



**CITY OF STATESBORO
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 03, 2011**

A regular meeting of the Statesboro City Council was held on May 3rd, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were Council Members: Will Britt, Tommy Blich, 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 Mandi Cody, and Senior Assistant City Engineer Jason Boyles. Absent was Mayor Joe Brannen.

Approval of Minutes:

- a) **April 19th, 2011 Council Minutes**
- b) **April 22nd, 2011 Budget Retreat Minutes**

Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Councilman Blich to approve the April 19th, 2011 Council minutes and April 22nd, 2011 Budget Retreat minutes. Councilman Britt, Blich, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Recognitions/Public Presentations:

- a) **Presentation for Employee of the Month (Andrew Samples-Statesboro Police Department)**

Director of Human Resource Jeff Grant presented a plaque and recognized Police Officer Andrew Samples as City of Statesboro employee of the month.

- b) **Retirement of Larry Colbert, Battalion Commander with the Statesboro Fire Department for 32 years of service.**

Fire Commander Tim Grams announced the retirement of Larry Colbert, Battalion Commander with the Statesboro Fire Department. Mr. Colbert was also presented a plaque for 32 years of service to the City of Statesboro Fire Department. Mayor Pro Tem and Council wished him well on his retirement and for the dedication he has given to the City of Statesboro.

- c) **City of Statesboro Fire Commander Tim Grams will present awards and recognize several members of the Statesboro Fire Department**

Fire Commander Tim Grams presented awards from the Fire Fighters Award Banquet that was held at an earlier time. The awards included:

Firefighter of the Year – Firefighter Stacy Wilson

Unit Citation Medal – Battalion Commander Jason Baker, Captain Chris Whitehead, Captain Steven Morris, Firefighter Weston Williams, Firefighter Jamie Strosnider, Firefighter Lamar Matthews, Firefighter Lee Nessmith, Firefighter Blake Lane

Medal of Valor – Firefighter Lee Nessmith and Firefighter Blake Lane

Medal of Honor – Captain Chris Whitehead and Captain Steven Morris

d) Recognition of the City of Statesboro Finance Department for receiving the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2009 and the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1st, 2010

Mayor Pro Tem and Council congratulated the Finance Department on receiving the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2009 and the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1st, 2010.

**Due Process Hearing in Accordance with City of Statesboro Ordinance Sec. 6-35(c)
First Offense Violation:**

a) Statesboro Millhouse – Thomas C. Jones (License Holder)

Special Agent Mark Sprayberry gave details of the event which led to the citation that was given to the Statesboro Millhouse for the sale of alcohol to an underage person. Statesboro Millhouse was found guilty in Municipal Court. Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to consider this 1st offense as a warning for Statesboro Millhouse. Councilman Britt, Blitch, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to approve the following zoning map amendment request:

a) APPLICATION # RZ 11-03-01: Bird Lane, LLC requests a zoning map amendment of 4.59 acres on Lanier Drive from R-15 (Single-Family Residential) District to R-6 (Single Family Residential) District.

Councilman Riggs made a motion, with conditions recommended by staff, seconded by Councilman Blitch to approve APPLICATION # RZ 11-03-01: Bird Lane, LLC requests a zoning map amendment of 4.59 acres on Lanier Drive from R-15 (Single-Family Residential) District to R-6 (Single Family Residential) District. Councilman Britt, Blitch, Riggs, and Chance voted in favor of the motion. Councilman Lewis voted against the motion. The motion carried by a 4-1 vote.

Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to approve the following variance request:

a) APPLICATION # V 11-03-02: Ogeechee Area Hospice Inc. requests a variance from Article IX, Section 903 to reduce the required setback from 25 feet to 13.4 feet for property located at 200 Donehoo Street.

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Blitch to approve APPLICATION # V 11-03-02: Ogeechee Area Hospice Inc. requests a variance from Article IX, Section 903 to reduce the required setback from 25 feet to 13.4 feet for property located at 200 Donehoo Street. 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 Final Change Order to contract with Y-Delta, Inc. to reduce contract amount by \$128,975.96 based on adjusting estimated quantities to actual “as built” quantities for the E. Main Streetscape project.

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Blicht to approve final change order to contract with Y-Delta, Inc. to reduce contract amount by \$128,975.96 based on adjusting estimated quantities to actual “as built” quantities for the E. Main Streetscape project. 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 adopt Resolution 2011-12: A Resolution to Adopt Natural Gas Rate Structures for residential, commercial and agricultural customers served by the City of Statesboro Natural Gas System

Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Councilman Blicht to adopt Resolution 2011-12: A Resolution to Adopt Natural Gas Rate Structures for residential, commercial and agricultural customers served by the City of Statesboro Natural Gas System. Councilman Britt, Blicht, Riggs, and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. Councilman Chance voted against the motion. The motion carried by a 4-1 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to adopt Resolution 2011-13: A Resolution Adopting the Schedule of Fees and Charges for the Water and Wastewater Department of the City of Statesboro, Georgia

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to table Resolution 2011-13: A Resolution Adopting the Schedule of Fees and Charges for the Water and Wastewater Department of the City of Statesboro, Georgia until the next Council meeting. 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 a sole source purchase of a new side dresser/road widener for the Street Division from Reynolds-Warren Equipment Company for a total amount of \$72,000.00

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Blicht to approve a sole source purchase of a new side dresser/road widener for the Street Division from Reynolds-Warren Equipment Company for a total amount of \$ 72,000.00. Councilman Britt, Blicht, 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 asks Council for a nomination of a voting member and a proxy member for the GMA Annual Convention to be held in Savannah in June. Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem to appoint Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt as a voting delegate and Councilman John Riggs as the voting proxy. 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 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 Councilman Lewis to enter into Executive Session at 10:35 a.m. with a ten (10) minute break before entering into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters in accordance with **O.C.G.A. §50-14-3 (2010)** Councilman Britt, Blich, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote. Present was Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt. Council Members: John Riggs, Tommy Blich, Gary Lewis, and Travis Chance. Also present were City Clerk Sue Starling, Staff Attorney Michael Graves and Director of Human Resource Jeff Grant. The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Regular Session

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt called the regular Council session back to order at 11:00 a.m. Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt announced no action had been taken in executive session.

Other Business from City Council

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to authorize Interim City Manager Frank Parker to negotiate a lease agreement with a potential tenant for City property on Proctor Street. Councilman Britt, Blich, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Public Comments (General):

Carolyn Brogenton addressed Council concerning the trash and other debris that needed to be cleaned up in her neighbor's backyard at 127 President Circle.

Director of Community Development Mandi Cody stated her department is already in the process of taking care of the issue.

Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

Councilman Blich made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs 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 11:05 a.m.