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**CITY OF STATESBORO  
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES  
June 03, 2014**

A work session of the Statesboro City Council was held on June 03, 2014 at 9:35 a.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were Mayor Jan Moore; Council Members: Will Britt, Phil Boyum, John Riggs and Gary Lewis. Also present was City Clerk Sue Starling, City Attorney Alvin Leaphart and Director of Human Resource Jeff Grant. Councilman Travis Chance was absent.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jan Moore.

Topic for Discussion:

1. Discussion of the proposed changes to Chapter 6 (Alcohol Ordinance) for the Code of Ordinances of the City of Statesboro

Councilman Boyum joined the meeting at 9:55 am.

City Attorney Alvin Leaphart began the discussion by outlining where we were on the alcohol ordinance and why the City needs to update the ordinance. He stated we currently have a moratorium in place because of the issues with Platinum Lounge and Prime Time Lounge. The discussion continued with topics of an applicant having the right to appeal the denial of an alcohol license and the City having the power to shut down an establishment if safety issues occur. Mayor Moore asked about the 50/50 sales as it was not in the new proposed ordinance. Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt asked Mr. Leaphart what was the difference between a business License (OTC) and an alcohol license. Mr. Leaphart explained that an Occupational Tax Certificate is a tax paid which allows someone to do business in the City. An alcohol license is a privilege given to a business to sell alcohol. Other topics were time of sale for alcohol and when the premises should be cleared. Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt also addressed the open containers for the downtown area as well as DSDA Director Allen Muldrew discussing ideas of how it could work for the First Friday Events. Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt also discussed how special event permits would need to work with business such as The Belle House, Robins Nest and Springfield Suites. They also discussed the catering permits in conjunction with special events.

Mayor Moore stated a date would be set for another work session on the proposed alcohol ordinance at the next Council meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 am.