

**MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 17, 2018
7:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Robert Bridges at 7:00pm.

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. Council Meeting, March 20, 2018

Betty Lyle made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2018 Council meeting as written. Edward Jackson seconded the motion, unanimous.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Building Dept. Contractors

- Bureau Veritas
- Charles Abbott Associates, Inc. (CAA)

City Administrator, Michelle Irizarry gave the cost comparison on both of the contractors and asked if anybody need any additional information. She recommended to go with Bureau Veritas.

Perry Barton, Edward Jackson and Dwight McCormic voted yes. Hattie Thrasher and Betty Lyle voted no. Motion passed with 3/2.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Business Hours of Operations & Gaming Devices

City Attorney, Thomas Mitchell stated he provided what the city's ordinance last Thursday on more lead ways on regulating gaming devices, gaming machines and establishment and would need motion to waive first read.

Perry Barton made motion to waive first reading. Betty Lyle seconded the motion, unanimous.

B. Re-Certify as City of Ethics

City Clerk, Mai Chang stated that it is time for City of Statham to re-certify as a City of Ethics by adopting the five ethics principles.

Perry Barton made motion to approve to re-certify the City. Hattie Thrasher seconded the motion, unanimous.

C. Car Show –May 5, 2018

Mayor Bridges stated that Mike from the Antique Store wants to do the car show with the event on May 5th and needs Council's approval.

Dwight McCormic made motion to approve car show. Hattie Thrasher seconded the motion, unanimous.

D. Dwight McCormic:

- **Reinstatement of the Public Works, Streets, and Water/Sewer Committee**

Dwight McCormic explained they are going to re-instate this committee with Edward Jackson, chair, Dwight McCormic, co-chair and Jordan McDaniel from the Water Dept. He invited any citizens to help straighten out some of the issues with water and sewer. It's important and vital for the City and the people of the City to come to these committee meetings. There were lack of participation in the past. Dwight and Edward has tentatively decided to setup to meet on Thursday May 3, 2018 at 6:30pm at City Hall.

- **Consideration of having Sheriff's office assume policing duties for the City**

Dwight McCormic stated he don't have anything on this tonight. He does not have enough information to present tonight but will spend all next month to gather the info from the City and County.

E. BP- Suspension of Licenses

City Attorney, Thomas Mitchell stated that Chief Johnston has reported to Mayor and Council last week and he has been able to determine that the store has violated a couple of laws. Thomas reads the City ordinance on business license section 34-54; revocation of licenses and explained what it means. If they Mayor and Council chose to act tonight, BP will not be able to operate until next month's meeting. Thomas suggested they hear a brief statement from Chief Johnston and then allow the owner of BP to respond. The alcohol ordinance allows to suspend or revoke the alcohol license after a hearing is given. Depending on the direction of the Chief and City Administrator, there may be notice given to the owner of the hearing to be at the same time as the Council meeting next month.

Chief Johnston stated information was reported last Thursday to Mayor and Council on what happened. He also looked at complaints that citizens have brought forward and there had indications of activities going on. An arrest was made due to narcotic sale on the BP premises pending adjudication.

Amanda Cronic, the store manager spoke regarding the employee that was arrested. Kenny Nurani and his son apologized and spoke regarding the business and is willing to make any changes necessary.

Perry Barton made motion to revoke business license and look into home as dwelling. Dwight McCormic seconded the motion. Perry Barton, Dwight McCormic, Edward Jackson and Betty Lyle voting yes. Hattie Thrasher voted no. Motion passed with 4/1.

5. CITIZENS CONCERN:

A. Robert Wilson: Ride for the Fallen (May 19th)

Robert Wilson stated that this will be the 5th annual ride for the fallen. He would like to request to use Railroad Street on May 19, 2018 from 6am to 2pm for this event in front of the Veteran's Memorial. There will be free lunches, over 250 people attending this year and they give the Wall of Heroes a 100% of the fund.

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

B. Marcia Dufresne: Police Dept. (Absent)

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No executive session

7. ADJOURN:

There being no further business before the Council, Edward Jackson made a motion to adjourn. Hattie Thrasher seconded the motion, unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.