



**CITY OF STATESBORO
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
February 1, 2011**

A regular meeting of the Statesboro City Council was held on February 01, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were Mayor Joe R. Brannen, Council Members: Will Britt, Tommy Blicht, John Riggs, Gary Lewis and Travis Chance. Also present were Interim City Manager Frank Parker, City Clerk Sue Starling, Staff Attorney Michael Graves, City Engineer Robert Cheshire and City Planner Mandy Cody.

Approval of Minutes: January 19, 2011

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to approve the Council minutes for January 19th, 2011. Councilman Britt, Blicht, 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 2nd reading for an alcohol license:

a) Susan Elaine Olsen (Pizza Mill)

Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Councilman Blicht to approve the 2nd reading for an alcohol license for Susan Elaine Olsen (Pizza Mill). Councilman Britt, Blicht, 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 variance request: Application # V: 10-12-02: Bill Moore of Yates Astro request variances on behalf of the Milton Lariscy Estate from Sections 1601 (Miscellaneous off street parking rules), 1602 (Design requirements for multi-family, commercial and industrial parking lots), and Section 2301 (Side and rear yard buffers) of the *Statesboro Zoning Ordinance* to allow for the redevelopment of property located at 305 South Zetterower Avenue and the 300 block of South Broad Street.

John Dotson representing Maxwell Reddick and Teresa Concannon, a member of the Planning Commission spoke in favor of the variance request. Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Blicht to approve request subject to recommendations in report for Application # V: 10-12-02: Bill Moore of Yates Astro request variances on behalf of the Milton Lariscy Estate from Sections 1601 (Miscellaneous off street parking rules), 1602 (Design requirements for multi-family, commercial and industrial parking lots), and Section 2301 (Side and rear yard buffers) of the *Statesboro Zoning Ordinance* to allow for the redevelopment of property located at 305 South Zetterower Avenue and the 300 block of South Broad Street. Councilman Britt, Blicht, 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 Change of a Street Name from Cotton Avenue to Bobby Donaldson Avenue

Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Councilman Blich to approve the change of a street name from Cotton Avenue to Bobby Donaldson Avenue. Councilman Britt, Blich, 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 2011-05: A Resolution for the City of Statesboro to Remain a Georgia Certified City of Ethics.

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to approve Resolution 2011-05: A Resolution for the City of Statesboro to Remain a Georgia Certified City of Ethics. Councilman Britt, Blich, 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 2011-06: A Resolution to Partner with the Georgia Department of Revenue in an Effort to Ensure Proper Payment of Sales Tax.

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to approve Resolution 2011-06: A Resolution to Partner with the Georgia Department of Revenue in an Effort to Ensure Proper Payment of Sales Tax. Councilman Britt, Blich, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote

Reports from Staff:

City Engineer Robert Cheshire reported the recycling program was complete. Mayor Pro Tem stated the fee is \$20.00 per year for the service.

City Clerk Sue Starling stated it is time to nominate a candidate for GMA District 12 for the 2011-2012 year.

Consideration of a Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Legal 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 9:25a.m. with a ten(10) minute break before starting the discussion of 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 Clerk Sue Starling, Staff Attorney Michael Graves. The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Regular Session

Mayor Joe Brannen called the regular Council session back to order at 9:47 a.m. Mayor Brannen announced no action had been taken in executive session.

Other Business from the City Council

Interim City Manager Frank Parker stated the on-line transactions with Sophicity may be down for a short period of time due to changes in the program.

Mr. Parker also made a request to Council to authorize payment for reimbursement for installation of a temporary septic tank system for BVT Akins for the Hackers Clubhouse in the amount of \$35,750.00. Councilman Blich made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to authorize payment for reimbursement for installation of a temporary septic tank system for BVT Akins for the Hackers Clubhouse in the amount of \$35,750.00. Councilman Britt, Blich, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote

Public Comments (General):

Mr. Bill Thomas expressed his concerns regarding item #8 on the Council agenda which was a Resolution for the City of Statesboro to Remain a Georgia Certified City of Ethics.

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 was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.