



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

NOVEMBER 17, 2020

7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

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

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Piper and Council Members Lyle, McCormic, Thrasher, Venable and Crawley
Also Present: Sandra Bennett, City Clerk 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.

VOTING ITEMS

1. **Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance, First Reading:** An Ordinance to amend the City of Statham Alcohol License Fee Schedule pursuant to Section 6-12 of Chapter 6 of the Code of Ordinances.

Council Member Crawley made the motion to approve the Ordinance, and Council Member McCormic seconded. The Ordinance passed unanimously.

2. **Occupational Tax Ordinance, First Reading:** An Ordinance to amend the City of Statham Occupation Tax Fee Schedule pursuant to Section 34-30 of Chapter 34 of the Code of Ordinances.

Council Member McCormic made the motion to approve the Ordinance, and Council Member Lyle seconded. The Ordinance passed unanimously.

3. **Resolution Establishing Findings of Fact for Variance Applications:** A Resolution formally adopting the findings of fact that the City Council stated were the basis for denial of V-20-01 and V-20-02.

Council Member Venable made the motion to approve the Resolution, and Council Member Crawley seconded. The Resolution was accepted unanimously.

4. **Final Plat Lakes of Statham**

City Attorney, Jody Campbell, explained the Pacific Group had completed the request for the right-of-way that Planning & Zoning Administrator, Jerry Weitz, had asked for, and that all bonds had been paid. It was also discussed that all water and sewer tests had been completed and were accepted. Council Member McCormic asked for sidewalks, and Mr. Richard Cooper of the Pacific

Group said he would look into the addition of sidewalks, but it depended on the speed limit in that area and GDOT requirements.

Council Member McCormick made a motion to approve the Final Plat of Lakes of Statham, and Council Member Crawley seconded. Council Member Venable voted to approve, while Council Members Lyle and Thrasher voted against. The Motion passed 3-2.

5. **Tree City USA Proclamation:** A resolution to designate the City of Statham as a Tree City USA.

January 9th, 2021 will be declared as Arbor Day in the City of Statham. Council Member Venable made the motion for the Mayor to sign the Proclamation. Council Member McCormick seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT: None

MINUTE APPROVAL

1. November 5th, 2020 Work Session and Public Hearing Minutes

Council Member Crawley made the motion to accept the Minutes from the November 5th, 2020 Work Session. Council Member Venable seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

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 7:23 p.m., Council Member Venable made a motion to enter Executive Session. Council Member Crawley seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

At 7:32 p.m., Council Member Crawley made the motion to exit Executive Session, and Council Member Lyle seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member McCormick made a motion to approve the settlement agreement between the City of Statham and Johnny Wood that was reached at the mediation, and to authorize Mayor Piper to sign the agreement. Council Member Crawley seconded. Council Members McCormick, Crawley, Venable and Lyle approved the settlement agreement. Council Member Thrasher voted against the settlement agreement. The motion passed 4-1.

ADJOURN

At 7:33 p.m., Council Member Venable made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Crawley seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.