



**CITY OF STATESBORO
Council Minutes
February 7, 2017**

A regular meeting of the Statesboro City Council was held on February 7th, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were Mayor Jan J. Moore, Council Members: Phil Boyum, Sam Lee Jones, Jeff Yawn and John Riggs. Also present were City Manager Randy Wetmore, Deputy City Manager Robert Cheshire, City Attorney Cain Smith, and Assistant City Clerk Leah Harden. Councilman Travis Chance was absent.

Mayor Moore called the meeting to order.

The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was given by Councilman Phil Boyum

Mayor Moore stated agenda item 3 B under Recognitions/Public Presentations and agenda item #10 regarding Resolution 2017-06 would be postponed until a later date.

Recognitions/Public Presentations

- A) Presentation of the Arbor Day Proclamation. Accepting the proclamation will be Mr. Henry Clay, Wesley Parker as well as other from the Tree board. Georgia Forestry Chief Ranger (Bulloch County) Doug Chassereau will present the Mayor and Tree Board with a Tree City USA flag and recognize the City of Statesboro for its participation in the Tree City USA Program**

Wesley Parker Chairman of the Tree Board gave a brief history of Arbor Day. Arbor Day for the City of Statesboro will be March 11, 2017 in the Edgewood neighborhood. Mr. Parker mentioned two projects for this year. The first will be partnering with Sally Z Elementary School to plant six trees. The second project will be the commercial corridor in the median on Brannen Street starting at Carey Hilliard's and ending at Lovett Street by the movie theater.

Chief Ranger Doug Chassereau and Shawn Ditty, representing the Georgia Forestry Commission, presented Mayor and Council, along with the Tree Board, a flag and a 24 year sticker for the City of Statesboro's participation in the Tree City USA Program.

Mayor Moore presented the Arbor Day proclamation to Wesley Parker, Chairman of the Tree Board.

- B) Presentation of Retirement for Howard Hadley, Equipment Operator, Public Works Department, after 27 years of service.**

Mr. Howard Hadley was not present at the meeting.

- C) Presentation of Retirement for Eugene Smith, Groundskeeper, Public Works Department, after 21 years of service**

Mayor Moore presented a plaque to Mr. Smith for his 21 years of service to the City of Statesboro.

D) Presentation of Retirement for Joseph Mingle, Refuse Collector, Public Works Department, after 17 years of service

Mayor Moore presented a plaque to Joseph Mingle for his 17 years of service to the City of Statesboro.

E) Presentation of Employee of the Quarter Award

Director of Human Resources Jeff Grant presented an award to Marty McClain of the Central Service Department as employee of the quarter.

Public Comments (Agenda Item):

Nicholas Boyles addressed Mayor and Council concerning agenda item # 13 regarding the bidding for the combination sewer vacuum truck. Mayor Moore stated Mr. Boyles would be called forward to speak on this issue when the item came up.

Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

A) Approval of Minutes

a) 01-17-2017 Council Minutes

b) 01-19-2017 Called Council Minutes

Councilman Riggs stated the Minutes from 01-17-2017 needed to be changed concerning the disconnection of the phone call.

Councilman Yawn made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to approve the consent agenda with the correction to the 01-17-2017 Council Minutes concerning the disconnected phone call. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn and Riggs voted in favor of the motion, The Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Second Reading and Consideration of a Motion to Adopt Ordinance 2017-02: An Ordinance to amend Section 6-6(b) of the City of Statesboro Code of Ordinances (Alcoholic Beverages) to comply with State regulations. [GA560-2-2-02(9)]

Councilman Yawn made a motion seconded by Councilman Riggs to Adopt Ordinance 2017-02: An Ordinance to amend Section 6-6(b) of the City of Statesboro Code of Ordinances (Alcoholic Beverages) to comply with State regulations. [GA560-2-2-02(9)] Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn and Riggs voted in favor of the motion, The Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Second Reading and Consideration of a Motion to Adopt Ordinance 2017-03: An Ordinance to amend Section 6-19(c)(10)(b) of the City of Statesboro Code of Ordinances (Alcoholic Beverages) to allow for a three year look back.

Councilman Yawn made a motion seconded by Councilman Riggs to Adopt Ordinance 2017-03: An Ordinance to amend Section 6-19(c)(10)(b) of the City of Statesboro Code of Ordinances (Alcoholic Beverages) to allow for a three year look back. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn and Riggs voted in favor of the motion, The Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Public Hearing and First Reading of amended Ordinance 2017-04: An Ordinance to amend Section 6-3 of the City of Statesboro Code of Ordinances (Alcoholic Beverages) to redefine Catered Event.

Councilman Riggs made a motion seconded by Councilman Boyum to open the Public Hearing. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn and Riggs voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

There were no public comments for or against this Ordinance amendment.

Councilman Yawn made a motion seconded by Councilman Riggs to close the Public Hearing. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn and Riggs voted in favor of the motion, The Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to Approve Resolution 2017-05: A Resolution to accept a \$15,000.00 Crash Data Reporting System Grant administered by the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police (GACP) for the Governor's Office of Highway Safety, Grant Number GA-2017-405cM3DA-036, funding 100% of the purchase of computers and mounting hardware for patrol cars.

