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**PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING**

**OCTOBER 20, 2020**

**7:00 P.M.**

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## **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Piper called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### Roll Call

Present: Mayor Piper and Council Members Crawley, Lyle, McCormic, Thrasher, Venable

Also present: Sandra Bennett, City Clerk; Ira Underwood, Police Chief and Jody Campbell, City Attorney

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Piper led the Pledge of Allegiance and thanked everyone who has or does serve the armed forces.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor Piper opened the public hearing at 7:01 p.m. He explained the 4.003 millage rollback rate. There was no discussion from Council or from the public. At 7:03 p.m., Councilmember Venable made a motion to close the public hearing. Councilmember Crawley seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

1. **Millage Rate** – The 2020 millage rate is 4.193 as determined by the 2020 County Tax Digest and approved by City Council. The millage rollback rate for the tax year 2021 is 4.003.

## **VOTING ITEMS**

Applicant T.J. Gay and attorney Stanton Porter presented a more detailed plan for items V-20-01 and V-20-02. It was discussed by most councilmembers, and questions were asked about the flood lines. Councilmember McCormic stated he visited the property and saw pictures of flooding and voiced his concern of potential flooding. Councilmember Crawley discussed FEMA and how FEMA determines flood zones. Councilmembers Thrasher and Lyle also had concerns with flooding, and Councilmember Venable asked about lot sizes. Councilmember Thrasher made a motion to deny both variance requests V-20-01 and V-20-02. Councilmember Lyle seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

1. **V-20-01** Laurene Hall Estate, Shirley McElroy, co-executor, as property owner, T. J. Gay, applicant, seek a variance to the Statham Unified Development Code, Article 2, “Zoning Districts and Official Zoning Map,” Section 2-205, “SR-2, Suburban Residential-2 Zoning District,” to reduce the required front principal building setback from 30 feet to 20 feet for property (2.678 acres) (Map/Parcel ST04/088) fronting on the east side of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street (State Route 211) and the north side of Lakewood Drive. Proposed use: Single-family detached subdivision (3 lots/homes)
2. **V-20-02** Laurene Hall Estate, Shirley McElroy, co-executor, as property owner, and T. J. Gay, applicant, seek a variance to the Statham Unified Development Code, Article 4, “Overlay

Districts,” Division I, “Water Supply Watersheds,” Section 4-109, “Regulations for Small Water Supply Watersheds,” to reduce the required minimum impervious surface setback of 150 feet and minimum required buffer of 100 feet from the stream on the property feet for property (2.678 acres) (Map/Parcel ST04/088) fronting on the east side of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street (State Route 211) and the north side of Lakewood Drive. Proposed use: Single-family detached subdivision (3 lots/homes).

3. **Millage Rate** - To approve the millage rollback rate of 4.003 for the tax year 2021. Statham tax bills will be due 90 days after mail date.

Councilmember Crawley made a motion to approve the millage rollback rate of 4.003 for the tax year 2021. Councilmember McCormic seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

## **MINUTE APPROVAL**

1. October 5, 2020 Work Session Minutes

Councilmember Crawley made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 5, 2020 Work Session. Councilmember McCormic seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Added Citizen Input: Betty Kinney asked to speak and reported that the ALS walk raised \$1,755.00. She thanked Statham for their support and the use of the park.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** - Pursuant to the attorney-client privilege and as provided by Georgia Code section 50-14-2(1), a meeting otherwise required to be open was closed to the public in order to consult and meet with legal counsel pertaining to pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the agency or any officer or employee or in which the agency or any officer or employee may be directly involved and the matter discussed was **pending or potential litigation**.

At 7:42 p.m., Councilmember Thrasher made a motion to enter Executive Session. Councilmember Venable seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

At 7:54 p.m., Councilmember McCormic made a motion to exit executive session. Councilmember Thrasher seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

City Attorney announced that pending litigation was discussed, but no votes were taken regarding that matter. The Mayor and Council also discussed or authorized negotiations to purchase, dispose of or lease property in Executive Session.

Councilmember Crawley made a motion to sell 1921 Broad Street for \$120,000.00 to Martha Mitchem. Councilmember McCormic seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Chief Underwood verbally provided a Statham Police Department monthly report. The report included the numbers of arrests, confiscations, traffic tickets and other police business. Halloween night festivities was also covered, and it was stated that the City has been receiving a lot of help to cover this event.

## **ADJOURN**

At 8:10 p.m., Councilmember Thrasher made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Crawley seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.