

CITY OF STATHAM

MINUTES

Statham City Hall

327 Jefferson Street, Statham, GA 30666



WORK SESSION – October 5, 2023

6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Piper called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Also Present: City attorney Jody Campbell, City Accountant Rachel Bembry, 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. September 19, 2023 Regular Meeting (Provided to Council September 20, 2023)

Councilmember Venable made a motion to approve the September 19, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes. Councilmember Bogenrieder seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

1. Finance Department: the department report was reviewed by Rachel Bembry.
2. Police Department: the department report was reviewed by Captain Nichols. Councilmember Venable requested an update on the speed signs. Captain Nichols reported that they have reached out to the vendor and are not ticketing from the cameras during this time. Mayor Piper noted that they are waiting on parts.
3. Public Works Department: the department report was reviewed by Mayor Piper.

PRESENTATIONS

1. **Gordian: Job Order Contracting, Bryan Grayson**

Bryan Grayson reviewed Gordian's IDIQ Contracting process. There is a fixed price for projects versus bidding it out as in the RFP process. They provide oversight in the process that would not be available if the city went through DOAS directly.

Councilmember Patterson asked about the background check process. Bryan explained that they are vetted at the bidding phase.

2. **State & Barrow County Fire Marshal's Office, Captain Jessie Knight**

Barrow County Fire Department Chief Alan Shuman introduced Fire Marshal Captain Jessie Knight and discussed the Community Risk Reduction Program and the overall focus on improving safety in Barrow County. They offer free first aid training and fire safety to citizens. Captain Knight discussed Special Events Permits and the process for having food vendors. The council requested their suggestion for Statham Halloween. Captain Knight explained that if it is not promoted by the city and no food is being served then it is not a special event requiring a permit.

AMENDMENTS

Mayor Piper asked for a motion to amend New Business to add two items: 3. Light Up Night and 4. Spring Fest on the agenda. Councilmember Penn made a motion to add the items. Councilmember Venable seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Carl Hale Memorial Path

Councilmember Bogenrieder discussed the 2 lights that are out in the darkest part of the path and the path is utilized for Halloween. There are liquor bottles in the path also. She suggested a trail cam be installed. Councilmember Penn noted that limbs need to be cleaned up along the path. Councilmember Bogenrieder noted that the residents of Broad St. tidy up the path and Broad St. prior to Halloween to promote safety. Councilmember Venable asked City Attorney about the legal requirements of installing a camera along the path. Jody Campbell will research it but believes it complies with state law.

2. Request for Porta Potties for Broad St. Halloween Celebration

Councilmember Penn notes that around 3,000 kids participate in Statham Halloween therefore porta potties are a necessity. Last year residents were asked by participants to open their homes for the use of their bathrooms.

3. Light Up Night

Janel Piper noted that Light Up Night will be held November 24th if approved. She has submitted an Events Application approved by the Police Department for a road closure. The restrooms along the alleyway will be open so porta potties will not be needed. Councilmember Bogenrieder asked about the expected number of attendees. Janel Piper explained that there were around 300 kids last year and they are expecting closer to 500 kids this year.

4. SpringFest

Vance Oakes spoke on behalf of the Lions Club. SpringFest will be May 4, 2024. There were 84 vendors last year and they are hoping for more this year.

CITIZEN INPUT

- Sarah Bailey, who is a Broad St. resident, spoke about the need for porta potties for Halloween. Mayor Piper stated he would need to know the location for the porta potties.
- Betty Lyle gave a brief review of the Sunflower Festival. The next meeting will be the 2nd Monday in November, the 13th.

ADJOURN

At 7:46 p.m., Mayor Piper asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Patterson made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Thrasher seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.