



**CITY OF STATESBORO
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
January 04, 2011**

A regular meeting of the Statesboro City Council was held on January 04, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were Mayor Joe R. Brannen, Council Members: Will Britt, Tommy Blitch, John Riggs, Gary Lewis and Travis Chance. Also present were Interim City Manager Frank Parker, City Clerk Sue Starling, Staff Attorney Michael Graves, Director of Community Development Christian Lentz, and City Engineer Robert Cheshire. Absent was City Attorney Sam Brannen.

Approval of Minutes:

- a) **December 07, 2010 Council Minutes**
- b) **December 07, 2010 Work Session Minutes**

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to approve the Council minutes and Work Session minutes for December 07, 2010. Councilman Britt, Blitch, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Recognitions/Public Presentations:

- a) **Retirement of Jacob Reedy for 11 years of service with the City of Statesboro**

Human Resource Director Jeff Grant congratulated Jacob Reedy as he retires and for his 11 years of service to the City of Statesboro. Mayor Brannen presented Mr. Reedy with a plaque as everyone wished him well on his retirement.

Consideration of a Motion to approve/deny application for a Special Event Permit:

- a) **Larry Scarboro (Big Head Barber/Salon)**

Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Councilman Blitch to approve the application for a special event permit for Larry Scarboro (Big Head Barber/Salon). Councilman Britt, Blitch, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to approve/deny 1st reading as notification for application of alcohol license:

- a) **Jerry Lamar Morris (Enmark Stations, Inc.)**
- b) **Tam Doan (Nikko Japanese Restaurant)**

Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to approve 1st reading as notification for application of alcohol license for Jerry Lamar Morris (Enmark Stations, Inc.) and Tam Doan (Nikko Japanese Restaurant). Councilman Britt, Blitch, Riggs, Lewis 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/deny the following zoning map amendment request and 1st reading of annexation Ordinance #2011-01: APPLICATION # AN 10-11-01: Bird Lane, LLC requests annexation by the 100 percent method of 1.23 acres of property located on Bird Lane and Lanier Drive into the City of Statesboro, and rezoning of said property from PUD (Planned Unit Development District – Bulloch County) to R-4 (High Density Residential) District.

Laura Marsh representing Franklin and Taulbee spoke in support of the annexation. Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to approve the following zoning map amendment request and 1st reading of annexation Ordinance #2011-01: APPLICATION # AN 10-11-01: Bird Lane, LLC requests annexation by the 100 percent method of 1.23 acres of property located on Bird Lane and Lanier Drive into the City of Statesboro, and rezoning of said property from PUD (Planned Unit Development District – Bulloch County) to R-4 (High Density Residential) District.). Councilman Britt, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. Councilman Blitch abstained from voting stating a conflict of interest. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to approve/deny the following variance request: APPLICATION # V 10-11-02: Bird Lane, LLC requests a variance from Section 703(B.2) of the *Statesboro Zoning Ordinance* to allow for development of greater than 12 dwelling units per acre on property located at Bird Lane and Lanier Drive.

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to approve the following variance request: APPLICATION # V 10-11-02: Bird Lane, LLC requests a variance from Section 703(B.2) of the *Statesboro Zoning Ordinance* to allow for development of greater than 12 dwelling units per acre on property located at Bird Lane and Lanier Drive. Councilman Britt, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. Councilman Blitch abstained from voting stating a conflict of interest. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to approve/deny the following variance request: APPLICATION # V 10-11-03: EMC Engineering Services, Inc. requests a variance on behalf of Dr. William R. Deal and Ellen Deal McKinney from Section 702 of the *Statesboro Zoning Ordinance* to allow for a building height of greater than 35 feet on property located on U.S. Highway 301 South.

