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**CITY OF STATESBORO  
Council Minutes  
August 16, 2016**

A regular meeting of the Statesboro City Council was held on August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were Mayor Jan J. Moore, Council Members: Phil Boyum, Sam Lee Jones and Jeff Yawn. Also present were Deputy City Manager Robert Cheshire and City Clerk Sue Starling. City Attorney Alvin Leaphart joined the meeting via the phone. Councilman Travis Chance and Councilman John Riggs were absent.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jan J. Moore  
The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Sam Lee Jones

Public Comments (Agenda Item): None

**Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda**

- A) Approval of Minutes**
  - a) 08-02-2016 Council Minutes**
  - b) 08-02-2016 Executive Session Minutes**
  - c) 08-09-2016 Called Council Minutes**

Councilman Yawn made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jones to approve the consent agenda in its entirety. Councilman Boyum, Jones and Yawn voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 3-0 vote.

**Update from the Alcohol Advisory Board.**

Chairman of the Alcohol Advisory Board, Patrice Buckner Jackson updated Council on the items from the Board's last meeting which included the vendors for alcohol training and catering events. Mayor Moore asked the Board to review the alcohol section for pricing especially in reference to "Happy Hour".

**Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to approve: APPLICATION # V 16-07-01: Jennifer Ronneburger requests a variance from Article XV Section 1509(C) Table 5 of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance regarding the maximum number of total square feet for a building sign in Sign District 3 for 101 Brampton Avenue (Tax Parcel # MS74 000198 006).**

Councilman Yawn made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyum to open the Public Hearing. Councilman Boyum, Jones and Yawn voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 3-0 vote.

Director of Community Development Frank Neal outlined the request and stated that City Staff has recommended denial of the request while the Planning Commission recommended approval. Jennifer Ronneburger spoke in favor of the request.

The Marker District Architect Committee spokesperson had no objections to the request.

Councilman Yawn made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyum to close the Public Hearing. Councilman Boyum, Jones and Yawn voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 3-0 vote.

Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jones to approve **APPLICATION # V 16-07-01**: Jennifer Ronneburger requests a variance from Article XV Section 1509(C) Table 5 of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance regarding the maximum number of total square feet for a building sign in Sign District 3 for 101 Brampton Avenue (Tax Parcel # MS74 000198 006). Councilman Boyum, Jones and Yawn voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 3-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to authorize the City Manager to enter into negotiations with the Ecological Planning Group for a contract to provide a Storm Water Master Plan. This contract will be presented to Council at a later meeting for approval.

Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Yawn to authorize the City Manager to enter into negotiations with the Ecological Planning Group for a contract to provide a Storm Water Master Plan. This contract will be presented to Council at a later meeting for approval. Councilman Boyum, Jones and Yawn voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 3-0 vote.

**Consideration of a Motion to approve the purchase of Fiscal Year 2017 replacements of desktop and laptop computers utilizing the State of Georgia Procurement Contract from Dell in an amount not to exceed \$67,500.00.**

Councilman Yawn made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jones to approve the purchase of Fiscal Year 2017 replacements of desktop and laptop computers utilizing the State of Georgia Procurement Contract from Dell in an amount not to exceed \$67,500.00. Councilman Boyum, Jones and Yawn voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 3-0 vote.

**Consideration of a Motion to award a Contract to Ellis Wood Contracting for the "City of Statesboro Street Resurfacing - West Parrish" in the amount of \$187,424.50. Project budget is \$300,000.00. Construction to be paid for through 2013 SPLOST funds, Project # ENG-110.**

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**Consideration of a Motion to award a professional services design contract for the design of a sidewalk on East Main from Lester Road to Sandy Hill Apartments to Maxwell-Reddick and Associates in the amount of \$23,800.00. This project, if approved, will be paid for out of 2013 SPLOST funds.**

Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Yawn to award a professional services design contract for the design of a sidewalk on East Main from Lester Road to Sandy Hill Apartments to Maxwell-Reddick and Associates in the amount of \$23,800.00. This project, if approved, will be paid for out of 2013 SPLOST funds. Councilman Boyum, Jones and Yawn voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 3-0 vote

**Consideration of a Motion to approve Resolution 2016-33 : A Resolution approving the uncollected personal property tax bill list for 2014.**

Councilman Yawn made a motion, seconded y councilman Jones to approve Resolution 2016-33: A Resolution approving the uncollected personal property tax bill list for 2014. Councilman Boyum, Jones and Yawn voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 3-0 vote.

**Other Business from City Council**

Councilman Sam Jones gave an update on the “Stop the Violence” program he attended several months ago. He also stated the organization would like to have Statesboro participate in the program.

**City Managers Comments**

Director of Community Development Frank Neal gave an update on the Retail Strategies project. Deputy City Manager Robert Cheshire stated the property tax millage rate of 6.358 would be proposed on the next council agenda

**Public Comments (General) None**

Consideration of a Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss “Personnel Matters” in accordance with **O.C.G.A.§50-14-3 (2012)**

At 6:25 pm, Councilman Yawn made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jones to enter into Executive Session. Councilman Boyum, Jones and Yawn voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 3-0 vote.

At 6:55 pm, Councilman Yawn made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jones to exit Executive Session. Councilman Boyum, Jones and Yawn voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 3-0 vote.

Mayor Moore called the regular meeting back to order with no action being taken.

**Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn**

Councilman Yawn made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyum to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Boyum, Jones and Yawn voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 3-0 vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.