



**CITY OF STATESBORO
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MARCH 05, 2013**

A regular meeting of the Statesboro City Council was held on March 05, 2013 at 9:00 am in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were Mayor Joe R. Brannen, Council Members Phil Boyum, 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. Absent was Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Joe Brannen.

The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was given by Councilman Gary Lewis.

Recognitions/Public Presentations

A) Retirement of Jim Smith with 35 years of Service as Senior WWTP Operator at the Waste Water Treatment Plant

Director of Water Wastewater Wayne Johnson thanked Jim Smith for his 35 years as a dedicated employee to the City of Statesboro. Mayor Brannen presented Mr. Smith with a plaque in recognition of his many years as a valued employee of the City.

B) Director of Public Safety Wendell Turner presents to Council a Police Department program called "Crime Free Housing"

Justin Samples Communication Officer for the Police Department presented to Council a program called "Crime Free Housing". This program would allow apartment complexes on a voluntary basis to run background checks on their potential renters. Anyone with a criminal background would not be allowed to live in the complex. The apartment complex would also do improvements around the buildings to assist with crime prevention.

C) Fire Department to recognize Public Works Personnel for their efforts in assisting the FD in the February 14th grain bin rescue

Chief Tim Grams recognized and presented a plaque to employees from the Public Works Department for their efforts in the rescue of 2 people trapped in a grain elevator. They were Streets and Parks Superintendent Robert Seamans, Larry Todd, Eddie Brown, Robert Dixon and Casey Brown.

Public Comments (Agenda Item): None

Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

A) Approval of Minutes

a) 02-19-2013 Council Minutes

b) 02-19-2013 Executive Session Minutes

B) Consideration of a Motion to approve 2nd reading of Ordinance 2013-01: An Ordinance Amending Certain Sections of Chapter 6 of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances (Alcoholic Beverages).

C) Notification of alcohol license application:

a) Licensee: Cleyon Turner (Changing Managers)

DBA: The Olive Garden Italian Restaurant #1837

Location: 201 Henry Blvd

Type of Alcohol License: Beer, Wine & Liquor by the Drink

Type of Business: Restaurant

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to approve the consent agenda in its entirety. Councilman Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to approve request to utilize Sole Source purchasing method for two (2) decorative, mast arm traffic signal poles to be used to replace the existing traffic signal poles at the intersection of W. Main St. @ S. College St. Purchase is associated with planned intersection improvements at this same location.

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyum to approve the Sole Source purchasing method for two (2) decorative, mast arm traffic signal poles to be used to replace the existing traffic signal poles at the intersection of W. Main St. @ S. College St. Purchase is associated with planned intersection improvements at this same location. Councilman Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to approve Resolution 2013-04: A Resolution approving the execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Statesboro and Bulloch County.

City Manager Frank Parker recognized and thanked Benji Thompson and others for their work on the intergovernmental agreement. Director of Water Wastewater Wayne Johnson stated the long term time frame for completion would be 18 to 26 months. Mayor Brannen also thanked City Attorney Alvin Leaphart for the working with County Attorney Jeff Akins to complete the agreement.

Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to approve **Resolution 2013-04**: A Resolution approving the execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Statesboro and Bulloch County. Councilman Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion for the City of Statesboro to commit to \$150,000.00 if the City of Statesboro receives a CDBG grant in the amount of \$500,000.00 for the Gordon Street project

Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to increase the commitment from \$150,000.00 to \$186,837.00 if the City of Statesboro receives a CDBG grant in the amount of \$500,000.00 for the Gordon Street project. Councilman Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Mayor Brannen appointed Purchasing Agent Darren Prather, City Engineer Robert Cheshire and Director of Community Development Mandi Cody to serve on the committee for the Gordon Street project.

Consideration of a Motion to approve/deny Resolution 2013-05: A Resolution authorizing the waiver of any payment in lieu of taxes (Pilot) by the Statesboro Housing Authority to the City of Statesboro for the 2012 Tax Year.

Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyum to table this item and require the Statesboro Housing Authority to submit a current budget to Council. Councilman Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to approve the remaining 1% bonus to the employees of the City of Statesboro

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Council Boyum to approve the 1% bonus to be paid to the City of Statesboro employees for the first pay period of June, 2013. Councilman Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Other Business from City Council

A) Luetta Moore Trail

Purchasing Agent Darren Prather asked Council for a motion to award the Luetta Moore Trail construction to Chris Merrill Construction (CMC) in the amount of \$88,566.00. Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to approve the motion to award the Luetta Moore Trail construction to Chris Merrill Construction (CMC) in the amount of \$88,566.00. Councilman Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

City Manager Frank Parker recognized Communication Officer Justin Samples and Director of Human Resource Jeff Grant as they appeared in the Eagle Executive Newsletter. He also stated Statesboro was recognized in the Georgia Renaissance of Cities-Georgia Trend.

Public Safety Director Wendell Turner updated Council on the ISO Study. He stated the City of Statesboro has a rating of 3 and wanted to thank everyone for their help to complete the project.

City Manager Frank Parker stated the legislative vote for the hotel-motel tax increase would take place on Monday.

Director of Finance Cindy West stated the request for the date of the budget retreat would be placed on the next agenda.

Public Comments (General) None

Consideration of a Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss “Personnel Matters” in accordance with O.C.G.A.§50-14-3 (2012)

Councilman Chance made a motion at 10:00 am, seconded by Councilman Riggs to enter into Executive Session (with a 5 minute break) to discuss “Personnel Matters” in accordance with **O.C.G.A.§50-14-3 (2012)**.

Before the room cleared, Mayor Brannen reminded everyone about “Up with People”, the international cast of 120 students from 20 different countries that will be performing at the Statesboro High School on March 8th and 9th, 2013.

Present for the Executive Session was Mayor Brannen and Council Members: Phil Boyum, John Riggs, Gary Lewis and Travis Chance. Also present were Assistant City Clerk Heather Anderson, City Attorney Alvin Leaphart and Director of Human Resource Jeff Grant.

Mayor Brannen called the regular session back to order at 11:16 am with no action taken.

Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 11:17 am.