



**CITY OF STATESBORO
Council Minutes
March 06, 2018**

A regular meeting of the Statesboro City Council was held on March 6, 2018 at 9:00a.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were Mayor Jonathan McCollar, Council Members: Phil Boyum, Sam Lee Jones, Jeff Yawn, John Riggs and Travis Chance. Also present were City Manager Randy Wetmore, Deputy City Manager Robert Cheshire, City Clerk Sue Starling and City Attorney Cain Smith.

The Meeting was called to Order by Mayor Jonathan McCollar.
The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Travis Chance.

Recognitions/Public Presentations

- A) Presentation of Employee of the Quarter Award**
- B) Recognition of the Finance Department for receiving the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Award for the City of Statesboro's FY2018 Budget.**

Public Works employee Matt Oglesby received the "Employee of the Quarter". Interim Director of Human Resource Flavia Starling presented him with a plaque and check for \$250.00.

Mayor McCollar recognized the Finance Department for receiving the GFOA Distinguished Budget Award for the fourteenth year.

Public Comments (Agenda Item): None

Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

- A) Approval of Minutes**
 - a) 02-20-2018 Council Minutes**

Councilman Yawn made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to approve the minutes of February 20, 2018. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

- B) Consideration of a Motion to Adopt Resolution 2018-11: A Resolution authorizing the waiver of any payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) by the Statesboro Housing Authority to the City of Statesboro for the 2017 tax year in the amount of \$18,915.32.**

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Yawn to approve Resolution 2018-11: A Resolution authorizing the waiver of any payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) by the Statesboro Housing Authority to the City of Statesboro for the 2017 tax year in the amount of

\$18,915.32. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to Approve: APPLICATION # DSDA 18-03-001: AgSouth Farm Credit requests the demolition of two structures addressed 4 East Vine Street, which are located within the boundaries of the Downtown District. Article XXX Section 3003 of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance requires a finding of necessity for the demolition of structures deemed worthy of preservation by City Council (Tax Parcel S28 000071 000).

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to open the public hearing. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Bob Mikell representing Ag South and Ag South CFO Bo Fennell spoke in favor of the request.

No one spoke against the request.

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Yawn to close the public hearing. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Councilman Yawn made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to Approve: **APPLICATION # DSDA 18-03-001**: AgSouth Farm Credit requests the demolition of two structures addressed 4 East Vine Street, which are located within the boundaries of the Downtown District. Article XXX Section 3003 of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance requires a finding of necessity for the demolition of structures deemed worthy of preservation by City Council (Tax Parcel S28 000071 000). Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to Approve: APPLICATION # DSDA 18-03-001: The Downtown Statesboro Development Authority requests the demolition of a single-family structure addressed 14 West Inman Street, which is located within the boundaries of the Downtown District. Article XXX Section 3003 of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance requires a finding of necessity for the demolition of structures deemed worthy of preservation by City Council (Tax Parcel S19 000043 000).

There was no motion to open the public hearing but Mayor McCollar asked if there was anyone present who wanted to speak for or against the request. Allen Muldrew spoke in favor of the request. No one spoke against the request.

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Yawn to close the public hearing.

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyum to approve **APPLICATION # DSDA 18-03-001**: The Downtown Statesboro Development Authority requests the demolition of a single-family structure addressed 14 West Inman Street, which is located within the boundaries of the Downtown District. Article XXX Section 3003 of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance requires a finding of necessity for the demolition of structures deemed worthy of preservation by City Council (Tax Parcel S19 000043 000). Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote

Consideration of a motion to approve the Statesboro Tree Board to place benches in Edgewood Park (aka Rockwell Park) in memory of the following former Statesboro Tree Board members: Mrs. Rachael Smith, Mrs. Runette Davis and Dr. John Karrh.

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to approve the Statesboro Tree Board to place benches in Edgewood Park (aka Rockwell Park) in memory of the following former Statesboro Tree Board members: Mrs. Rachael Smith, Mrs. Runette Davis and Dr. John Karrh. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote

Consideration of a motion to approve the Bulloch Council of Garden Clubs to donate a bench to be placed in Edgewood Park (aka Rockwell Park)

Councilman Yawn made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to approve the Bulloch Council of Garden Clubs to donate a bench to be placed in Edgewood Park (aka Rockwell Park). Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote

Consideration of a Motion to appoint a Fire Chief Tim Grams as a board member to the Statesboro Convention Visitors Bureau (SCVB)

Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to appoint a Fire Chief Tim Grams as a board member to the Statesboro Convention Visitors Bureau (SCVB). Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote

Other Business from City Council

Mayor McCollar thanked the Public Works staff for doing a great job for the City as he recently toured the facility.

Councilman Travis Chance announced he would be resigning from his seat as of 5:00 pm on this day of March 6, 2018. He then read the following heart-felt words as he says goodbye as Councilman for District 5 with the City of Statesboro.

“I sit here today with very mixed emotions, and a heavy heart. This seat has been a part of me for over a decade, and today that will change. I first ran for this seat, because I felt that I could make a difference and have an impact. I was 29 years old when I took my first oath of office, and as I sit here 1 month shy of my 40th birthday, I can’t help but look back and reflect on all that ways God has blessed this city, my family, and me.

The landscape of Statesboro looks very different than it did almost 11 years ago, from a size, economic, and political landscape. We have grown, because the heartbeat of this city has always been one of growth and development, in my tenure in this seat. I hope that in some small way that I have contributed to part of that prosperity.

I am the last member of the original board that I was sworn into in 2008. During this time, I can honestly say that I have had the opportunity to serve with some of the finest people in this community, present and past council and staff included. However, like all things, nothing can last forever.

When I ran for my third term in this seat, my life looked very different than it does today. God has now blessed Shannon and I with 3 beautiful girls, and we must expand from the current home we reside in today

to one where my girls and my family can grow. We will be moving to our new home which will not be in my current district, which means I would have to give up my seat in the coming months no matter the case. Being a public servant has been a part of who I am for so many years now, and I must tell you it is hard to cut it off. So, after much prayer, and thoughtful consideration, I am here to tell you that as one door closes, I am opening another. Effective at 5pm today, I will be resigning my seat as the Councilman for District 5, and I will be qualifying to run for the County Commission seat 2B. I feel that someone with a decade of political experience could be of value to the all Bulloch County residents, not limited to those in our city limits.

I want to thank the members of this council past and present for our passionate debate and pursuit of a greater tomorrow for our community. I would like to thank staff for all your hard work and dedication that is not recognized enough. I would like to thank my beautiful wife Shannon, and our 3 children Maeson, Marett, and Maddox for your love, support, and understanding. And finally, I would like to thank all the residents of this community who have allowed me to serve, and hope that they will see fit to allow me to serve in a different capacity very soon. This isn't goodbye, it's just goodbye for now."

City Managers Comments: None

Public Comments (General):

Finance Director Cindy West announced the Budget Retreat would be held on April 6, 2018 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 am.