Councilman Jones made a motion seconded by Councilman Riggs to Approve Resolution 2017-05: A Resolution to accept a \$15,000.00 Crash Data Reporting System Grant administered by the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police (GACP) for the Governor's Office of Highway Safety, Grant Number GA-2017-405cM3DA-036, funding 100% of the purchase of computers and mounting hardware for patrol cars. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn and Riggs voted in favor of the motion, The Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to approve Resolution 2017-06: A Resolution Approving the Naming of Freedom Way and Buckhead Drive.

This item is postponed until the next meeting in February.

Consideration of a Motion to support City working with DSDA, as described in Memorandum from DSDA Executive Director, to lease two (2) parcels of property from Norfolk Southern Railroad in order to create and develop a Dog Park along McTell Trail and a new Green Space along E. Main St. Final formal leases to be submitted to City Council for consideration/approval.

Councilman Boyum made a motion seconded by Councilman Yawn to support the City working with DSDA, as described in the Memorandum from DSDA Executive Director, Allen Muldrew. The MOU would allow the lease of two (2) parcels of property from Norfolk Southern Railroad that would create and develop a Dog Park along McTell Trail and a new Green Space along E. Main St. Final formal leases will be submitted to Council approval. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn and Riggs voted in favor of the motion, The Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to award a five year contract for copier/printer equipment and maintenance services to Digital Office Equipment based on a current contact with the Washington County Board of Education (GA). The equipment portion of this contract will be funded by the Central Services Department while the cost of the maintenance services portion will be divided between departments based on usage. This contract adoption is permitted through the City of Statesboro Ordinances 2.2.7.

Councilman Jones made a motion seconded by Councilman Riggs to award a one year contract with four (4) one year renewals for copier/printer equipment and maintenance services to Digital Office Equipment based on a current contact with the Washington County Board of Education (GA). The equipment portion of this contract will be funded by the Central Services Department while the cost of the maintenance services portion will be divided between departments based on usage. This contract adoption is permitted through the City of Statesboro Ordinances 2.2.7. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn and Riggs voted in favor of the motion, The Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Consideration of a motion to award a contract for the purchase of a combination sewer vacuum truck to Super Production LLC per NJPA Contract # 022014-SPL in the amount of \$332,363.00. This item was budgeted in fiscal year 2017 under CIP# STM-11 in the amount of \$375,000.00 and will be paid by Stormwater revenue funds.

Councilman Yawn made a motion seconded by Councilman Jones to table this item until the next Council meeting in February. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn and Riggs voted in favor of the motion, The Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Consideration of a motion to award a contract for Consulting Services to complete a City-Wide Strategic Pan to Amec Foster Wheeler in the amount of \$28,500.00. If approved this will be funded by the General Fund.

Councilman Boyum made a motion seconded by Councilman Riggs to award a contract for Consulting Services to complete a City-Wide Strategic Pan to Amec Foster Wheeler in the amount of \$28,500.00. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn and Riggs voted in favor of the motion, The Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Other Business from City Council:

Mayor Moore stated GDOT has some money they are willing to give to the City for improvements. The amount from GDOT is not known at this time. A letter of acceptance along with a pledge of matching funds from the City will need to be sent to GDOT.

Councilman Yawn made a motion seconded by Councilman Boyum to authorize City Manager, Randy Wetmore and Deputy City Manager, Robert Cheshire to submit a letter to GDOT to accept these funds with a percentage the City is willing to match. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn and Riggs voted in favor of the motion, The Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

City Managers Comments:

- A) Presentation of the Statesboro Police Department website**
- B) Update on the credit card user fee**

Interim Chief Rob Bryan presented the new Statesboro Police department website that was launched on January 1, 2017

Director of Finance Cindy West stated the user/convenience fee adopted last year will be implemented on March 1, 2017. The fee will be a two percent (2%) of the amount due when using a credit card for payment.

Public Comments (General): None

Consideration of a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss “Potential Litigation” in accordance with O.C.G.A §50-14-3 (2012)

At 10:36 am, Councilman Riggs made a motion seconded by Councilman Yawn to enter into Executive Session. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn and Riggs voted in favor of the motion, The Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

At 10:57am, Councilman Yawn made a motion seconded by Councilman Riggs to exit Executive Session. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn and Riggs voted in favor of the motion, The Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Mayor Moore called the meeting back to order.

Mayor Moore stated there was no action was taken in Executive Session.

Councilman Boyum made a motion seconded by Councilman Yawn to authorize City Manager Randy Wetmore to approve expenditures, up to \$125,000.00, to the law firm of Hunter McClain, for the specific service of Arnold C. Young, in defense of the City for its declaratory judgement action filed by Atlantic insurers. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn and Riggs voted in favor of the motion, The Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

Councilman Yawn made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to adjourn. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn and Riggs voted in favor of the motion, The Motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.