



**CITY OF STATESBORO
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 17th, 2011**

A regular meeting of the Statesboro City Council was held on May 17th, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were Mayor Joe R. Brannen, Council Members: Tommy Blicht, John Riggs and Gary Lewis. Also present were Interim City Manager Frank Parker, City Clerk Sue Starling, Staff Attorney Michael Graves, City Engineer Robert Cheshire and City Planner Mandi Cody. Absent were Councilmen Will Britt and Travis Chance.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was given by Councilman Tommy Blicht

Approval of Minutes:

- a) **May 03, 2011 Council Minutes**
- b) **May 03, 2011 Council Work Session Minutes**

Councilman Blicht made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to approve the Council Minutes and Council Work Session Minutes for May 03, 2011. Councilman Blicht, Riggs and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 3-0 vote.

Recognitions/Public Presentations

- a) **Recognition of Lt. Scott Hutchens recent graduation from the Georgia Chiefs of Police Command College**

Director of Public Safety Wendell Turner presented Lt. Scott Hutchens with a graduation certificate from the Georgia Chiefs of Police Command College.

- b) **Proclamation presented to the Public Works Department recognizing the week of May 15-21, 2011 as “National Public Works Week”.**

Mayor Joe Brannen presented a proclamation to Senior City Engineer Jason Boyles in recognition of “National Public Works Week”.

Consideration of a Motion to approve/deny 2nd reading for the application of alcohol license

- a) **Rameshchandra Patel (Kali Food Mart)**
- b) **Rameshchandra Patel (Kevin's Food Mart)**
- c) **Tracy Lee Bercegeay (Lily's Café)**

Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to approve the 2nd reading for the application of an alcohol license for Kali Food Mart, Kevin's Food Mart and Lily's Café. Councilman Blicht, Riggs and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 3-0 vote.

Public Comments (Agenda Item): None

Consideration of a Motion to approve the execution of an election contract with the Bulloch County Board of Elections

Councilman Blitch made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to approve the execution of an election contract with the Bulloch County Board of Elections. Councilman Blitch, Riggs and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 3-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to set the Public Hearing for the 2012 budget for June 14th at 4:00 p.m

Councilman Lewis made a motion; seconded by Councilman Riggs to set the Public Hearing for the 2012 budget for June 14th at 4:00 p.m. Councilman Blitch, Riggs and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 3-0 vote.

Reports from Staff:

a) City Manager's Report

Interim City Manager Frank Parker stated the 4:30 pm work session that was scheduled for today will be held on June 7th, 2011 at 8:30 a.m.

b) Department Head Reports

City Engineer Robert Cheshire stated the resurfacing of several streets has been completed and the Robinhood Trail drainage improvements are underway as well as adding sidewalks to the area.

Other Business from City Council

Interim City Manager Frank Parker, on behalf of the Statesboro Beautification Commission, asks Council to appoint Rick Smith to the Beautification Board. Councilman Blitch made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to approve the appointment of Rick Smith to the Beautification Board. Councilman Blitch, Riggs and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 3-0 vote.

Mayor Brannen stated the Beautification Commission is honoring Mrs. Suzanne Brannen with a plaque that will be placed near the tree that was planted in her memory in the parking lot across from the Post Office.

Public Comments (General):

Ms. Carrie Howard and Grace McFarland addressed Council on an issue concerning the sewer lines at Ms. McFarland's house at 323 S. College St. The lines need to be replaced and they are asking the City to replace the lines at the City's expense. Mayor Brannen asked several departments to look into the issue and report back to Council.

Charles Toler addressed Council concerning citizens with motorized wheel chairs. He referenced an incident on Bea Dot Way and asks Council for assistance to improve the accessibility for the travel of motorized wheel chairs.

Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to adjourn. Councilman Blich, Riggs and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 3-0 vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.