

CITY OF STATHAM

MINUTES

Statham City Hall

327 Jefferson Street, Statham, GA 30666



WORK SESSION – March 9, 2023

6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER -Mayor Piper called the meeting to order at 6:30 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 the Veterans and their families for their service and sacrifice.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

Councilmember Krause made a motion to move the presentation: Source Water Quality Evaluation Report from Engineering Management, Inc. – presented by Jerry Hood and Fletcher Holliday to next on the agenda and to move the Boo on Broad 5K and Sunflower Festival to Items 1 and 2 under New Business. Councilmember Patterson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

Source Water Quality Evaluation Report from Engineering Management, Inc. – presented by Jerry Hood and Fletcher Holliday.

Jerry Hood and Fletcher Holiday reviewed the report and recommended treating with EarthTec and blending if EarthTec is not enough alone. Mr., Holliday noted that to run the plant there will need to be at least 1 Class I water Operator and the other operators can be Class II or III.

MINUTE APPROVAL

1. February 21, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes (Provided to Council on February 24, 2023)

Councilmember Krause made a motion to approve the February 21, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes. Councilmember Penn seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

1. Finance Department
2. Police Department

3. Public Works Department

Mayor Piper gave a brief overview of the reports. Council agreed to call a Special Called Meeting on April 13, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. for budget amendments and to discuss ARPA funds.

Chief Underwood reviewed Officer Russo and Nora's captures and drug alerts. Council formally thanked the Conservative Republican women of Northeast Georgia for Officer Nora's vest.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Boo on Broad 5K:** 5K will be held October 28, 2023 from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Run route begins at the intersection of 3rd Street and Broad Street, and proceeds down Broad Street turning right onto 8th Street, proceed down 8th Street and turning right onto Railroad St., proceeding down Railroad St. to 1946 Railroad St. and turning around and reversing the entire route, at the intersection of Broad Street and 3rd Street, turning right onto 3rd Street and ending in the Statham Elementary lot. Road closures will be needed on Broad Street and Railroad Street. The Statham Police Department has been notified and will assist with traffic control during the race. A Certificate of Liability Insurance Coverage has been provided.

Tim Terilli was present. Last year was the first year and the 5K had 18 sponsors and 102 finishers. The 5K donated to Statham Elementary, Bear Creek Middle School, and the American Legion Riders. Both schools purchased running equipment with the donations and Statham Elementary hosted a literacy program also.

2. **Sunflower Festival:** The 2023 Sunflower Festival will be held on September 16, 2023 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. This event is co-sponsored by the City of Statham. Statham Police Department has been notified and will provide uniformed officers for pedestrian traffic control. Road closures for the event include 2nd Street between Broad St. and Railroad St., and Railroad Street from 2nd Street down to approximately 1946 Railroad Street. Jefferson Street will not be closed, and pedestrian traffic will be monitored.

Betty Lyle and Eddie Jackson were present. Ms. Betty stated that this will be her last year running the event. She met with City Accountant April Stephen and does not plan to make it a city event nor turn funds from the event over to the city. Councilmember Venable is fine with the current arrangements of all events with the city and feel the events bring in far more than the overtime costs. Council overall felt that the event will continue as is and thanked her for her 24 years of assisting with the event. Eddie Jackson noted that in

addition to the food drive the funds are used toward the festival paid off lunch account for Statham Elementary students also.

- 3. O-23-01 - Ordinances to Accept Dedication of Lakes of Statham Easements:** *First reading.* To accept the dedication of sanitary sewer and water easements and related infrastructure from D.R. Horton, Inc. of +/- 0.726 acres of property on Providence Road.

City Attorney Jody Campbell provided an overview of the ordinances and corresponding bill of sales.

- 4. O-23-02 – Ordinances to Accept Dedication of Lakes of Statham Easements:** *First reading.* To accept the dedication of sanitary sewer and water easements and related infrastructure from the Lakes of Statham Community Association, Inc. of +/- 0.726 acres of property on Providence Road.

No comments.

