

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

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Robert Bridges at 7:01 p.m.

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

City Attorney, Thomas Mitchell swear in Ethics Board Committees.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. Special Called Meeting, November 15, 2018

Betty Lyle made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Called November 15, 2018 meeting as written. Hattie Thrasher seconded the motion, unanimous.

B. Council Meeting, November 20, 2018

Perry Barton made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2018 as written. Edward Jackson seconded the motion, unanimous.

3. PUBLIC HEARING:

A. Rezone Map Parcel ST02-070 from R4 to R1

Public hearing opened at 7:03pm and closed at 7:05pm

No comments

4. OLD BUSINESS:

A. 2nd Reading: Rezone Map Parcel ST02-070 from R4 to R1

Mai Chang stated that Mr. Jones is rezoning his property so that he can claim homestead on this property taxes with the bigger portion of his property. He is not present tonight due to him not able to drive at night.

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

5. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Remove Michelle Irizarry from Bank Accounts

City Clerk, Mai Chang stated that Michelle Irizarry needs to be removed from all City bank accounts because she is no longer employed here.

Perry Barton made motion to remove Michelle Irizarry from all bank accounts. Hattie Thrasher seconded the motion, unanimous.

B. Employee's Christmas Gift Cards

City Clerk, Mai Chang stated that in the past a \$35 gift card has been provide to all employees.

Edward Jackson made motion to approve the gift cards at \$35 each. Dwight McCormic seconded the motion. Motion passed with Edward Jackson, Dwight McCormic, Betty Lyle and Perry Barton voting yes. Hattie Thrasher voted no. 4/1

C. Annex/Rezone Map Parcels XX117-017 & XX115-060 from AG to CSO (R1)

Council members voice their opinions to table this item.

Perry Barton made motion to table this until further information received for water and sewer connections. Betty Lyle seconded the motion, unanimous.

D. Home Rule Amendments/Provision to the City's Charter

City Attorney, Thomas Mitchell explained the two Charter matters that needs to be consider tonight. The first one that can be done by Home Rule is the change to the Charter to allow ordinances to be adopted on the same night they are introduced if everybody is here and everybody is in agreement. This will require a few modifications to one of the sections in the Charter. Thomas reads the ordinance out section 2.13 and its replacement. If Council wants to adopt this as part of the Charter, it will have to be adopted tonight and then again in January 2019 and advertised three times. Thomas explained the second one. There are two provisions that need to be removed.

Discussion made by Council and City Attorney.

Dwight McCormic made motion to adopt the resolution. Hattie Thrasher seconded the motion, unanimous.

E. Reporting Database for Police

Chief Allan Johnston explained the change for the software systems between ALEN and Courtware and also Goldshield. The new software has a set fee every month no matter how many citations there are. The current Tasers with AXON that they currently carry is out of date and obsoleted and no parts for replacements. Chief would like Council's approval for the renewal.

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

6. CITIZENS CONCERNS:

Statham Business Assoc. – Wade Casto: Backflow Preventer Valves

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No executive session

8. ADJOURN:

Hattie Thrasher made motion to adjourn. Dwight McCormic seconded the motion, unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.