



**CITY OF STATESBORO
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
APRIL 05th, 2011**

A work session of the Statesboro City Council was held on April 05, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were Mayor Joe R. Brannen, Council Members: Will Britt, John Riggs, Tommy Blich, Gary Lewis and Travis Chance. Also present were Interim City Manager Frank Parker, City Clerk Sue Starling, and Staff Attorney Michael Graves.

Topics of Discussion:

Possible Changes on Natural Gas Rate Structure

Director of Natural Gas Steve Hotchkiss gave an overview of the proposed changes for the Natural Gas Rate Structure. He stated the changes would increase our revenue but the customer would see very little change on their utility bill for gas services.

2010 Census Update

Director of Community Development Mandi Cody updated Council on the 2010 Census stating her department was putting the information in a readable and usable format for future projects.

Code Compliance Update

Director of Community Development Mandi Cody updated Council on the front yard parking violations and stated the department is proactively patrolling the City in the problem areas. She also stated the department is not requiring the person or persons calling in with a complaint to give their name or address.

Mandi stated that Chairman of the Statesboro Planning Commission John Kahr had resigned and she will be bringing back to Council a recommendation to fill the vacant seat.

Mandi also asked Council for guidance concerning nonprofit organizations and whether they would be exempt from paying for sign permits. Currently everyone pays for the permits.

Water Sewer Agreement with Biff Thompson (Belle House)

Staff Attorney Michael Graves gave update on the reimbursement and agreement for the Belle House.

Mr. Biff Thompson stated he would like to have an understanding from Council as to why the Belle House did not receive the same reimbursements for tap fees as the Hackers Clubhouse.

General discussion of emerging issues:

Interim City Manager Frank Parker updated Council on the budget process and also stated the increasing price of gas and diesel would have an impact on the budget numbers presented in the budget.

No action was taken.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.