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**REGULAR MEETING – February 21, 2023**

**7:00 P.M.**

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**CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Piper called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Piper and Councilmembers Krause, Patterson, Penn, Thrasher, and Venable.

Also Present: City Attorney Jody Campbell, City Clerk Ashya Fambrough and PD Personnel

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-** Mayor Piper led the Pledge of Allegiance and thanked all the Veterans and their families for their service.

#### **MINUTE APPROVAL**

1. February 9, 2023 Work Session Minutes

Councilmember Patterson made a motion to approve the February, 9 Work Session Minutes. Councilmember Venable seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **VOTING ITEMS**

- 1. Resolution- R-22-04** (*Tabled from January 17, 2023 Regular Meeting*): Resolution of the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Statham requesting the introduction of local legislation amending the Charter of the City of Statham, Georgia to provide for term limits in the Office of Mayor and City Council.

City Attorney made a change to the second sentence in Section 2.04 of the proposed resolution to ...shall not be eligible to hold the same elected office for the succeeding term. Councilmember Venable made a motion to approve resolution R-22-04 with the change. Councilmember Penn seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-1 with Councilmember Thrasher voting no.

- 2. Design Build Memorandum of Understanding:** To approve the signing of a MOU between Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and the City of Statham to provide interchanges at SR 8/ SR 316 @ CR 329 (Barber Creek Road) and SR 8/ SR 316/

US 29 @ SR 211 (Bethlehem Road) in Barrow County, Georgia by contract as authorized by O.C.G.A. 32-2-81.

Mayor Piper and City Attorney Jody Campbell reviewed the Memorandum. Councilmember Venable made a motion to approve the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding. Councilmember Krause seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- 3. Statham Library 2023 Easter Egg Hunt:** The Statham Public Library is hosting an Easter egg hunt in partnership with the Baptist Church on Saturday, April 1, 2023 from 12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m. The hunt will be on the grounds of the Baptist Church and an estimated 100 children will be in attendance. The Library has provided a certificate of liability insurance coverage. There are no street closures involved and no public safety personnel is requested.

Councilmember Krause wanted clarification on why Council had to vote on an event held on private property. Mayor Piper stated the reason is due to it involving the public library. Councilmember Krause made a motion to approve the Statham Library 2023 Easter Egg Hunt. Councilmember Patterson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- 4. 2023 Statham Spring Fest:** The Statham Lions Club is hosting the 2023 Statham Spring Fest on Saturday, April 29, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. in Downtown Statham. This event is co-sponsored by the City of Statham and an estimated 200-400 patrons will be in attendance. Road closures include the following for the duration of the event from setup to closing time: 2nd Street between Broad Street and Railroad Street, and Railroad Street between 2nd Street and Jefferson Street. Statham Police Department has been notified and will provide uniformed officers for pedestrian traffic control. The City of Statham and the Statham Lions Club have provided certificates of liability insurance.

Councilmember Patterson wanted to know if the city is providing police for the event free of charge and in what ways do the Lions Club give back to the city. Mayor Piper stated that as a 501c3 regulation require that funds raised be used in that same community. Lions Club operates a vision program and works with cancer patients. Councilmember Patterson made a motion to approve 2023 Spring Fest. Councilmember Penn seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously with Councilmember Venable abstaining due to his affiliation with the Lions Club.

- 5. G.S.G. Investments, LLC Baseball Lease Agreement**

Councilmember Krause requested that G.S.G. provide an end of season report of any work done and improvements made to the field. Mayor Piper stated they plan on replacing the light poles. Councilmember Krause wanted clarification that work would be done according to city specifications and requirements. City Attorney Campbell confirmed that the work would have to be performed according to the city or the funds can be given to the city and the city contract the work to their vendor of choice. Councilmember Krause made a motion to approve the signing of the lease agreement with G.S.G, Investments. Councilmember Penn seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Venable requested Council set a Special Called Meeting to discuss ARPA funds. Possible dates were discussed but to meeting date and time was set.

Mayor Piper requested a motion to add Voting Item 6: Sale of Tornado Siren. Councilmember Venable made a motion to amend the agenda and add Voting Item 6: Sale of Tornado Siren. Councilmember Penn seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **6. Sale of Tornado Siren**

Mayor Piper recommended the siren be sold on GovDeals with a reserve. The siren was purchased 3 years prior for \$2, 500.00. Councilmember Penn wanted to know if the actual value of the item had been determined and Mayor Piper stated it has not. Mayor Piper added that according to Barrow County it would cost one million dollars to make the siren work with their system. Councilmember Venable made a motion to sell the siren on GovDeals with a \$250.00 reserve. Councilmember Patterson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **ADJOURN**

At 7:29 p.m., Mayor Piper asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Penn made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Krause seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.