



**CITY OF STATESBORO
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MARCH 06, 2012**

A regular meeting of the Statesboro City Council was held on March 06, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were Mayor Joe R. Brannen, Council Members: Will Britt, 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. Councilman Tommy Blitch was absent.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Councilman Tommy Blitch

DSDA Director Allen Muldrew gave the invocation and Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt led the Pledge of Allegiance due to the absence of Councilman Blitch.

Recognitions/Public Presentations:

A) February Employee of the Month-Missy Hagan, Administrative Assistant for Engineering

Mayor Brannen and Director of Human Resource Jeff Grant presented Missy Hagan with a plaque as Employee of the month

B) City of Statesboro received the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) Award for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2010

Mayor Brannen recognized the Finance Department for receiving the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) Award for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2010.

Public Comments (Agenda Item): None

Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

A) Approval of Minutes

a) February 02, 2012 Council Minutes

B) Consideration of a Motion to approve 2nd reading of alcohol license for

a) 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 Sales

C) Notification for application of an alcohol license :

a) Licensee: Rameshchandra R Patel

DBA: Sunny Food Mart

Location: 725 South Main St

Type of Alcohol License: Retail Beer and Wine Package Only

Type of Business: Convenient Store

D) Consideration of a Motion to approve a Special Event Permit :

- a) **Applicant's Name:** Brian Easterling
Date and Time of Event: March 23, 2012, 8:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.
Location of Event: Springhill Suites Banquet Hall
Type of Event: John Wesley Lodge #161 Scholarship Gala
"An Evening of Jazz"
Products served: Beer, Wine, Liquor

E) Consideration of a Motion to award a contract for delinquent tax collection services to D.T.S. for a one year term with an option for two additional one year terms

Mayor Brannen stated item (D) was withdrawn at the applicants' request. Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to approve the consent agenda. Councilman Britt, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to approve 2nd reading of T 12-02-02 - Ordinance 2012-01: An Ordinance amending Article XX (Amendments) of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance regarding time frame required between Planning Commission and the public hearing

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to approve 2nd reading of T 12-02-02 - **Ordinance 2012-01:** An Ordinance amending Article XX (Amendments) of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance regarding time frame required between Planning Commission and the public hearing. Councilman Britt, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to authorize the Water Wastewater Department to proceed with the upgrade to the Reclaimed Water Pumping and Distribution System

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to authorize the Water Wastewater Department to proceed with the upgrade of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Councilman Britt, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to authorize the Water Wastewater Department to proceed with the upgrade of the Wastewater Treatment Plant

Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to authorize the Water Wastewater Department to proceed with the upgrade of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Councilman Britt, 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 surplus of a 2004 Ford F-250 diesel pick-up truck by electronic auction and take the proceeds combined with 2007 SPLOST dollars and purchase a SUV type vehicle from Georgia State contract for the Fire Department.

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to approve the surplus of a 2004 Ford F-250 diesel pick-up truck by electronic auction and take the proceeds combined with 2007 SPLOST dollars and purchase a SUV type vehicle from Georgia State contract for the Fire Department. Councilman Britt, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote

Other Business from City Council

Councilman Chance stated “Don’t Forget to Vote” today

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

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to amend the Executive Session to include personnel matters. Councilman Britt, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to enter into Executive Session at 9:25a.m.with a ten(10) minute break before starting the discussion of potential land acquisition and personnel matters in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3 (2010). Councilman Britt, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote. Present were Mayor Joe R. Brannen, Council Members: Will Britt, John Riggs, Gary Lewis and Travis Chance. Also present were City Clerk Sue Starling and City Attorney Alvin Leaphart along with Mandi Cody, Wendell Turner, Allen Muldrew, and Nick Propes.

The Council Meeting reconvened to the public at 10:40 am. Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to come out of executive session. Councilman Britt, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote. Mayor Joe Brannen called the regular Council meeting back to order at 10:41 a.m. Mayor Brannen announced no action had been taken in executive session.

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to authorize two (2) additional personnel and a part time program for the Statesboro Fire Department. Councilman Britt, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to adjourn. Councilman Britt, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote. The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 a.m.