

**MINUTES  
COUNCIL MEETING  
September 18, 2018  
7:00 P.M.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Council Meeting was called to order by Vice Mayor Perry Barton at 7:01pm.

Members present were Council Members Perry Barton, Edward Jackson, Dwight McCormic, Betty Lyle and Hattie Thrasher. Also in attendance was, City Clerk, Mai Chang, Public Works Director, Sam Powell, Chief Allan Johnston and City Attorney, Thomas Mitchell. Mayor Robert Bridges and City Administrator, Michelle Irizarry were absent. Media was represented by Ron Bridgeman of the Barrow Journal.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**A. Council Meeting, August 21, 2018**

Betty Lyle made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2018 Council meeting as written. Dwight McCormic seconded the motion, unanimous.

**B. Special Called Meeting, September 6, 2018**

Dwight McCormic made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2018 Special Called meeting as written. Hattie Thrasher seconded the motion, unanimous.

**3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

Public Hearing was opened at 7:03pm.

Public Hearing was closed at 7:04pm.

**4. OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. Proposed 2018 Millage Rate**

City Clerk, Mai Chang explained 2018 millage rate is 4.355 and that property value has gone up so property taxes will be about the same as 2017.

Edward Jackson made motion to accept the 2018 millage rate of 4.355. Hattie Thrasher seconded the motion, unanimous.

**B. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Amendment to Open Records Officer**

City Attorney, Thomas Mitchell explained that City can designate a second open records officers, one for the non-Police request and one for the Police request.

Edward Jackson made motion to accept the 2nd reading to the Amendment to Open Records Officer. Betty Lyle seconded the motion, unanimous.

**C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Rezoning 342 Price St. –R1 to R2 (Winding River Realty)**

Mr. Alvarez stated he already have everything lined up ready to go and will be in compliance with codes.

Edward Jackson made the motion to accept the rezoning request. Betty Lyle seconded the motion, unanimous.

**D. Christmas Festival**

Vice Mayor Perry Barton asked if there is any discussion. A comment made from a citizen. Council members also comment. No action taken.

**5. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Meeting Procedures**

City Attorney, Thomas Mitchell stated that the current version provides for other than Mayor and Council has 5 minutes to speak. The new provision gives a person 2 minutes with a total of 10 minutes for the topic and preference shall be given to citizens who reside inside the City of Statham first. See attached 1<sup>st</sup> Read Amendment to the Public Comment Ordinance. Council members also made comments.

Edward Jackson made motion to waive 1<sup>st</sup> reading with corrections asked. Hattie Thrasher seconded the motion, unanimous.

**6. CITIZENS CONCERN:**

**A. Mary Williams-** Questions for State of the City Police (*2545 Marixa Dr., Statham*)

Mary Williams asked “who said that Judd Smith was ready to come in and take over Statham Police” and “where did it come from?” Council member made comments also.

**7. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

No executive session.

**8. ADJOURN:**

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.