



REGULAR MEETING – November 21, 2023

7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Piper called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call- Mayor Piper and council members Penn, Bogenrieder, Venable, Patterson. And Thrasher were present. Also City Attorney, Jody Campbell and Deputy City Clerk, Joe Davis.

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

MINUTE APPROVAL

1. November 9, 2023 Public Hearing & Work Session Minutes (Provided to Council November 14, 2023). Mayor Piper pointed out a typo on page 2 under the header New Business, number 1, Hole Rule should be Home Rule. Mayor Piper asked for a motion approving the minutes with the correction. Councilmember Patterson made the motion and it was seconded by Councilmember Venable. The motion passed unanimously.

VOTING ITEMS

1. **O-23-06: Ordinance to Amend the Charter- Sidewalks: (Second Reading).** An ordinance to amend section 1.04 of the City of Statham charter to remove from the corporate powers the authority to require property owners to maintain sidewalks. Attorney Campbell pointed out this was actually the ‘Second Reading’ of the Ordinance to Amend the Charter, the First was at the previous work session. Councilmember Penn made the motion to approve and was seconded by Councilmember Bogenrieder. The motion to approve was unanimous. All councilmembers signed the Ordinance including Attorney Campbell. Mayor Piper abstained from signing.
2. **R-23-05: Resolution Requesting Sales Tax Information from the Department of Revenue Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 48-2-15 (d.1) and Naming a Designated Officer For All Related Purposes.** Mayor Piper shared that this resolution is to allow Rachel Bembry, City Accountant, to represent the city in requesting sales tax information. Councilmember Patterson made the motion to approve and was seconded by Councilmember Bogenrieder. The motion passed unanimously.
3. **Apptegy:** to discuss web services. Mayor Piper shared that this company was a possible replacement for VC3, our current website provider. He relayed that office staff found the service to be more user friendly. Councilmember Bogenrieder questioned the monthly costs. Mayor Piper stated the initial costs were higher than our current provider but would be lower after the first year. Attorney Campbell relayed he had reviewed the contract and there were no issues with it. Councilmember Bogenrieder made a motion to approve the signing of the contract. No second was forthcoming. Councilmember Penn made a motion to table the discussion until February 8, 2024 work session. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Patterson. Councilmember Thrasher voted to approve. Councilmember Venable abstained. Councilmember Bogenrieder opposed.
4. **Year 2024 City Council Meeting Calendar** – Councilmember Penn made the motion to approve the meeting calendar. It was seconded by Councilmember Thrasher. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **Year 2024 Holiday Schedule** – Councilmember Venable made the motion to approve. Councilmember Patterson seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

6. **R-23-04 Rezoning:** PLG, LLC, c/o Anderson, Tate and Carr, by Melody A. Glouton, applicant, ARJAC Enterprises, Inc., property owner, seeks rezoning from RR, Rural Residential District and SR-2, Suburban Residential District to PUD, Planned Unit Development of 69.59 acres (Map/Parcels ST04/058, 25.074 acres; ST04/059, 26.046 acres; and part of ST04/095B, 18.470 acres) fronting on the north and west side of Jefferson Street across from and north of Bear Creek Middle School. Proposed use: Single-family detached subdivision (123 homes/lots). Mayor Piper read the rezoning request. Attorney Campbell relayed the applicant had requested the request be tabled until the January 4, 2024 work session. Councilmember Venable made the motion to table. Attorney Campbell requested that he add to the motion that staff are directed to publicly advertise the rezone request. Councilmember Venable added the request to his motion and it was seconded by Councilmember Thrasher. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Piper asked Attorney Campbell if an Executive Session was needed. Attorney Campbell relayed no session was needed.

ADJOURN – Mayor Piper asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Patterson made the motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Councilmember Venable. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.