



**CITY OF STATESBORO
Council Minutes
November 17, 2015**

A regular meeting of the Statesboro City Council was held on November 17th, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were Mayor Jan J. Moore, Council Members: 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 Public Works and Engineering 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 Deputy City Manager Robert Cheshire

Public Comments (Agenda Item): None

Mayor Moore stated that item 9 would be removed from the agenda as it was not ready to be presented at this time.

Councilman Phil Boyum joined the meeting

Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

- A) **Approval of Minutes**
 - a) **11-03-2015 Council Minutes**
- B) **Consideration of a Motion to approve a water tower lease agreement between the City of Statesboro and Verizon Wireless of the East, L.P.**
- C) **Consideration of a Motion to approve Resolution 2015-49: A Resolution Appointing Benji Colson to the Tree Board of the City of Statesboro.**

Councilman Riggs stated he was pleased to see Mr. Colson on the Tree Board.

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to approve the consent agenda in its entirety. Councilman Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

First reading and Public Hearing of Ordinance 2015-12: An Ordinance amending Chapter 82 (Utilities) of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances.

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to open the public hearing. Councilman Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Director of Public Works and Engineering stated the ordinance was to change the language to match the other utility ordinances.

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyum to close the public hearing. Councilman Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

First Reading and Public Hearing on Ordinance 2015-11: An Ordinance amending Chapter 2 of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances (Administration)."

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyum to open the public hearing. Councilman Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Deputy City Manager Robert Cheshire and City Attorney Alvin Leaphart stated this ordinance change would clean up the charter and would also allow the City Manager to hire and fire the Police Chief. Councilman Riggs was opposed to the changes. He stated Council should be a part of the hiring process. Mr. Leaphart stated the ordinances contradicted themselves therefore it does not give a clear picture of who can hire or fire the police chief. He stated by adopting this ordinance it would be clear. Councilman Riggs was still not in favor of the changes as the rest of Council did not object.

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to close the public hearing. Councilman Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to approve Resolution 2015-46: A Resolution to approve adjustments to the pay and compensation plan to reclassify the Director of Public Safety position to a Police Chief position and reclassify the pay grades of the Police Major and Fire Chief position.

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyum to approve Resolution 2015-46: A Resolution to approve adjustments to the pay and compensation plan to reclassify the Director of Public Safety position to a Police Chief position and reclassify the pay grades of the Police Major and Fire Chief position. Councilman Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to approve Resolution 2015-47: A Resolution to dissolve the Department of Public Safety and that any reference to the Department of Public Safety in the record would now refer to, where applicable, the Statesboro Police Department or Statesboro Fire Department.

Deputy City Manager Robert Cheshire stated this resolution would dissolve the Public Safety Director position as no record could be found that it was ever officially created.

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyum to approve Resolution 2015-47: A Resolution to dissolve the Department of Public Safety and that any reference to the Department of Public Safety in the record would now refer to, where applicable, the Statesboro Police Department or Statesboro Fire Department. Councilman Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to approve Resolution 2015-45: A Resolution to adopt the first amendment to the City of Statesboro schedule of fees, rates, and fines for fiscal year 2016.

This item was removed from the agenda by Mayor Moore.

Consideration of a Motion to approve the Mayor to negotiate a contract for engineering services with EMC Engineering for The South Main Street Corridor Re-development Plan also known as the "Blue-Mile" for an amount not to exceed \$55,000 (Funded by Quarter-finalist funds from the ABC Grant).

Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to approve the Mayor to negotiate a contract for engineering services with EMC Engineering for The South Main Street Corridor Re-development Plan also known as the "Blue-Mile" for an amount not to exceed \$55,000 (Funded by Quarter-finalist funds from the ABC Grant). Councilman Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to apply for the Georgia Department of Transportation's (GDOT) FY 2016 Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG), an annual program in which GDOT allocates transportation funds to local governments. For FY 2016, GDOT will allocate \$209,952.37 to the City of Statesboro if the City will commit to providing at least 30% matching funds.

Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to approve a motion to apply for the Georgia Department of Transportation's (GDOT) FY 2016 Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG), an annual program in which GDOT allocates transportation funds to local governments. For FY 2016, GDOT will allocate \$209,952.37 to the City of Statesboro if the City will commit to providing at least 30% matching funds. Councilman Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to adopt Resolution 2015-48: A Resolution approving the City of Statesboro's proposed FY 2016 Street Resurfacing List, and further authorizing the Mayor to execute the GDOT LMIG Application. The City's share (at least 30% matching funds) is to be funded through 2013 SPLOST. The City has \$300,000 in 2013 SPLOST funds allocated to Street Resurfacing in FY 2016.

Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to adopt Resolution 2015-48: A Resolution approving the City of Statesboro's proposed FY 2016 Street Resurfacing List, and further authorizing the Mayor to execute the GDOT LMIG Application. The City's share (at least 30% matching funds) is to be funded through 2013 SPLOST. The City has \$300,000 in 2013 SPLOST funds allocated to Street Resurfacing in FY 2016. Councilman Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Other Business from City Council

Mayor Moore stated that December 1st, 2015 would be the last Council meeting for this year. She also stated there would be a reception following the Council meeting for Councilman Will Britt

and Councilman Gary Lewis since this would also be their last Council meeting as their term of office will end December 31, 2015.

City Managers Comments

A) City Clerk's Dept. (Notice of alcohol application)

a) "Bites on Brampton, LLC" is applying for an alcohol license pending the background investigation. The owners will be Ramy Masry and Carmen Masry.

Director of Finance Cindy West updated Council on the New Tyler Technology software.

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 6:20 pm, Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to enter into Executive Session to discuss "Potential Litigation" in accordance with O.C.G.A.§50-14-3 (2012). Councilman Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

At 6:30 pm, Mayor Moore called the regular session back to order. Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to come out of Executive Session. Councilman Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

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

Deputy City Manager Robert Cheshire stated that Tim Gramms was the Fire Chief and Rob Bryan was the interim Chief of Police.

Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 pm.