



**CITY OF STATESBORO
Council Minutes
May 05, 2015**

A regular meeting of the Statesboro City Council was held on May 5th, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were Mayor Jan J. Moore, Council Members: Will Britt, Phil Boyum, John Riggs, Gary Lewis and Travis Chance. Also present were Interim City Manager Robert Cheshire, City Clerk Sue Starling, City Attorney Alvin Leaphart, Assistant City Engineer Jason Boyles and Director of Planning and Development Mandi Cody.

The Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Jan Moore.

The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Jan Moore.

Recognitions/Public Presentations

A) Announcement of Frontier Communication's, "America's Best Communities Grant Award" by Allen Muldrew

Downtown Statesboro Development Authority Director Allen Muldrew announced the City of Statesboro was one of fifty cities to receive this grant. He also stated there is a round two and three that we will work hard to win. Mr. Muldrew give a big thank you for all the folks, who have made this grant application process a success, which include Mandi Cody, Andy Wilson with GSU and Tim Chapman with the Arts Center. This grant will be used for the "Blue Mile" and South Main Street Revitalization.

B) Presentation of Proclamation for "S.H.I.N.E." Clubhouse with Pineland BHDD recognizing May 7, 2015 as Children's Mental Health Awareness Day in Statesboro and recognition of participation in the "Adopt a Spot Program".

Jason Boyles Assistant City Engineer stated the S.H.I.N.E. Clubhouse has adopted a location on Pitt-Moore Rd in the "Adopt a Spot Program". Mayor Moore presented a Proclamation to S.H.I.N.E. Clubhouse in recognition of May 7th, 2015 as Children's Mental Health Awareness Day.

C) Recognition of the City of Statesboro "Slim by '16" 1st Quarter Winner

Director of Human Resources Jeff Grant presented Yvonne Lane with a check in the amount of \$100.00 for being the first quarter winner in the "Slim by 16" program.

D) Presentation by GSU students Katie Reams and Abbie Pelech for their winning Living Wall/Vertical Garden Design to be constructed and planted in the Smith Alley creative corridor connector between the FAB Lab buildings. Construction and planting of the design to be funded by the Fab Lab's \$20,000 grant award from the GSU Sustainability Grant Funds.

Katie Reams and Abbie Pelech , who are GSU Project Coordinators for the Living wall project, presented Mayor and Council with the design and workmanship of the Living Wall/Vertical Garden that will be located in the Smith Alley connecting City Campus with GSU Campus as well as Downtown Statesboro. The Living Wall will serve as a data collection site for students. They will look at data such as temperature changes in the ally now and when the plants are grown, water collections with the rain barrel, storm water diversion in this area and plant CO2 diversion throughout the living wall life span.

Public Comments (Agenda Item): None

Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

A) Approval of Minutes

a) 04-21-2015 Council Minutes

b) 4-21-2015 Executive Session Minutes

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to approve the consent agenda as it is written. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Administrative Hearings for alleged alcohol violations as pursuant to Chapter 6 of the City of Statesboro Alcohol Ordinance:

	<u>Offense in 12 month period</u>	<u>Citation Date</u>
1. Jason Franklin (Tabled from last Council Meeting) Shenanigans 1 University Plaza	1st offense	February 5, 2015

Mayor Moore conducted the hearing and all participants were sworn in by Mayor Moore.

Mr. Franklin, owner of Shenanigans, in his absence, was represented by Mr. Classens and waived his right to a hearing and agreed to the violation of furnishing alcohol to underage persons. Mayor Moore then asked for a motion and Mr. Franklin agreed, based on the evidence presented here today, that Council finds the licensee, his agents and or employees did violate Chapter 6 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Statesboro within the twelve month period immediately preceding this hearing. Councilman Boyum made a motion seconded by Councilman Britt to accept the guilty plea from Mr. Franklin. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

For the penalty of the violation, Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Britt to consider this a first offense with a warning. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to approve the design plans for the City of Statesboro/Georgia Southern University Fab Lab and Business Innovation Center to allow for the final design and permitting of construction drawings. Presentation by GSU Project Architect Carrie Thorne.

Director of Planning and Development Mandi Cody asked for this motion to be tabled until the June 2nd, 2015 Council Meeting.