Chuck Perry representing EMC spoke in support of the variance request. Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to approve the following variance request: APPLICATION # V 10-11-03: EMC Engineering Services, Inc. requests a variance on behalf of Dr. William R. Deal and Ellen Deal McKinney from Section 702 of the *Statesboro Zoning Ordinance* to allow for a building height of greater than 35 feet on property located on U.S. Highway 301 South. Councilman Britt, Blitch, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to approve Resolution 2011-01: A Resolution to Fix and Publish Qualifying fees for the City of Statesboro November 8, 2011 General Election

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Blitch to approve **Resolution 2011-01**: A Resolution to Fix and Publish Qualifying fees for the City of Statesboro November 8, 2011 General Election. Councilman Britt, Blitch, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to approve Resolution 2011-02: A Resolution authorizing the transfer of lot #06 at 323 Proctor Street in Statesboro Pointe subdivision to the Statesboro-Bulloch County Land Bank Authority for sale to Habitat for Humanity of Bulloch County, Inc. for \$5,000.00.

Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to approve **Resolution 2011-02**: A Resolution authorizing the transfer of lot #06 at 323 Proctor Street in Statesboro Pointe subdivision to the Statesboro-Bulloch County Land Bank Authority for sale to Habitat for Humanity of Bulloch County, Inc. for \$5,000.00. Councilman Britt, Blitch, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to award the low bidder contract to Y-Delta, Inc. in the amount of \$1,587,068.35 for the Lakeview Rd. N.W. annexation area water/sewer extension

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to award the low bidder contract to Y-Delta, Inc. in the amount of \$1,587,068.35 for the Lakeview Rd. N.W. annexation area water/sewer extension. Councilman Britt, Blitch, Riggs and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. Councilman Chance voted against the motion. The motion carried by a 4-1 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to award the bid of two (2) 2011 F-150 Crew Cab pickup trucks for the Statesboro Fire Department to Rozier Ford in the amount of \$45,716.00.

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Consideration of a Motion to award the bid of seven (7) 2011 Dodge Charger police pursuit vehicles for the Statesboro Police Department to Carl Gregory Dodge in the amount of \$253,568.00

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to award the bid of seven (7) 2011 Dodge Charger police pursuit vehicles for the Statesboro Police Department to Carl Gregory Dodge in the amount of \$253,568.00. Councilman Britt, Blitch, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to approve the reimbursement of expenses for the Belle House to Biff Thompson in the amount of \$106,222.50

Interim City Manager Frank Parker and Director of Water Wastewater Wayne Johnson explained the line items for reimbursement of fees paid by Biff Thompson for the Belle House. Biff Thompson stated he would like the same consideration as was given to "Hackers". Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Blitch to approve the reimbursement of expenses for the Belle House to Biff Thompson not to exceed the amount of \$75,000.00. Councilman Britt, Blitch, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to approve the nomination of City Staff Attorney Michael Graves to the Statesboro-Bulloch County Land Bank Authority

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to approve the nomination of City Staff Attorney Michael Graves to the Statesboro-Bulloch County Land Bank Authority. Councilman Britt, Blitch, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Reports from Staff:

Interim City Manager Frank Parker stated the H&H Service (Mike Hadden) issue had been resolved. He recognized Phyllis Thompson and Benji Thompson as the new directors of the Development Authority. The Bulloch County Retreat will be held on February 25th and 26th at St. Simons Island. The Mayors Day Convention will be held in Atlanta on January 22nd thru 24th, 2011. The Wild Game Supper will be held in Atlanta on February 1st, 2011.

City Engineer Robert Cheshire states the sidewalks at Main and Main were 99% complete. DSDA is moving forward on the welcome sign on 301 South. We are using City staff on parts of this project to save money. We also received out survey for street improvements in the area of Church Street.

Director Water Wastewater Wayne Johnson stated he received the draft permit from EPD for the reuse water system. The well #10 is near completion. The Roach Estate is near an agreement for the easement of sewer lines for the Southeast Quadrant.

Consideration of a Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss “Legal matters regarding pending litigation” and personnel matters 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 10:30 a.m. with a ten(10) minute break before starting the discussion of legal matters regarding pending litigation and personnel matters in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3 (2010). 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, Staff Attorney Michael Graves and Director of Human Resources Jeff Grant. The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Regular Session

Mayor Joe Brannen called the regular Council session back to order at 11:27 a.m. Mayor Brannen announced no action had been taken in executive session.

Other Business from the City Council

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to approve the recommendation, by the Interim City Manager Frank Parker, for a new position to hire a receptionist and a Human Resource Coordinator. Councilman Britt, Riggs, Blich, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

Councilman Blich 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 11:30 a.m.