



## *Town council meeting July 7, 2025*

Present: Mayor Chris Lelle; Councilmen, Tommy Buchanan, Sharon Johnson, Eric Dailey, Doug Koestel, Sally Brown, Clerk, Kathy Bridges, Attorney, Jack Samuels,

Visitors: Beth Buchanan; Scott Morgan, Morgan Ervin with the Barrow Journal

The meeting opened at 7:00 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Doug Koestel made the motion to approve the June 30 minutes, Eric Dailey seconded, and the vote was unanimous with Sally Brown abstaining since she was absent from the meeting.

The council reviewed the financials.

The rezone of 724 Manger Avenue was first on the agenda. Sally Brown made the motion to table the item and move the work session to Aug. 18 with the public hearing set for Aug. 18. Sharon Johnson seconded and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Doug Koestel made a motion to add an update on the engine braking signs to the agenda, Sally Brown seconded and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

The international property maintenance code was discussed next. Sharon Johnson pointed out several items that should be omitted as unenforceable. Attorney Samuels recommended developing a specific code for Bethlehem. Doug Koestel made a motion to allow spending of up to \$1,000 for the attorney to develop a Bethlehem specific property code maintenance policy. Sharon Johnson seconded, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

The Mayor said he had a meeting with CPL on Friday to discuss an estimate for road work bid preparation.

Code enforcement policy was postponed due to the officer being on vacation.

The Mayor said the amendments to the UDC would be available at the Aug. 4 meeting.

Signage on Highway 11 was discussed including the No Jake Brake signs. The Mayor was to meet the GDOT concerning the placement of the welcome signs. The attorney said an ordinance was needed for the Jack Brake sign in order for it to be enforceable.

The Mayor asked to amend the agenda to add the Cheer cats carwash fundraiser request. Sally Brown made the motion to amend the agenda, Doug Koestel seconded, and the motion passed by

unanimous vote. Sharon Johnson made a motion to allow the fundraiser to be at the pavilion for a fee of \$75 if it is not rented. Koestel seconded, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50.