First reading and consideration of a Motion to approve Ordinance 2015-04: An Ordinance approving water and sewer billing, termination of service for non-payment, and billing adjustments.

Interim City Manager Robert Cheshire presented Council with a revised Ordinance that explains water and sewer billing, termination of service for non-payment and billing adjustments. Mr. Cheshire explained this ordinance brings more clarity and consistency to the water and sewer billing.

Consideration of a Motion to approve award of contract to Sikes Brothers Inc. for the City Street Resurfacing FY 2015 Project. Sikes Brothers' bid was in the amount of \$708,455.65, based on unit price extensions, however, the Engineering Department requests approval to spend up to the budgeted amount of \$763,230.11 in order to resurface additional street mileage. Costs for additional work to be based on contractor's unit bid prices. Construction to be paid for through a combination of Georgia Department of Transportation LMIG funds (\$208,230.11) and 2013 SPLOST funds (\$555,000).

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyum to approve award of contract to Sikes Brothers Inc. for the City Street Resurfacing FY 2015 Project. Sikes Brothers' bid was in the amount of \$708,455.65, based on unit price extensions, however, the Engineering Department requests approval to spend up to the budgeted amount of \$763,230.11 in order to resurface additional street mileage. The costs for additional work to be based on the contractor's unit bid prices. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to declare certain listed items as surplus and disposed of as recommended by Darren Prather, Purchasing Director and Jason Boyles, Senior Assistant Engineer.

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Britt to declare certain listed items as surplus and dispose of as recommended by Darren Prather, Purchasing Director and Jason Boyles, Senior Assistant Engineer. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to award the sale of surplus property (0.310 of an acre located adjacent to Crescent Avenue) to Statesboro Primitive Baptist Church in the amount of \$600.00. If the sale is approved, the purchaser will be required to fund the construction of a cul-de-sac, per the City of Statesboro's specifications, at this location.

Councilman Boyum made a motion seconded by Councilman Lewis to award the sale of surplus property (0.310 of an acre located adjacent to Crescent Avenue) to Statesboro Primitive Baptist Church in the amount of \$600.00. The purchaser will be required to fund the construction of a cul-de-sac, per the City of Statesboro's specifications, at this location upon approval of this sale. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote. Lindsey Walker, representing the Statesboro Primitive Baptist Church, was also present to confirm the construction of the cul-de-sac would be the responsibility of the Church.

Consideration of a Motion to set the Public Hearing for the FY2016 Budget for Thursday June 4, 2015 at 4:00 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Councilman Riggs made a motion seconded by Britt to set a Public Hearing for the FY2016 Budget for Thursday, June 4, 2015 at 4:00 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Councilman, Britt, Boyum, Riggs, Lewis 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 and Flag Bearer for the 2015 GMA Annual Convention in Savannah.

Councilman Lewis made a motion seconded by Councilman Britt to appoint himself (Councilman Lewis) to be a Voting Delegate and Flag Bearer for the 2015 GMA Annual Convention in Savannah. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Other Business from City Council:

Mayor Moore stated the Alcohol Work Session that was set for Wednesday May 13th needs to be rescheduled due to the City Attorney being unavailable. Councilman Britt made a motion seconded by Councilman Riggs to reschedule the Alcohol Work Session for Wednesday May 27th 2015 at 3:00 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Mayor Moore also stated that Linda Akins would like to remind Council and the public that May 7, 2015 is the National Day of Prayer on the Courthouse square at 12:00pm and invites all to attend.

City Managers Comments

Interim City Manager Robert Cheshire announced the Bulloch County Historical Society invites the public to the dedication of Renaissance Park located at the intersection of West Jones Avenue and Parker Street. This event will be held on Thursday May 15th, 2015 at 5-6 pm

Public Comments (General):

Thurman Tillman, a partner with the United States 2015 Test Census stated that Statesboro was one of the test areas offering the census form on line. The census will conclude on May 31, 2015.

Consideration of a Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss “Personnel Matters” in accordance with O.C.G.A.§50-14-3 (2012)

At 10:15 am, Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Britt to enter into Executive Session to discuss “Personnel Matters” in accordance with O.C.G.A.§50-14-3 (2012). Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Mayor Moore called the regular session back to order with no action taken in Executive Session.

At 10:45 am, Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyum to exit Executive Session. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

At 10:46 am, Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Britt to adjourn. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:46 am.