

MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING
June 18, 2019
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 Mayor Robert Bridges, Vice Mayor Perry Barton, Council Members Edward Jackson, Betty Lyle, Dwight McCormic and Hattie Thrasher. Also, in attendance was City Administrator, Mai Chang, City Clerk Kay Fortney, Public Works Director Sam Powell, Police Chief Allan Johnston, Interim Water Department Director Jordan McDaniel and City Attorney Thomas Mitchell. Media was represented by Scott Thompson of the Barrow Journal News.

Mayor Robert Bridges opened the meeting by stating because of the volume of business to be discussed, comments will be allowed no more than five minutes each.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. Special Called Meeting, April 17, 2019

Perry Barton made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2019 Special Called Council meeting as written. Dwight McCormic seconded the motion, unanimous.

B. Council Meeting, May 21, 2019

Perry Barton made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2019 Council meeting as written. Dwight McCormic seconded, unanimous.

C. Special Called Meeting, May 23, 2019

Perry Barton made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2019 Special Called Council meeting as written. Dwight McCormic seconded, unanimous.

D. Special Called Meeting, May 29, 2019

Perry Barton made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 29, 2019 Special Called Council Meeting as written. Dwight McCormic seconded, unanimous.

E. Special Called Meeting, June 6, 2019

Dwight McCormic made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2019 Special Called Council meeting. Edward Jackson seconded, unanimous

3. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Proposed FY20 Budget

There was discussion from the Council members about the budget being hard to read, about the corrections needing to be finished, and regarding employees raises.

Dwight McCormic made a motion to schedule a Special Called Meeting to review changes in the budget. Hattie Thrasher seconded, unanimous.

Edward Jackson made a motion to table the budget for now. Betty Lyle seconded, unanimous.

**B. 2nd Reading of Pawn Shop Zoning Ordinance
2nd Reading of Massage Parlor Zoning Ordinance**

Perry Barton made a motion to table ordinances for now. Betty Lyle seconded, unanimous.

C. 2nd Reading of Home Rule Amendment

Council members were satisfied with the added sections in the amendment and ready to proceed with the adoption.

Perry Barton made a motion to adopt the Home Rule Amendment. Dwight McCormic seconded, unanimous.

D. Casto Trading Co.- Statham Fireworks for July 3, 2019

Casto Trading offered to provide fireworks for the City on July 3, 2019. A free family event starting in downtown at dusk.

Edward Jackson made a motion to approve. Dwight McCormic seconded, unanimous.

E. Sean Murphey, Ken Wilson, Jason Waliman- Approval Final Plat Lakes of Statham

City Attorney Thomas Mitchell stated he did not approve of a couple of things. He has issues with title issues on easements. Changes need to be made with declarations of covenants. Special Called Meeting will be scheduled with approval in July's Work Session/Council meetings.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

A. New Department Ordinance-Fleet Maintenance

Perry Barton made motion to waive 1st Reading of ordinance. Betty Lyle seconded, unanimous.

B. Edward Jackson- Code Enforcement

Edward Jackson spoke about bringing back in house Code Enforcement and how it would save the City some money to do so. Perry Barton spoke about when Council votes they should be physically responsible to the citizens of Statham.

Edward Jackson made a motion to approve In House Code Enforcement. Perry Barton seconded. Perry Barton and Edward Jackson voted YES. Dwight McCormic, Betty Lyle and Hattie Thrasher voted NO. Motion Failed 2/3.

C. Chief Johnston- Code Enforcement

Chief Johnston spoke along with Edward Jackson about the In House Code Enforcement. Motion failed in Edward Jackson's motion to Council, so this was remove from table.

D. SDS Form2s

City Attorney Thomas Mitchell spoke about the mediation between City of Winder and Barrow County issues with water and road maintenance, but even with these issues Mayor of Winder is advising us to approve all 7 Form 2's. Unless Winder and Barrow County come to an agreement SDS will not carry.

Perry Barton made a motion to accept all seven (7) Forms of SDS. Edward Jackson seconded, unanimous.

5. CITIZENS CONCERNS:

Catherine Corkren- Personnel, City business, agenda policies. **Absent**

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Real Estate, Litigation

Hattie Thrasher made motion to move into Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. Betty Lyle seconded, unanimous.

Perry Barton made motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:28 p.m. Hattie Thrasher seconded, unanimous.

7. ADJOURN:

With no further business to discuss, Hattie Thrasher made a motion to adjourn. Dwight McCormic seconded, unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.