



**CITY OF STATESBORO
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
APRIL 19th, 2011**

A regular meeting of the Statesboro City Council was held on April 19th, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Assembly Hall at the Nesmith Lane Building on the Georgia Southern University Campus. 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, Director of Community Development Mandy Cody, and City Engineer Robert Cheshire.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt and the Invocation was given by Alton Standifer (Student Government Association President).

Approval of Minutes:

- a) **Council Minutes April 5th, 2011**
- b) **Council Work Session Minutes April 5th, 2011**

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Blicht to approve the Council Minutes and Council Work Session Minutes of April 5th, 2011. Councilman Britt, Blicht, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Recognitions/Public Presentations

- a) **Proclamation for “National Donate Life Month” presented to Kristine Yager Rushton**

Mayor Brannen presented the “National Donate Life Month” proclamation to Kristine Yager Rushton. She accepted the proclamation and spoke about how an organ transplant saved her life as well as others who had been saved by organ donors.

Interim City Manager Frank Parker congratulated Councilman Travis Chance for being chosen as one of our Top 20 under 40 Young Business and Professional Leaders for 2011.

Consideration of a Motion to Approve a Special Event Permit:

- a) **Larry T. Scarboro (Benefit Ball)**

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to approve a special event permit for Larry T. Scarboro (Benefit Ball). 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 1st reading for an alcohol license:

a) Lily's Cafe (Tracy Lee Bercegeay)

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Blitch to approve 1st reading of an alcohol license for Lily's Café (Tracy Lee Bercegeay). Councilman Britt, Blitch, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to declare a non-functioning 1995 Ford F-150 pick-up truck that has extensive collision damage (\$3,600) and high mileage as surplus and to authorize the Police Department to dispose of this property through Gov Deals

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to declare a non-functioning 1995 Ford F-150 pick-up truck that has extensive collision damage (\$3,600) and high mileage as surplus and to authorize the Police Department to dispose of this property through Gov Deals. Councilman Britt, Blitch, 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 2011-11: A Resolution Authorizing the Waiver of any Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) by the Statesboro Housing Authority to the City of Statesboro for the 2010 Tax Year.

Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to approve Resolution 2011-11: A Resolution Authorizing the Waiver of any Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) by the Statesboro Housing Authority to the City of Statesboro for the 2010 Tax Year. Councilman Britt, Blitch, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Reports from Staff:

a) City Manager's Report

Interim City Manager Frank Parker thanked Georgia Southern University for inviting the City Officials and Staff to their campus to hold the City of Statesboro Council Meeting. He also invited everyone to the City's budget retreat on Friday April 22nd, 2011 at the Gateway Pond House.

b) Department Head Reports

City Engineer Robert Cheshire updated Council on the recycling program. He stated everything was going well with the 200 plus carts that has already been delivered to residents. The plans are to continue to get as many people as possible to buy into the recycling program at a cost of \$20.00 per year.

Mayor Brannen thanked the GSU students for their participation in the KBB clean up this past Saturday.

Director of Community Development Mandi Cody stated there would be a meeting on May 5th, 2011 concerning the DSDA Master plan. She also updated Council on the Census 2010. She stated her department is moving forward, with Council's direction, to draw the redistricting lines for the upcoming election. She also stated there were a lot of decisions to be made in a very short time.

Director of Water Wastewater Wayne Johnson updated Council on the permit for the reclaimed water system, purple pipe ordinance and the shower head replacement and low flow toilet programs.

Public Comments Presented By the Georgia Southern University Community

Taylor Jones, Senior Exercise Science Major at GSU, spoke to Council concerning the redistricting and asked would the process include input from students and citizens of the City. Councilman Chance and Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt explained some of the procedures and how the process works to insure every district is equal.

Interim City Manager Frank Parker stated there would be a work session for this issue after the next Council meeting.

Alton Standifer spoke to Council concerning some issues the students had brought to his attention. He stated the students wanted a polling place on campus and more representation on the City Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt stated he would like to see more students attend the Council meetings at City Hall to show their interest in representing the students on a local level.

Interim City Manager Frank Parker also stated he has an open door policy and everyone is welcome.

Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt 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 6:40 p.m.