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**CITY COUNCIL**  
Perry Barton  
David Huth  
Betty Lyle  
Gayle Steed  
Hattie Thrasher

## City of Statham COUNCIL MEETING August 19, 2014 7:00 P.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting of the City of Statham City Council was called to order by Mayor Robert Bridges at 7:03 p.m. Members present were Mayor Robert Bridges and Council Members Perry Barton, David Huth, Betty Lyle, Gayle Steed, and Hattie Thrasher. Also in attendance were City Administrator Steve Martin; Code Enforcement Officer, Randy Gordon; City Attorney, Thomas Mitchell; Police Chief, Allan Johnston; and City Clerk Harriet Jett Kilpatrick. The media was represented by Bonnie Harper with the Barrow County News, and Katie Cofer with The Barrow Journal.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A. **COUNCIL MEETING – July 15, 2014**

Gayle Steed made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2014 council meeting as written. Betty Lyle seconded the motion. Unanimous.

3. **David Huth made a motion to amend the agenda. Perry Barton seconded the motion. Unanimous.**

4. **PUBLIC HEARING – OFFICIAL CITY MAP**

Mayor Bridges opened the item for public discussion and questions. There was no discussion and no questions. Perry Barton made a motion to exit the Public Hearing. David Huth seconded the motion. Unanimous.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

6. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. **2<sup>nd</sup> READING – OFFICIAL CITY MAP**

Perry Barton made a motion to adopt the Official City Map. Betty Lyle seconded the motion. Unanimous.

B. **M&M TRANSMISSION**

Todd Martin asked for a hardship variance for a family member who is living in an RV in front of M&M Transmission. Code Enforcement Officer Randy Gordon and City Administrator Steve Martin gave the council additional information to consider. Officer Gordon had previously given Mr. Martin 30 days to move the RV and asked him to move it from the front to the back of the business. Perry Barton made a motion to grant the 30-day extension; David Huth seconded the motion. Unanimous. Todd Martin asked if the extension was 30 days from today's date, and the council clarified that it was 30 days from today (08/19/2014).



**C. PURCHASES - \$7,000.00 APPROVED IN BUDGET**

City Administrator, Steve Martin asked for approval to spend the \$7,000.00 in the budget, and asked for an additional \$500.00 if needed for the following equipment:

- (i) Riding Lawn Mower
- (ii) Weed Eater
- (iii) Edger
- (iv) Blower

David Huth made a motion to approve the purchase with an additional \$500.00 if necessary; Betty Lyle seconded the motion. Unanimous.

**D. SURPLUS EQUIPMENT DISPOSAL**

City Administrator, Steve Martin asked for approval to begin surplus the following vehicles, one at a time, and use the proceeds to purchase five replacement vehicles, one at a time. 1 for Building Department, 1 for Water Plant, 2 for Street Department, and 1 for City Hall:

- (i) 2 – 2006 Crown Victoria Police Cars
- (ii) 1 – 1999 Crown Victoria Police Car
- (iii) 1 – 1994 Ford F150 Work Truck (Grey) – Street Department
- (iv) 1 – 1996 GMC Jimmy
- (v) 1 – 1995 Ford F150 Work Truck (White) Water Plant

David Huth made a motion to approve the surplus of the vehicles. Hattie Thrasher seconded the motion. Unanimous.

**E. RENAMING OF THE PARK STREET PARK TO “HILLMAN-RAINWATER PARK”**

Hattie Thrasher made a motion to change the name of the Park Street Park to the Hillman-Rainwater Park. David Huth seconded the motion. Unanimous.

City Administrator Steve Martin requested that there be a formal recognition “ceremony” and stated that he would organize it.

**F. HIRING 1 POSITION FOR STREET DEPARTMENT**

City Administrator Steve Martin stated that one employee is out on extended medical leave and one employee is retiring at the end of the year. This position was already approved and the department is close to identifying and offering the position to a candidate. Perry Barton made a motion that the City hire a Street Department employee now. Gayle Steed seconded the motion. Unanimous.

**G. McCARTY ROAD REPAVING PROJECT**

- Lowest bid is from Stewart Brothers for \$85,175.00
- LMIG funds = \$18,656.51
- City will fund:
- From 2005 SPLOST: \$15,027.13 (will leave zero balance)
- From 2006 SPLOST: \$21,755.19 (Total in account: \$96,755.19; \$75,000.00 allocated for Streetscape project.)
- \$18,656.51 + 15,027.13 + 21,755.19 = \$55,438.83.
- \$85,175.00 – 55,438.83 = \$29,736.17 we need to find funding.

City Administrator Steve Martin recommended that the council table this item to the September meeting to collect bids. Gayle Steed made a motion to table this item to the September meeting. Hattie Trasher seconded the motion. Unanimous.

**H. SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL**

City Administrator Steve Martin stated that the DOT had to redesign around our sewer main. The city has to install 600 feet of railing because of the elevation of the DOT redesign. DOT's estimate is \$30,000.00 if they perform the work. If the city performs the work, it will cost significantly less than \$30,000.00. Mr. Martin suggested that the Council authorize Mayor Bridges to send a letter to the DOT accepting responsibility for the handrails.

Perry Barton made a motion to approve the City perform the work and authorize Mayor Bridges to accept responsibility on behalf of the City. Betty Lyle seconded the motion. Unanimous.

**I. BOY SCOUT "CAMPENEER" WEEKEND – 10/10/14 – 10/12/14**

All of the Boy Scout troops from Barrow and Jackson Counties (approximately 100 Boy Scouts, approximately 150 people total) want to camp out at Furr Lane park for the weekend of 10/10/14 – 10/12/14. Arriving at 6:00 p.m. on Friday evening and departing at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday. They requested use of the building and restrooms for the weekend. Do we allow them to use the park and the building free of charge for the weekend?

David Huth made a motion to approve the Boy Scout use of the park for the designated weekend and to waive the fees. Gayle Steed seconded the motion. Unanimous.

**J. REQUEST TO RENAME FURR LANE PARK TO ROBERT BRIDGES PARK. (From Item #3, Request to Amend Agenda)**

Gayle Steed made a motion to rename Furr Lane Park to Robert Bridges Park. Perry Barton seconded the motion. City Administrator Steve Martin stated that he will arrange a dedication ceremony.

**7. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Sunflower Festival – Betty Lyle reported that there were 90+ vendors signed up. The next meeting of the Sunflower Festival Committee is 08/25/2014 at 7:00 p.m.

**8. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

**9. ADJOURN**

There being no further business before the Council, Hattie Thrasher made a motion to adjourn. David Huth seconded the motion, unanimous. The meeting of the City of Statham City Council adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Harriet Jett Kilpatrick, City Clerk