



**CITY OF STATESBORO
Council Minutes
May 03, 2016**

A regular meeting of the Statesboro City Council was held on May 03, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the Statesboro High School Auditorium. Present were Mayor Jan J. Moore, Council Members: Phil Boyum, Sam Lee Jones, Jeff Yawn, John Riggs and Travis Chance. Also present were Deputy City Manager Robert Cheshire, City Clerk Sue Starling, City Attorney Alvin Leaphart, Director of Public Works and Engineering Jason Boyles

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jan J. Moore
The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was given by Councilman Travis Chance.

Recognitions/Public Presentations

- A) Recognition of Police Officers who received annual awards during 2015**
- B) Update on the current status of the Stormwater Management and Utility Program.**
- C) Presentation of Employee Years of Service Award**
- D) Coastal Workforce Investment Board “Youth Summer Work Program”**
- E) Update on America’s Best Community**

Interim Chief of Police Rob Bryan presented those employees who were selected to receive annual awards in 2015. These individuals are chosen by a committee made up of officers and employees throughout the Statesboro Police Department. The awards were as follows, Rookie of the Year, Officer Jennifer Strosnider, Detective of the Year, Detective Kevin Weatherly, Supervisor of the Year, Sergeant Jake Saxon, Support Person of the Year Communications Officer Charity Foy, Top Gun of the Year, Mike Chappell and Officer of the Year, Advanced Patrol Officer, Kyle Briley.

The Director of Stormwater Management, Marcos Trejo gave an update to Mayor and Council regarding the Stormwater Program which began in August of 2015. One of our main focuses is creating awareness and Public Education for Stormwater. We can correct the issues out there but we need the public’s help as to the location of these problem areas. We have a maintenance program set up, although, during the winter months when we receive more rain, the maintenance work is put on hold to work on complaints from the public of immediate flood problems. Since January 2016 Stormwater Management is fully staffed working at full capacity with one technician and four heavy equipment operators. There are two Capital Improvement Projects being designed right now. The first one is on Beasley Road with ditch erosion problems. The second one is on South College Street at the Railroad tracks. A headwall needs to be put in due to erosion at the culvert. With the help of Director of Engineering and Public Works, along with City Engineer, we have been putting together an RFQ to get a Comprehensive Master Plan for Stormwater.

Director of Human Resources Jeff Grant presented “Years of Service Awards” to Ken Deal, Lyn Dedge and Steve Hotchkiss for their 20 plus years of service with the City of Statesboro.

Director of Human Resources Jeff Grant introduced Yvette Tippins with Paxin, LLC. This program is designed for young people ages 18-24 years, giving them work experience, building work ethics and helping them learn job related skills. Paxin, LLC does time keeping, record keeping, payroll and liability insurance. A mandatory 40 hour Career Pathway Training Class is required before an individual can be placed in the work program. This class teaches independent living skills and being an effective employer with an emphasis on financial literacy. Mayor Moore stated this is very exciting for the City as it will allow the City to participate with 10 individuals to work in various departments within the City which will be paid by Paxin LLC.

Mayor Moore added item 3(E) to the agenda which recognizes the City of Statesboro as finishing in the final 8 for “America’s Best Communities”. The presentation was held last week in Durham, North Carolina. Bob Mikell stated they have 11 months to finish the engineering plans for the redevelopment of the “Blue Mile”. The competition is cream of the crop and we need to put our best foot forward and really distinguish ourselves from the rest of the competition. DSDA Director Allen Muldrew stated this is truly a community effort and will be part of the grading in the final round of competition. Phyllis Thompson stated, in their next presentation, they will have to prove they used the \$100,000.00 winnings from this past round, exactly as they had planned. This competition started with over 350 entries which was roughly our size. We made the top fifty last year. In January, we made the top fifteen and last week we made the top eight. The total winnings for the final choice in this competition are 3 million dollars for the community. The final round of competition will be held in New York in 11 months

