outfall between the subdivision and the existing lines; the percentage accepted for the slope was 0.05% and most people like to stay in 0.07% and the discussion was they wanted to put it in. They’ve decided to run the outfall lines down the property across the street and then resolved it by having the appropriate slopes needed on the sewer line. The plan was produced and presented to the City.

Public hearing was opened at 7:00pm and closed at 7:04pm

4. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Ga Dept. of Corrections-Contract Renewal for Work Details

City Administrator, Michelle Irizarry explained the cost comparison for the prison contract. An emailed has been sent to Jackson County manager with questions. Questions asked from Council members re: employee cost verse the facilities. Dwight also mention ORR has been requested for log books of the inmates and he is still waiting for the information.

Dwight McCormic made motion to table until information is received back from Phillips Prison. Hattie Thrasher seconded the motion, unanimous.

B. 2nd Reading: Rezoning Petition- Lakes of Statham

Thomas Mitchell explained to Mayor and Council that they are incline to approve or decline with a detail condition.

Perry Barton made motion to approve the request of Lakes of Statham and that the City require houses built on this subdivision with slabs; the 18” water table. Edward Jackson seconded the motion, unanimous.

C. Ethics Board

Edward Jackson made motion to table it. Hattie Thrasher seconded the motion, unanimous.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Swear in Code Enforcement

City Attorney, Thomas Mitchell swear in Code Enforcement Officer, Juan Irwin from Bureau Veritas as the City's Code Enforcement Officer.

B. 1st Reading: Alcohol Ordinance Amendment for Church

City Attorney, Thomas Mitchell explained and gave out an ordinance similar to the one in 2016. Business will have to apply for distant requirement, post notices and there are opportunity for conditions. Thomas read out the two sentences that will change. Business owners will have to re-apply annually & is not transferable to new owners.

Edward Jackson made motion to waive 1st reading. Perry Barton seconded the motion. Motion passed with Edward Jackson, Perry Barton and Dwight McCormic voting yes. Hattie Thrasher and Betty Lyle voted no. 3/2

C. 1st Reading: Convenience Store Security Ordinance

Perry Barton made motion to waive 1st reading. Edward Jackson seconded the motion to table it, unanimous.

D. Alcohol License for Beer & Wine Sale

- BP Statham d/b/a BP Food Mart

Edward Jackson made motion to approve the business license for the beer and wine sale. Perry Barton seconded the motion, unanimous.

- Auburn Business Inc.

Edward Jackson made motion to approve the business license for the beer and wine sale. Hattie Thrasher seconded the motion, unanimous.

6. CITIZENS CONCERN:

A. Catherine Corkren- Agenda Policies, Crossing Guards & Police

Catherine Corkren stated that since January, there has been discussion about Sherriff's office taking over policing for Statham. Sherriff Smith and others including Dwight that he would like to come to Council meetings himself and present the proposal. She was asked not to quote him with his numbers. She read her recent emails from Sherriff Smith that she received on June 29, 2018. She also stated that Ms. Lyle told them that Perry Barton broke at least 4 ethics rule and read them out. She goes on about the agenda policy and how unethical it was and the City of Ethics.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Litigation

Motion made by Perry Barton to go into executive session at 7:29pm. Betty Lyle seconded the motion, unanimous.

Motion made by Dwight McCormic to come out of executive session at 8:01pm. Hattie Thrasher seconded the motion, unanimous.

8. ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the Council, Hattie Thrasher made motion to adjourn. Edward Jackson seconded the motion, unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02p.m.