



**CITY OF STATESBORO
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 15, 2012**

A regular meeting of the Statesboro City Council was held on May 15, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were Mayor Joe R. Brannen, Council Members: Will Britt, Tommy Blicht, 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. Councilman John Riggs was absent.

Invocation was given by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt with the Pledge of Allegiance given by Ethan representing Boy Scout Troop 345 and Tristan representing Boy Scout Troop 332.

Recognitions/Public Presentations:

- A) Winners from participating schools for the GMA Georgia Cities Coloring Contest**
 - a) Claire Vickers- 1st Grade Student at Sallie Zetterower School**
 - b) Jasmine Quterio- 1st Grade Student at Langston Chapel School**
 - c) Rodney Thomas- 1st Grade Student at Bulloch Academy School**
 - d) Andrew Austin- 1st Grade Student at Trinity Christian School**
 - e) Clayton Anderson- 1st Grade Student at Mattie Lively School**

Mayor Brannen presented each winner with their piece of framed artwork and an artist's metal.

- B) Alisha Piet request to speak to Council with concerns regarding the Platinum Lounge**

Alisha Piet was not present to speak.

- C) Proclamation presented to the Public Works Department recognizing May 22nd -25th as "National Public Works Week"**

Mayor Brannen presented a Proclamation to City Engineer Robert Cheshire on behalf of the Public Works Department

Public Comments (Agenda Item): None

Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

- A) Approval of Minutes**
 - a) 05-01-2012 Council Minutes**
 - b) 05-01-2012 Council Work Session Minutes**
- B) Consideration of a Motion to approve Resolution 2012: A Resolution authorizing the waiver of any payment in lieu of Taxes (Pilot) by the Statesboro Housing Authority to the City of Statesboro for the 2011 Tax Year in the amount of \$15,918.48.**

- C) Consideration of a Motion to award the bid for the Southeast Quadrant water sewer extension to Tyson Utilities Construction for Part A in the amount of \$1,164,961.40 and Part B in the amount of \$71,667.11 after easements are secured**
- D) Consideration of a Motion to award a contract for a 75x75 feet addition to an existing metal shelter for the Wastewater Treatment Plant for Smith Steel Structures, Inc. in the amount of \$25,170.00**
- E) Consideration of a Motion to set a Public Hearing for the FY 2013 Budget for June 12, 2012 at 4:00 pm**

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to approve the consent agenda in its entirety. Councilman Britt, Blich, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Public Hearing for Application RZ 12-01-01: Akins Family Limited Liability Limited Partnership requests a zoning map amendment from LI (Light Industrial) to R4 (High Density Residential) for property located at 520 Park Avenue (Tax Parcel Numbers S42000030000 & S4200006000).

Mayor Brannen stated the applicant made a request to withdraw this item from the agenda.

Consideration of a Motion to approve the extension of the Audit Contract with Thigpen, Lanier, Westerfield and Deal for three more years at the same cost as the last two years of \$40,000 each year

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to approve the extension of the Audit Contract with Thigpen, Lanier, Westerfield and Deal for three more years at the same cost as the last two years of \$40,000 each year with the condition to ask the firm to permit someone within the organization, who has never performed the audit for the City of Statesboro, to be a part of the audit process. Councilman Britt, Blich, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Other Business from City Council

City Manager Frank Parker asked for direction concerning the trash policy for picking up a 4x4x8 pile of trash. He stated the current policy should be amended and a proposal will be brought back to Council for approval to address the excessive trash at the curb.

Councilman Lewis asked the status of the animal control in the City. City Manager Frank Parker stated the County handles the City's animal population with the City paying the salary and also furnishing one truck. Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt suggested that Council meet with the County to discuss concerns of Councilman Lewis and citizens.

Consideration of a Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss “Personnel Matters” in accordance with O.C.G.A. §50-14-3 (2010)

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to enter into Executive Session to discuss “Personnel Matters” in accordance with O.C.G.A. §50-14-3 (2010) at 6:30 pm with a 5 minute break. Councilman Britt, Blich, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Mayor Brannen called the regular session back to order at 7:41 p.m. with no action being taken.

Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to adjourn. Councilman Britt, Blich, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.
The meeting was adjourned at 7:42p.m.