



**CITY OF STATESBORO  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
JANUARY 18, 2012**

A regular meeting of the Statesboro City Council was held on January 18, 2012 at 6:00 p.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, Assistant City Engineer Jason Boyles, and Director of Community Development Mandi Cody.

**Recognitions/Public Presentations**

- A) Introduction of our new City of Statesboro Attorney Alvin Leaphart**
- B) Ms. Alberta Deal request to speak to Council concerning the noise at "The Grill"**

City Manager Frank Parker introduced and welcomed our new City of Statesboro City Attorney Alvin Leaphart.

Mrs. Alberta Deal spoke to Council regarding the extremely loud music and noise coming from "The Grill" at all times of the night. She stated she had called the Police on numerous occasions, but nothing has been done to stop the problems. Mayor Brannen asked City Manager Frank Parker to look into the matter.

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

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

- A) Approval of Minutes**
  - a) January 04, 2012**
- B) Motion to approve Special Event Permits for Averitt Center for the Arts:**
  - a) Theatre Production "Of Mice and Men"**
  - b) Theatre Production "Glass Menagerie"**
- C) Motion to approve Resolution 2012-01: A Resolution amending the schedule of fees and charges for the Water/Sewer Department**
- D) Motion to award a contract to provide a fire service study for the City of Statesboro to Mizelle, Hodges and Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$17,500.00.**

Councilman Riggs made a request to remove item "D" from the consent agenda.

Mayor Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to approve the remaining items on the consent agenda. Councilman Britt, Blich, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carries by a 5-0 vote.

**D) Motion to award a contract to provide a fire service study for the City of Statesboro to Mizelle, Hodges and Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$17,500.00**

Councilman Riggs asked Public Safety Director Wendell Turner to explain this item. Mr. Turner explained the funds have been available for several years but needed to wait for the right time to look at the study. Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to approve item (D) Motion to award a contract to provide a fire service study for the City of Statesboro to Mizelle, Hodges and Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$17,500.00. Councilman Britt, Blich, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carries by a 5-0 vote.

**Other Business from City Council**

Public Safety Director Wendell Turner updated Council on the arrest that was made in connection to the remains of a body found under a house several months ago. He also stated the crime rate went down around the Campus during the winter break.

Consideration of a Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss “personnel matters” and “potential land acquisition” in accordance with O.C.G.A.§50-14-3 (2010)

Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to enter into executive session at 6:30 p.m. Councilman Britt, Blich, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote. Present were Mayor Joe R. Brannen, Council Members: Will Britt, John Riggs, Tommy Blich, Gary Lewis and Travis Chance. Also present were City Clerk Sue Starling, Director of Human Resources Jeff Grant, and Assistant City Engineer Jason Boyles. Director of Community Development Mandi Cody was asked to join the meeting later. Before the meeting was over, everyone was asked to leave the meeting except Mayor, Council members, City Manager and City Attorney.

**Regular Session**

Mayor Brannen called the regular session back to order at 7:25 p.m. with no action taken.

**Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn**

Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs 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 was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.