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MINUTES COUNCIL MEETING October 15, 2019 7:00 P.M.

A. CALL TO ORDER:

Council Meeting was called to order by Vice Mayor Perry Barton at 7:01 p.m.

Members present were Vice Mayor Perry Barton, Council Members: 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, and City Attorney Thomas Mitchell. Media was represented by Ron Bridgeman of the Barrow Journal News.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Special Called Meeting, September 12, 2019

Betty Lyle made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2019 Special Called Council meeting as written. Hattie Thrasher seconded. 3/3

2. Council Meeting, September 17, 2019

Hattie Thrasher made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2019 Council meeting as written. Dwight McCormic seconded. 3/3

C. PUBLIC HEARING:

Went into Public Hearing at 7:03 p.m.

1. 2019 Property Millage Rates

City Administrator Mai Chang explained that the millage rate for 2019 is 4.193, which is lower than 2018.

Public Hearing ended at 7:07p.m.

D. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Veto of Relocation of Statham Police Department

City Attorney Thomas Mitchell explained to the Council that the veto made by Mayor in September needs 4 majority votes to override. Perry Barton said if Council was o.k. with his recommendation, he would rather table to discuss at next meeting. Thomas stated he read the charter and a veto cannot be tabled for next meeting. It has to be done the meeting after the veto took place.

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E. NEW BUSINESS:

1. 2019 Property Tax Millage Rates

Dwight McCormic made motion to approve 2019 millage rate at 4.193. Hattie Thrasher seconded. 3/3

2. Water Agreement with city of Winder

City Administrator Mai Chang explained that the cost would be \$1.00 per 1,000 gallons per day for the first 30,000 gallons. It would be \$3.50 per 1,000 gallons if over 30,000 gallons, which is still less than Barrow County.

Dwight McCormic made motion to approve City of Winder Water Agreement. Betty Lyle seconded. 3/3

3. Pillar Award Recipient

Discussion & suggestions made for pillar award recipient. Hattie Thrasher made a recommendation to nominate the Statham Lions Club. Hattie Thrasher made a motion to approve the Statham Lions Club being the Pillar Award recipient. Dwight McCormic seconded. 3/3

F. CITIZENS CONCERNS:

1. Joe Piper- Water

Mr. Piper expressed his understanding that the fire hydrant on Broad Street would be repaired. The part for it is shipping on Friday of this week.

2. Gary Venable- Tree Committee Business

A. The removal of the last sentence from the Tree Removal Easement, having to do with dismissing the liability of the city when a tree on the ROW/ personal property is removed. Dwight McCormic made a motion to remove last sentence taking away the waiver. No second. Motion failed.

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B. Hiring of licensed, liability insured contractors for all tree removals. Dwight McCormic made a motion to approve. Hattie Thrasher seconded. 3/3.

C. Combining Greenspace & Tree Committee. Dwight McCormic made motion to approve. No second. Motion failed.

3. Edmund Nelson-Beer & Wine

Mr. Nelson owns and operates Edee's BBQ. He would like to start the process of getting approved for the license for beer and wine. He is proposing to Council to build a stand alone bar, and have full service on weekends. He said it would probably be after first of the year so he wouldn't have to pay again for license renewal which the city can pro-rate, but he would have to reapply.

4. Catherine Corkren- Ethics Ordinance Hearing and Thomas Mitchell & Kay Fortney.

She just wanted to remind Council what was said last week and can't have ethics meeting without all of witnesses here.

G. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

No Executive Session needed.

H. ADJOURN:

With no further business to discuss, Hattie Thrasher made a motion to adjourn. Dwight McCormic seconded. 3/3

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.