



**CITY OF STATESBORO  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
JANUARY 4, 2012**

A regular meeting of the Statesboro City Council was held on January 4, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were Mayor Joe R. Brannen, Council Members: Will Britt, Tommy Blich, John Riggs, Gary Lewis and Travis Chance. Also present were City Manager Frank Parker, City Clerk Sue Starling, City Attorney Alvin Leaphart, City Engineer Robert Cheshire, and Director of Community Development Mandi Cody.

**Oath of Office Administrated by Bulloch County Probate Judge Lee Deloach for:**

- a) District 2 Council Member Gary Lewis**
- b) District 3 Council Member Will Britt**
- c) District 5 Council Member Travis Chance**

Bulloch County Probate Judge Lee Deloach swore in each of the returning Council Members. Mayor Brannen then called for a short recess to enjoy a reception for the elected Council Members.

**Consideration of a Motion to appoint a Mayor Pro Tem for the next two years, per the Statesboro Municipal Code, Section 2-4 of the City Charter**

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Blich to appoint Councilman Will Britt as Mayor Pro Tem for a term of two years. Councilman Britt, Blich, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote

**Recognitions/Public Presentations**

- a) Dan E. Jackson, Water Sewer Operator, retiring after 17 years of service**
- b) (Wilford) Roy Smith, Wastewater Treatment Operator, retiring after 18 years of service**
- c) Joseph Hurd to address Council with concerns of trash receptacles not being removed in a timely manner**

Mayor Joe Brannen presented a plaque to Dan E. Jackson and Roy Smith as they retire from the City of Statesboro after many years of service.

Joseph Hurd addressed Council with his concerns regarding neighbors that were not removing their trash receptacle in a timely manner in the Pittmoore Road area. Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt stated there would be a resolution to the problem by the first meeting in February.

**Public Comments (Agenda Item): None**

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

- A) Approval of Minutes**
  - a) December 06, 2011 Council Minutes**
  - b) December 06, 2011 Council Work Session Minutes**
  
- B) First Reading and Consideration of a Motion to approve the application of alcohol license:**
  - a) Reginald Tony Mosley (Bunz Restaurant)**
  
- C) Consideration of a Motion to approve a temporary alcohol license according to Chapter 6 Section 6-34(a) of the Alcohol Ordinance:**
  - a) Christian K. Bennett (Chops Statesboro LLC)**
  
- D) Motion to award a contract to Danna Safety Supply in the amount of \$28,726.12 to install light and siren warning systems on four (4) Police Tahoes.**
  
- E) Adoption of 2012 City of Statesboro Planning Commission Schedule**

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to approve the consent agenda with the condition to remove item B&C for further discussion. Councilman Britt, Blich, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

- B) First Reading and Consideration of a Motion to approve the application of alcohol license:**
  - a. Reginald Tony Mosley (Bunz Restaurant)**

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt had some reservations about the proximity of the business to the Georgia Southern University. Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to deny the application of an alcohol license for Reginald Mosley (Bunz Restaurant). Councilman Britt, Blich, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

- C) Consideration of a Motion to approve a temporary alcohol license according to Chapter 6 Section 6-34(a) of the Alcohol Ordinance:**
  - a. Christian K. Bennett (Chops Statesboro LLC)**

Council discussed the possibility of making this a 2<sup>nd</sup> reading with conditions since the business was only a name change in ownership. Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs with the condition to complete the alcohol application check list within 2 working days. Councilman Blich, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote. Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest.

**Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to approve the following zoning map amendments:**

- a) **APPLICATION # RZ 11-11-01**: Jennings Construction and Development, Inc. requests a zoning map amendment of approximately 11.36 acres from HOC (Highway Oriented Commercial) to R4 (High Density Residential) and approximately 58.48 acres from R10 (Single Family Residential) to R3 (Medium Density Multiple Family Residential) for property located on Highway 301 in Northbridge Subdivision to allow for the development of duplexes and apartments.

Jerry and Craig Jennings spoke in favor of the zoning map amendment. James Hall and Tony Jones as well as other property home owners that were present spoke against the amendment. They stated the home owner's covenant read that no duplex or rental apartments would be built and that it would remain a single family neighborhood. Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to table the item until Mr. Jennings and the homeowners can come to a resolution and bring it back to the table by the first Council meeting in February. Councilman Britt, Blich, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote

- b) **APPLICATION # RZ 11-11-02**: Mr. Charles Tsang is requesting a zoning map amendment from R4 (High-Density Residential) to CR (Commercial Retail) for property located at 223 Lanier Drive (Tax Parcel Numbers MS63000024 000 & MS63000023 000).

Sam Dipolito spoke in favor of the amendment on behalf of Charles Tsang. Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to approve APPLICATION # RZ 11-11-02: Mr. Charles Tsang is requesting a zoning map amendment from R4 (High-Density Residential) to CR (Commercial Retail) for property located at 223 Lanier Drive (Tax Parcel Numbers MS63000024 000 & MS63000023 000). Councilman Britt, Blich, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote

**Other Business from City Council**

Fire Commander Tim Grahms thanked Council and others for the kindness everyone gave to the family of the late Adam Mock who was a firefighter for the City of Statesboro.

**Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn**

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 am.