



Special Called Meeting

November 20, 2025

10:00 A.M.

I. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Councilmember Burnette gave the invocation.
Mayor Krause led the Pledge of Allegiance

II. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Krause called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.
Present: Mayor Krause and Councilmembers Terilli, Bogenrieder, Patterson, and Burnette.
Also Present: City Accountant Rachel Bembry and City Clerk Nicole Sapp.
Absent: Councilmember Penn, City Attorney Jody Campbell, and City Administrator Cheryl Venable

III. PUBLIC HEARING

III.1 Senior Tax Exemption

Councilmember Patterson made a motion to enter into the Public Hearing at 10:01 a.m.
Councilmember Burnette second the motion.
Terilli - Yes, Bogenrieder- Yes, Patterson-Yes, Burnette-Yes
Motion passed 4-0.

Rachel Bembry gave a presentation explaining the proposed Senior Tax Exemption and the impact the proposed exemption would have on the City of Statham.

Councilmember Patterson asked if citizens wanting to receive the proposed Senior Tax Exemption would come to Statham City Hall to submit their info.

Rachel Bembry confirmed that is correct.

Anne Rountree asked if the City had a plan for the revenue that would not be collected due to the proposed Senior Tax Exemption.

Rachel Bembry explained that the city is always looking for additional revenue streams so the revenue not collected should not have a significant impact on the city or on other citizens.

Peter Brown asked for an explanation on his tax bill from 2023 compared to his current tax bill.

Rachel Bembry said that several components go into a tax bill and offered to look at his specifically after the meeting.

Councilmember Burnette reminded everyone that the Mayor, the City's administration, and Council work to give back to the citizens of Statham as often as possible and wherever possible.

Councilmember Bogenrieder asked if the \$35,000.00 revenue impact includes both proposed Senior Tax Exemptions.

Rachel Bembry confirmed that is correct.

Councilmember Terilli asked if there was a plan to add additional exemptions in the future.

Rachel Bembry confirmed that changes can always be made as the need arises.

There were no additional questions or discussions on the proposed Senior Tax Exemption.

Councilmember Patterson made a motion to exit out of the Public Hearing at 10:15 a.m.

Councilmember Burnette second the motion.

Terilli -Yes, Bogenrieder- Yes, Patterson-Yes, Burnette-Yes

Motion passed 4-0.

Councilmember Burnette made an announcement reminding others about the next Public Hearing discussing the proposed Senior Tax Exemption to be held on Tuesday, December 2, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

IV. ADJOURN

Councilmember Bogenrieder made a motion to adjourn the special called meeting.

Councilmember Terilli second the motion.

Terilli -Yes, Bogenrieder- Yes, Patterson-Yes, Burnette-Yes

Motion passed 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m.