



# City of Statham

EMERGENCY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
MARCH 24, 2020  
5:30 P.M.

## I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Piper called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

In attendance were Mayor Piper, Councilmembers: Betty Lyle, Hattie Thrasher, Gary Venable, Dwight McCormick, and Tammy Crawley. Also in attended was Assistant City Clerk Sandra Bennett and Public Works Director Sam Powell.

## II. PLEDGE TO FLAG

Mayor Piper led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## III. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Emergency Declaration and Ordinance: A declaration of a State of Emergency arising because of COVID-19; an ordinance taking immediate emergency measures.

Mayor Piper went over the highlights of the declaration and a discussion followed. Councilmember Crawley asked about signs on the Dollar General, limiting the number of people inside. Mayor Piper answered that it was up to the individual business to enforce their own limits and rules. Councilmember McCormick asked about an end date, which was determined to be April 6, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. Councilmember Venable questioned about gyms, restaurants, and other businesses. He also wanted to address the budget meeting that is scheduled, which will be determined to be at a later date.

Chief Underwood explained that the officers would be going on 12-hour shifts (7am to 7pm) with more patrolling of neighborhoods. He and the officers will be out helping with EMS calls and any other needs that arise.

Councilmember Venable made a motion to approve the Emergency Declaration and Ordinance. Councilmember Crawley seconded the motion; the motion approved unanimously.

**First:** Venable

**Second:** Crawley

**Ayes:** Thrasher, Lyle, McCormick

**Nays:** None

#### **IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No Executive Session.

#### **V. ADJOURN**

Mayor Piper asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Venable made the motion to adjourn; Councilmember Lyle seconded the motion. Mayor Piper adjourned the meeting at 5:48 p.m.

#### **News & Information**

- The March 30, 2020 budget meeting has been postponed until further notice.
- City Hall will be closed to the public until further notice. All utility payments can be made online via the city's website; by calling 770-725-5455 to make a credit card payment; or by placing your payment in the payment box outside City Hall.
- The City will not be accepting any applications for the Community Center until further notice.