



**CITY OF STATESBORO
Council Minutes
May 16, 2017**

A regular meeting of the Statesboro City Council was held on May 16th, 2017 at 5:30p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were Council Members: Sam Lee Jones, Jeff Yawn, John Riggs and Travis Chance. Also present were City Manager Randy Wetmore, Deputy City Manager Robert Cheshire, City Clerk Sue Starling and City Attorney Cain Smith. Mayor Jan Moore and Councilmember Phil Boyum were absent.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Travis Chance.

The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was given by Councilman Jeff Yawn.

Recognitions/Public Presentations

A) Proclamation for National Police Week

Mayor Pro Tem Travis Chance read the proclamation to recognize “National Police Week”. Police Chief Mike Broadhead stated we lose about 220 officers a year to suicide.

B) Proclamation presented to the City of Statesboro Department of Public Works & Engineering recognizing the week of May 21 - 27, 2017 as "Public Works Week"

Director of Public Works and Engineering Jason Boyles updated Council on some of the projects that have been completed by the Public Works Department.

Mayor Pro Tem Travis Chance read the proclamation to recognize “Public Works Week”.

Public Comments (Agenda Item): None

Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

A) Approval of Minutes

a) 05-02-2017 Council Minutes

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

Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to Approve: APPLICATION # RZ 17-04-02: Dr. Alex Jordan and Sherry Jordan request a zoning map amendment for .31 acres of property located at 11 West Grady Street from the R3 (Medium Density Multiple Family Residential District) zoning district to the R6 (Single Family Residential) zoning district to divide the property into two (2) parcels for future development (Tax Parcel S19 000033 000).

Councilman Yawn made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to open the public hearing. Councilman Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

No one spoke for or against the request.

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Yawn to close the public hearing. Councilman Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Councilman Yawn made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to approve: **APPLICATION # RZ 17-04-02**: Dr. Alex Jordan and Sherry Jordan request a zoning map amendment for .31 acres of property located at 11 West Grady Street from the R3 (Medium Density Multiple Family Residential District) zoning district to the R6 (Single Family Residential) zoning district to divide the property into two (2) parcels for future development (Tax Parcel S19 000033 000). Councilman Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to Approve: APPLICATION # RZ 17-04-01: Wayne Laircey requests a zoning map amendment for .37 acres of property located on West Parrish Street from the R20 (Single Family Residential) zoning district to the CR (Commercial Retail) zoning district (Tax Parcel S16 000077 000).

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Yawn to open the public hearing. Councilman Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Wayne Laircey spoke in favor of the request. Mr. Laircey also asked Council to refund the money he spent for a platt and other fees. No one else spoke for or against the request

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Yawn to close the public hearing. Councilman Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jones to approve **APPLICATION # RZ 17-04-01**: Wayne Laircey requests a zoning map amendment for .37 acres of property located on West Parrish Street from the R20 (Single Family Residential) zoning district to the CR (Commercial Retail) zoning district (Tax Parcel S16 000077 000). Councilman Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

The refund of fees was not a part of the vote.

Consideration of a Motion to approve an alcohol application for Sec.6-17(d) exemptions to open container prohibition

a) Eagle Creek Brewing Company

Councilman Yawn made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to approve an alcohol application for Sec.6-17(d) exemptions to open container prohibition for Eagle Creek Brewery Company. Councilman Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to Approve Resolution 2017-18: A Resolution to accept the Georgia Department of Transportation's Multimodal Safety and Access Grant in the amount of \$230,510 (or 70% of project cost, whichever is less) for the East Main Sidewalk Project from Lester Road to East of Veterans Parkway.

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Yawn to approve Resolution 2017-18: A Resolution to accept the Georgia Department of Transportation's Multimodal Safety and Access Grant in the amount of \$230,510 (or 70% of project cost, whichever is less) for the East Main Sidewalk Project from Lester Road to East of Veterans Parkway. Councilman Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to set the Public Hearing for the FY2018 Budget for Tuesday June 06, 2017 at 9:00 am in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Councilman Jones made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to set the Public Hearing for the FY2018 Budget for Tuesday June 06, 2017 at 9:00 am in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Councilman Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Other Business from City Council: None

City Managers Comments

City Manager Randy Wetmore stated the Council meeting set for July 4th, 2017 is cancelled. Deputy City Manager Robert Cheshire updated Council on an emergency sewer repair . He stated the line was failing. Tyson Utilities and Y-Delta were the bidders with the bid going to Tyson Utilities.

Public Comments (General)

A) Kristine Yager-Rushton request to speak regarding neighborhood sidewalks

Kristine asked Council to look putting sidewalks in residential areas such as Park Ave, Brannen St, Wend Wood, and Pine Cove. She also stated that motorists speed thru these areas and do not show any respect for pedestrians.

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

At 6:00 pm, Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Yawn to enter into Executive Session to discuss “Potential Litigation” in accordance with **O.C.G.A.§50-14-3**

(2012). Councilman Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

At 6:15 pm, Councilman Yawn made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to exit Executive Session. Councilman Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

There was no action taken in Executive Session.

Councilman Yawn made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm.