



**CITY OF STATESBORO
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
FEBRUARY 07, 2012**

A regular meeting of the Statesboro City Council was held on February 07, 2012 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 City Manager Frank Parker, Assistant City Clerk Heather Anderson, City Attorney Alvin Leaphart, City Engineer Robert Cheshire, and Director of Community Development Mandi Cody. City Clerk Sue Starling was absent.

Recognitions/Public Presentations

A) Proclamation for "Arbor Day" presented to Henry Clay on behalf of the Tree Board

No one was present to receive the Arbor Day proclamation

B) Statesboro Engineering Department and Public Works recognizes Sam Whitaker with the Boy Scouts for his work in constructing and installing bird houses along McTell Trail as his Eagle Scout service project.

Streets and Parks Superintendent Robert Seamans presented the plaque to Sam Whitaker. Mr. Whitaker presented a birdhouse to Mayor Brannen.

C) Recognition: Retirement, Mickey Dickey, 21 Years of Service, Landfill Superintendent, Public Works Department

Mayor Brannen presented the retirement plaque to Mickey Dickey for his many years of service with the City of Statesboro.

D) Recognition: Employee of the Month, Matt Deangelis, Advance Patrol Officer, Police Department

Mayor Brannen presented the Employee of the Month plaque to Matt Deangelis.

E) Presentation of the "Certificate of Achievement Award" to Councilman Tommy Blitch for completing his training requirements prescribed by the Board of the Georgia Municipal Training Institute

Mayor Brannen presented the "Certificate of Achievement Award" to Councilman Tommy Blitch

F) Dan Host would like to present his company "Wireless Consultants" to Council
Dan Host representing Wireless Consultants LLC presented his company to Mayor and Council with a discussion of his cost savings ideas for the City of Statesboro

Public Comments (Agenda Item): None

Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

- A) Approval of Minutes
 - a) January 18, 2012 Council Minutes
- B) Consideration of a motion to approve the surplus of a 2007 Pontiac G6 with major mechanical issues by electronic auction that was purchased by the Police Department with seized drug funds.
- C) Notification of an alcohol license application :
 - Licensee: Dania Jo Deal
 - DBA: The Crow's Nest
 - Location: 19 South Main St
 - Type of Alcohol License: Sports Restaurant
 - Type of Business: Beer, Wine, Liquor by the Drink-Pouring Sale
- D) Notification of an alcohol license application:
 - Licensee: Karen Pittman Brown
 - DBA: Primetime Lounge
 - Location: 608-C North side Drive West
 - Type of Alcohol License: Sports Restaurant
 - Type of Business: Beer, Wine, Liquor by the Drink-Pouring Sales
- E) Consideration of a Motion to approve two (2) Special Event Permits for the Averitt Center for the Arts:
 - a) Gallery Reception "Art in the Low Country"
 - b) Theatre Production "Jon Faddis performing with the GSU Jazz Band"

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to approve the consent agenda with the condition to move items C&D to the work session that will be held immediately following the Council Meeting. Councilman Britt, Blich, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted to approve the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

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.**

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Blich to table the item until March. Councilman Britt, Blich, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted to approve the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to allow staff to enter into contract negotiations with Wolverton & Associates to provide professional services including surveying, planning, design and permitting for the proposed improvements at the intersection of Fair Rd. and S. Zetterower Ave. / Tillman Rd.

Councilman Blich made a motion, seconded y Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to allow staff to enter into contract negotiations with Wolverton & Associates to provide professional services including surveying, planning, design and permitting for the proposed improvements at the intersection of Fair Rd. and S. Zetterower Ave. / Tillman Rd. Councilman Britt, Blich, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted to approve the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to approve Resolution 2012-02: A resolution to adopt the first amendment to the fiscal year 2012 budget for each fund of the city of Statesboro, Georgia, appropriating the amounts shown in each budget as expenditures/expenses, adopting the several items of revenue anticipations, and prohibiting expenditures or expenses from exceeding the actual funding appropriated

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded y Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to approve Resolution 2012-02: A resolution to adopt the first amendment to the fiscal year 2012 budget for each fund of the city of Statesboro, Georgia, appropriating the amounts shown in each budget as expenditures/expenses, adopting the several items of revenue anticipations, and prohibiting expenditures or expenses from exceeding the actual funding appropriated. Councilman Britt, Blich, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted to approve the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to set the Budget Retreat date. The choices are Thursday April 5th, Friday April 6th or Friday April 13th at City Campus

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to set the Budget Retreat date as April 13, 2012 at City Campus. Councilman Britt, Blich, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted to approve the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Other Business from City Council

At the request of City Engineer Robert Cheshire, Mayor Brannen read the Arbor Day Proclamation.

Consideration of a Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss “Personnel Matters” and “Legal Matters” in accordance with O.C.G.A.§50-14-3 (2010)

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to enter into Executive Session at 9:35 a.m. with a ten(10) minute break before starting the discussion of Personnel and Legal 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 Attorney Alvin Leaphart, System Analyst Bryant Tatum, and Director of Human Resources Jeff Grant.

Executive session ended at 11:00 am.

Regular Session

Mayor Brannen called the regular session back to order at 11:01 am with no action taken.

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to authorize the City Manager to create a position and interview for a GIS coordinator. Councilman Britt, Blich, Riggs and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote. Councilman Chance left the meeting during the Executive Session.

Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to adjourn. Councilman Britt, Blich, Riggs and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote. The meeting adjourned at 11:05 am.