



**CITY OF STATESBORO
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
April 03, 2012**

A regular meeting of the Statesboro City Council was held on April 03, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were Mayor Joe R. Brannen, Council Members: Will Britt, Tommy Blich, 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.

Recognitions/Public Presentations

A) Proclamation presented to Bill Anderson , Rodeo Chairman of the Statesboro Kiwanis Rodeo on behalf of the Statesboro Kiwanis Club

Mayor Brannen presented Bill Anderson with a proclamation from the City of Statesboro recognizing the Statesboro Kiwanis Club Rodeo

B) Employee of the Month, Flavia Blair, Human Resources Coordinator, HR Department

Mayor Brannen and Director of Human Resources Jeff Grant presented Flavia Blair with a trophy as the employee of the month for the City of Statesboro

C) Lamar Thigpen, Retirement, 10 years of service, Public Works, Streets Division

Mayor Brannen presented Lamar Thigpen with a retirement plaque for his dedicated service to the City of Statesboro

D) City of Statesboro received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for 2011

Mayor Brannen presented the Finance Department with the Distinguished Budget Award for 2011.

Public Comments (Agenda Item): None

Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

A) Approval of Minutes

a) Council Minutes of March 21, 2012

B) Consideration of a Motion to adopt Resolution 2012-05: A Resolution declaring Georgia Cities Week for April 22-28, 2012.

C) Consideration of a Motion to approve 2nd reading of Ordinance 2012-04: An Ordinance amending Article II (Nuisances) of Chapter 38 (Environment) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Statesboro, Georgia in its entirety

D) Consideration of a Motion to approve 2nd reading for the restated (GMEBS) Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System Master Defined Benefit Retirement Master Plan and Adoption Agreement

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to approve the consent agenda in its entirety. Councilman Britt, Blich, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Other Business from City Council

City Manager Frank Parker stated there would be a ribbon cutting at Great Dane at 10:00 a.m. this morning.

City Manager asked Council to consider a motion to approve the voting place for District 3,4 and 5 be moved to the Pittman Park Church and to authorize the Mayor to sign a resolution to make the changes and send to the Department of Justice (DOJ) for approval. Councilman Riggs made the motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to approve the voting place for District 3,4 and 5 be moved to the Pittman Park Church and to authorize the Mayor to sign a resolution to make the changes and send to the Department of Justice (DOJ) for approval. Councilman Britt, Blich, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

City Manager Frank Parker asked Council's approval to surplus the food bank building on Proctor Street also known as the "Grace Waters Cottage". Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to approve the surplus of the food bank on Proctor Street. Councilman Britt, Blich, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

City Manager Frank Parker asked Council to consider a request from Congressman Barrow for the use of an office in City Hall for 2 days a week. Council had no objections stating it should also be available to other officials who are interested.

City Engineer Robert Cheshire stated he would like to put together a stakeholders committee for the contract with Wolverton that would consist of members from GSU, DSDA as well as City employees and Councilmembers. Mayor Brannen stated he would look into appointing someone.

Director of Community Development Mandi Cody asked Council to extend the current moratorium for internet cafes' for another 6 months until a decision has been made on Senate Bill 431. Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to extend the moratorium for another 6 months. Councilman Britt, Blich, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

City Manager Frank Parker commended Public Safety Director Wendell Turner for his presentation at the Rotary Club.

Councilman Travis Chance recognized Director of Human Resource Jeff Grant for receiving the "20 Under 40" business leaders award.

Director of Community Development Mandi Cody stated the GSU grant application was submitted before the deadline.

Purchasing Agent Darren Prather stated the CRC grant specialist would be here today.

Director of Water Wastewater gave an update on Water Superintendent Danny Lively's condition.

Finance Director Cindy West stated the Budget Retreat would be on April 13, 2012 at 9:00 am.

Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

Councilman Chance 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 9:30 a.m.