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**CITY OF STATESBORO  
Council Minutes  
August 18, 2015**

A regular meeting of the Statesboro City Council was held on August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were Mayor Jan J. Moore, Council Members: Will Britt, Phil Boyum, John Riggs, Gary Lewis and Travis Chance. Also present were Deputy City Manager Robert Cheshire, City Clerk Sue Starling, City Attorney Alvin Leaphart, Director of Engineering and Public Works Jason Boyles and Director of Planning and Development Mandi Cody.

The meeting was called to Order by Mayor Jan J. Moore  
The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Will Britt

**Public Comments (Agenda Item):**

Bill Thomas addressed Council by asking for more time to speak and wants employees to continue to contact him with information from City Hall. He addressed Council in a very negative way and was escorted away from the podium. After several minutes, he returned to the podium to finish his comments, which were all negative, regarding the City Council.

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

- A) Approval of Minutes**
  - a) 08-04-2015 Council Minutes**
  - b) 08-04-2015 Executive Session Minutes**
  - c) 08-04-2015 Council Work Session Minutes**

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Britt to approve the consent agenda as it is written. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Chelsea Glosser representing “Up with People” announced their group would be performing at the Statesboro High School on August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The name of the performance is “The Journey”.

**Consideration of a Motion to award a contract for the construction of two (2) metal shelter additions at the Public Works facility to Hawk Construction in the amount of \$143,415.00. This project is budgeted under CIP number SWC-17 in the amount of \$130,000.00. If approved, this project will be paid out of Solid Waste Collection revenue funds.**

Councilman Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to award a contract for the construction of two (2) metal shelter additions at the Public Works facility to Hawk Construction in the amount of \$143,415.00. This project is budgeted under CIP number SWC-17 in the amount of \$130,000.00. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

**Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2015-34: A Resolution approving CT Recycling to perform curbside collection of recyclable materials in the City of Statesboro as a pilot project.**

Jeff Leggett, owner of a pest control company, asked Council for approval to perform curbside collection for recyclable materials for the City of Statesboro. Since Bulloch County has dropped the program, he stated he would like to continue the service along with his son. Mr. Leggett stated the fee would be higher, about \$14.00 to \$15.00 per month, but still feels the need for the service to continue. Councilman Boyum expressed his desire for the City to also look at taking over the service. Deputy City Manager Robert Cheshire stated, at this time, the City has not had time to evaluate or analyze the feasibility of taking this service over. Councilman Boyum stated he would like to see the Keep Bulloch Beautiful brought back. Mayor Moore expressed her concerns on the recycling receptacles, stating she was not sure the current containers are what the City needs. Councilman Boyum stated the recycling containers were standard everywhere. Councilman Britt stated he was concerned about approving Mr. Leggett's request at this time since Council was already thinking about how to continue the recycling under the City's management. Mayor Moore also echoed the same concerns stating she hoped Mr. Leggett understands that if the city finds that it can provide the service for less, the citizens would expect and expect a more affordable fee. Mayor Moore also stated this request comes with a risk if you enter into this for a year and then have to become competitive with the City. Mr. Leggett stated he understood the risk. This agreement was also noted as a pilot program. Councilman Britt stated the City needs to ask the County for the unused grant funds since the City was a partner in the recycling program. Deputy City Manager stated that he was already in the process of requesting the funds. Mayor Moore and Councilman Boyum stated the City is looking at July 1<sup>st</sup> 2016 to complete a study for the possibility of operating a recycling program.

Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Britt to approve Resolution 2015-34: A Resolution approving CT Recycling to perform curbside collection of recyclable materials in the City of Statesboro as a pilot project. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Councilman Travis Chance joined the meeting.

**Consideration of a Motion to approve Resolution 2015-35: A Resolution to approve adjustments to the pay and compensation plan to amend the following job titles and descriptions of the City Engineer to the Director of Public Works and Engineering; and the Senior Assistant City Engineer to the City Engineer.**

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Britt to approve Resolution 2015-35: A Resolution to approve adjustments to the pay and compensation plan to amend the following job titles and descriptions of the City Engineer to the Director of Public Works and Engineering; and the Senior Assistant City Engineer to the City Engineer. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs, Chance and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

**Other Business from City Council:** None

**City Managers Comments:**

Deputy City Manager Robert Cheshire asked Director of Engineering and Public Works Jason Boyles to update Council on the roll-off trash containers. Mr. Boyles stated the program has currently netted \$25,000.00.

Deputy City Manager Robert Cheshire updated Council on the millage rate. He stated the City would not be having 2 of the scheduled public hearings since the tax numbers were revised and recalculated. He also stated the proposed millage would be the same as last year at 6.358 and a public hearing and recommendation would be held at the September 1, 2015 Council Meeting.

City Clerk Sue Starling updated Council on the upcoming election qualifying dates of August 31 thru September 4, 2015 and also the property tax sale will be held on September 1, 2015 at 2:00 pm on the steps of City Hall.

**Public Comments (General)**

Bill Thomas continued his negative comments regarding City Council and some employees of the City of Statesboro.

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

At 6:35 pm, Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to enter into Executive Session. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs, Chance and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

At 7:21 pm, Mayor Moore called meeting back to order with no action being taken.

Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to exit Executive Session. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs, Chance and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

**Consideration of a Motion to Approve a Contract of Grant of Realty between the Mayor and City Council of Statesboro and Jintendra Patel as well as a Change Order with Tyson Utilities Construction in the amount of \$46,039.00 to fulfill City's obligations under the Contract for the Grant of Realty.**

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to approve a Contract of Grant of Realty between the Mayor and City Council of Statesboro and Jintendra Patel as well as a Change Order with Tyson Utilities Construction in the amount of \$46,039.00 to fulfill City's obligations under the Contract for the Grant of Realty. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs, Chance and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

**Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn**

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 pm.