- 5. O-23-03 – Ordinances to Accept Dedication of Lakes of Statham Easements:** *First reading.* To accept the dedication of sanitary sewer easements and related infrastructure from GDCI GA 7, LP of +/- 0.381 acres of property on Providence Road.

No comments.

- 6. Sanitary Sewer Easements and Bill of Sale & Assignment:** To approve the mayor to execute the Sanitary Sewer Easement and Bill of Sale between GDCI GA 7, L.P. and the City of Statham for easement areas on Providence Road and Lakes of Statham Open Space.

No comments.

- 7. Sanitary Sewer and Water Easement and Bill of Sale & Assignment:** To approve the mayor to execute the Sanitary Sewer and Water Easement and Bill of Sale between Lakes of Statham Community Association, Inc., and the City of Statham for easement areas on Providence Road and Lakes of Statham Open Space, also known as portions of tax parcel number ST05C 001Z.

No comments.

- 8. Sanitary Sewer Easement and Bill of Sale & Assignment:** To approve the mayor to execute the Sanitary Sewer Easement and Bill of Sale between D.R. Horton, Inc., and the

City of Statham for easement areas on Providence Road, also known as portions of tax parcel numbers ST05C 071, 72, 73, 74, 75 and 76.

No comments.

- 9. Contract for Auctioneer for the sale of 330 Jefferson St.:** To approve an auctioneer for the sale of 330 Jefferson St. Proposals were received from 3 agencies: Classic Realty and Auction Co., Bullseye Auction & Appraisal, and Piche' Auction & Realty. Staff recommends Classic Realty and Auction Co.

City Attorney Jody Campbell has reviewed the contracts and all are in order. No comments.

- 10. Contract for Probation Supervision & Rehabilitation Services:** To authorize the mayor to sign a contract with Professional Probation Services, Inc. for the services and programs for the misdemeanor offenders placed on probation by the Statham Municipal Court. The agreement will begin April 1, 2023 and shall expire March 31, 2024; the contract will automatically renew for a total of four (4) one-year terms through March 31, 2028. Fees for basic services are set out in the Specifications for Probation Services, which fees are payable not by the City, but by sentenced offenders. No fees accrued pursuant to the Specifications for Probation Services shall be obligations of the City.

City Attorney Jody Campbell reviewed the contract. The probationer will pay the costs incurred not the city and this is a well known vendor. Councilmember Venable wanted to know who decides where the hours are completed. City Attorney Jody Campbell confirmed that it is decided by the judge.

- 11. Proclamation - Georgia Cites Week:** To authorize the Mayor to sign a proclamation recognizing Georgia Cities Week the week of April 23-29, 2023, and encouraging all residents to support the celebration and corresponding activities.

No comments.

- 12. Proclamation - Month of April as Safe Digging Month:** To authorize the Mayor to sign a proclamation declaring the month of April as "Safe Digging Month," and to help educate the public about the importance and safety of calling Georgia 811 before digging.

No comments.

13. Tree City USA Arbor Day 2023: To authorize the Mayor to sign a proclamation declaring April 28, 2023 as Arbor Day and to urge all citizens to protect our trees and woodlands.

No comments.

14. Statham Clean-Up Days: Friday, May 5, 2023 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday, May 6, 2023 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Discussion was had to determine how to ensure all city limit residents receive a notice. Mailing postcards based on tax customers may be best.

CITIZEN INPUT

1. Tim Terilli provided an update on the Tree and Beautification Committee's clean up and planting days. One bed was adopted. Please reach out to volunteer or adopt a bed.
2. Betty Lyle announced that the Sunflower Festival will hold a planning meeting Monday March 13, 2023 at 6 p.m. at City Hall.
3. Cheryl Venable spoke on community and volunteerism and taking Statham to the next level.
4. Eddie Jackson thanked the Mayor for allowing the Girl Scouts to use the Community Center free of charge to hold their meetings.

ADJOURN

At 8:13 p.m., Mayor Piper asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Venable made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Thrasher seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.