Public Comments (Agenda Item): None

Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

- A) Approval of Minutes**
 - a) 04-19-2016 Council Minutes**
 - b) 04-19-2016 Executive Session Minutes**
 - c) 04-21-2016 Budget Retreat Minutes**

- B) Consideration of a Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a Power Easement for construction, operation and maintenance with the Georgia Power Company for the City/County Training Tower.**

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

Consideration of a Motion to approve Special Event Permit

a) BVT Enterprises Inc. – Semi-Professional Soccer Team

Bob Mikell representing BVT Enterprises Inc. spoke in favor of the permit. The alcohol served under this permit will be complementary. It will only be available for those who are in the VIP box. The approval dates for the permit will be May 21st, June 3rd, June 11th, June 23 and June 25th 2016. This event will be held on Eagle Field located at 1226 Malecki Drive.

Councilman Yawn inquired of City Attorney Alvin Leaphart if he needed to recuse himself from voting since he works for GSU. City Attorney Alvin Leaphart stated he does not see any reason for Councilman Yawn to recuse himself from voting as GSU does not have a substantial interest in the special event permit submitted to the City of Statesboro.

Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jones to approve a Special Event Permit to BVT Enterprises Inc. for May 21st June 3rd June 11th June 23rd and June 25th. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to approve the Georgia Emergency Management Agency/Homeland Security (GEMA/HA) Statewide Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement

Emergency Management Agency Director Ted Winn and Deputy Director Ed Eckles presented an overview of the agreement and the impact it has on our community.

Councilman Yawn made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to approve the Georgia Emergency Management Agency/Homeland Security (GEMA/HA) Statewide Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

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Consideration of a Motion to award a “Sole Source” 12 month Lease/Purchase Agreement to Burnett Lime Company for a total obligation of \$201,820.00 for the delivery and installation of a Cal-Flo Lime Slurry System and a “Sole Source” purchase of Cal-Flo liquid lime at a cost of \$0.059 per liquid pound delivered to Statesboro Wastewater Treatment Plant.

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Statesboro Wastewater Treatment Plant. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to award a contract for Major Street Repairs in the amount of \$85,000.00 to Ellis Wood Contracting. This project was budgeted under CIP number ENG-STS-30. Submitted unit pricing will be utilized to bring the lowest submitted bid total of \$97,660.00 to the recommended \$85,000.00 contract total for this project.

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Consideration of a Motion to set the Public Hearing for the FY2017 Budget for Thursday June 9, 2016 at 5:00 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Director of Finance Cindy West stated the FY2017 Public Hearing for the City of Statesboro Budget is set for Thursday, June 9, 2016 at 5:00 pm. After some discussion the date and time was changed to Tuesday, June 7, 2016 at 10:00 am.

Councilman Chance made a motion seconded by Councilman Riggs to set the Public Hearing for the FY2017 Budget for Tuesday June 7, 2016 at 10:00 am in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Consideration of a motion to appoint a voting delegate for the 2016 GMA Annual Convention at the Westin in Savannah

Councilman Boyum made a motion seconded by Councilman Riggs to appoint Councilman Sam Lee Jones to be the voting delegate for the 2016 GMA Annual Convention at the Westin in Savannah. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to appoint a flag bearer for the “Flag of Parades” at the GMA Annual Convention at the Westin in Savannah

Councilman Boyum made a motion seconded by Councilman Riggs to appoint Councilman Sam Lee Jones to be the flag bearer for the “Flag of Parades” GMA Annual Convention at the Westin in Savannah. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote

Update on the City of Statesboro City Manager Search.

Director of Human Resources Jeff Grant gave an update concerning the search for a new City Manager. The search opened on March 11, 2016 and closed on April 15, 2016. He stated fifty seven applications have been submitted. A questionnaire had been sent to the top 15 to 20

candidates. Those questionnaires are due May 3, 2016. After that the top 10 to 12 will be presented to Council by next week, Wednesday. Council will choose 4 to 6 candidates for interviews. We are looking to do interviews the first week of June 2016.

Other Business from City Council: None

City Managers Comments: None

Public Comments (General): None

Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.