

CITY OF STATHAM

MINUTES

Statham City Hall

327 Jefferson Street, Statham, GA 30666



WORK SESSION – December 8, 2022

6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER -Mayor Piper called the meeting to order at 6: 32 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Also Present: City Clerk Ashya Fambrough

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

REPORTS

1. Finance Department
2. Police Department
3. Public Works Department

Mayor Piper provided a brief overview of all departments. Mayor Piper also reviewed that 5 audits were completed in two and a half years, the 2022 audit is underway, and the City qualifies for LMIG funding for the first time in 10 years. He also mentioned that we are awaiting Barrow County's decision on the LOST negotiations.

PUBLIC HEARING

- 1. Alcohol License Distance Waiver Permit Renewal:** Fajita Mex Grill, applicant, has applied for a City of Statham alcoholic beverage license distance waiver permit for beer, wine and distilled spirits located at 1916 Railroad Street, Statham, GA 30666. This location has a current business license and alcoholic beverage license for beer, wine and distilled spirits by the drink.

No comments.

Mayor Piper asked for a motion to close the public hearing. Councilmember Patterson made a motion to close the public hearing. Councilmember Krause seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 1. Beautification and Tree Committee Officers:** Per City of Statham Code of Ordinances Section 12-21, the Mayor shall appoint seven individual residents of the City to the Tree Committee to be confirmed by City Council; each individual member of the Tree Committee shall serve for a term lasting two (2) years beginning January 1, 2023 and will expire December 31, 2024.

The current committee nominated Tim Terilli as Chairman, Lee Patterson as Co Chairman, Christine Bogenrieder as Secretary, and as members: Dwight McCormic, Kurt Bodenrieder, Shannon Patterson, and Michael Waldrop. There were no comments.

- 2. Resolution- R-22-04:** 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.

Councilmember Venable agrees with term limits on all elected officials. Councilmember Penn wants to ensure there is a break in between terms every eight or twelve years. Councilmember Krause discussed cultivating leaders to serve in these roles as they open. Councilmember Venable stressed the need for a unanimous vote and requested input from all members of Council and citizens also.

- 3. Ordinance O-22-07: *First Reading.*** Ordinance to amend Chapter 28 of the City of Statham, Georgia of Ordinances; to create the Office of Prosecuting Attorney for the Municipal Court; To establish an effective date; and other purposes.

Councilmember Venable noted that the attorney will need to be reappointed annually according to the ordinance.

CITIZEN INPUT

Cheryl Venable spoke on the Charter beginning to be reviewed, the personal choice of running for council, blocked alleyways around town, flooding in culverts, and tree maintenance.

MINUTE APPROVAL

- 1. November 15, 2022 Regular Meeting (submitted to Council on November 17, 2022).**

Councilmember Venable noted a correction needed to be made on Executive Session summary to be “that there is no need for executive session.” Councilmember Krause made a motion to approve the November 17, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes with the correction “that there is no need for executive session.” Councilmember Venable seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

2. November 22, 2022 Special Called Meeting (submitted to Council on November 23, 2022).

Councilmember Venable made a motion to approve the November 22, 2022 Special Called Meeting Minutes. Councilmember Patterson seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Krause, Patterson, Penn and Venable voting yea and Councilmember Thrasher abstaining due to not being present at the meeting.

ADJOURN

At 7:08 p.m., Mayor Piper asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Venable made a motion to adjourn and Councilmember Krause seconded. The motion passed unanimously.