



City of Statham

**MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 30, 2020
6:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The special called meeting of the City of Statham City Council was called to order by Mayor Joe Piper at 6:07 p.m.

Members present were Mayor Joe Piper and Council Members Tammy Crawley, Betty Lyle, Dwight McCormic, Hattie Thrasher and Gary Venable. Also, in attendance was City Attorney Jody Campbell, City Clerk Susan Gabriel, and City Planner Jerry Weitz.

2. PLEDGE TO FLAG

Mayor Piper opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and thanked the veterans and their families.

**3. PUBLIC HEARING:
UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE, INCLUDING A REVISED
OFFICIAL ZONING MAP**

Jerry Weitz answered questions asked by the public and by council members.

Gary Venable made a motion to close the public hearing. Tammy Crawley seconded the motion, unanimous.

**4. RESOLUTION # 20-008, A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE JOINT
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR BARROW COUNTY AND THE
CITIES OF BETHLEHEM, CARL, STATHAM & WINDER, 2018
UPDATE AS IT PERTAINS TO THE CITY OF STATHAM**

Gary Venable made a motion to approve the resolution. Tammy Crawley seconded the motion, unanimous.

5. ADOPTION OF THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT CODE OF THE CITY OF STATHAM, INCLUDING OFFICIAL ZONING MAP

Discussion centered around allowing recreational vehicles and boats to be parked in the historic residential district. Jerry Weitz said an amendment could be made to the Unified Development Code.

Dwight McCormic made a motion to approve the Unified Development Code with a change to Table 2-1 to allow recreational vehicles or boats to be parked openly in the historic residential district in the back of the property. Gary Venable seconded the motion. Tammy Crawley, Dwight McCormic, Hattie Thrasher, and Gary Venable voted yes. Betty Lyle voted no. Motion carried.

6. FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 AMENDED AUDIT

Mayor Piper explained that the auditor made an adjustment, and therefore the audit was amended.

Tammy Crawley made a motion to accept the amended audit. Gary Venable seconded the motion, unanimous.

7. CONTRACT FOR AUCTIONEER FOR 1921 BROAD STREET

Attorney Jody Campbell worked with the auction firm to make the contract suitable for the city to sell the property at 1921 Broad Street. The auction is scheduled for August 25, 2020.

Tammy Crawley made a motion to approve the contract. Dwight McCormic seconded the motion, unanimous.

8. EDEE'S BBQ BEER & WINE AND ALCOHOL BY THE DRINK LICENSE

Edmund Nelson said the build out is almost finished. He also said the State of Georgia has expedited his application for alcohol, and the state is waiting for the city's approval of the alcohol license for Edee's BBQ.

Gary Venable made a motion to approve the beer & wine and alcohol by the drink license for Edee's BBQ. Betty Lyle seconded the motion, unanimous.

9. WASTE PRO CONTRACT

The contract is for a renewable one-year period since the contract cannot outlive the current council. The rate went up 50 cents per month and will begin July 1, 2020. Rate increases are subject to council approval.

Dwight McCormic made a motion to continue Waste Pro as the city's waste removal company. Gary Venable seconded the motion, unanimous.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION (PERSONNEL)

Gary Venable made a motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel. Tammy Crawley seconded the motion, unanimous. The council went into executive session at 6:31 p.m.

Hattie Thrasher made a motion to come out of executive session. Gary Venable seconded the motion, unanimous. The council came out of executive session at 6:52 p.m.

City Attorney Jody Campbell made the following statement: “On June 30, 2020, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Statham entered into a closed, executive session to allow for protected attorney-client discussions related to the hiring and firing of city personnel. No votes or actions were taken during this closed session. A copy of the Resolution signed by the Mayor and City Council as well as the Affidavit signed by the Mayor attesting to these facts will be included with the minutes.”

11. ADJOURN

There being no further business before the Council, Gary Venable made a motion to adjourn. Hattie Thrasher seconded the motion, unanimous. The special called meeting of the City of Statham City Council adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Gabriel, City Clerk