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**CITY OF STATESBORO  
Council Minutes  
June 17, 2014**

A regular meeting of the Statesboro City Council was held on June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 5:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were Mayor Jan J. Moore, Council Members: Will Britt, Phil Boyum, 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. Absent was Councilman John Riggs.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Moore.

The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was given by Councilman Gary Lewis.

**Public Comments (Agenda Item):** None

**Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda:**

**A) Approval of Minutes**

- a) **06-03-2014 Council Minutes**
- b) **06-03-2014 Council Work Session Minutes**
- c) **06-05-2014 Public Hearing Budget Minutes**

**B) Notification of alcohol license application:**

- a) **Licensee: Jones Mashburn (Changing Managers)**  
**DBA: The Olive Garden Italian Restaurant #1837**  
**Location: 201 Henry Boulevard**  
**Type of Alcohol License: Pouring Beer, Wine & Liquor**  
**Type of Business: Restaurant**

**C) Notification of alcohol license:**

- b) **Licensee: John Franklin Dismuke**  
**DBA: Eagle Creek Brewing Company**  
**Location: 106 Savannah Avenue**  
**Type of Alcohol License: Manufacturing**  
**Type of Business: Brewery**

**D) Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to approve Resolution 2014-09: A Resolution Exempting Certain Vehicles from Marking Requirements for One Year**

**E) Consideration of a Motion to approve Resolution 2014-10: A Resolution adopting maximum fees for towing and storage of illegally parked vehicles.**

- F) Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2014-12: A Resolution for the Statesboro Police Department to apply for the available 2014 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in the amount of \$13,640.00 with 45% of the grant totaling \$6,138.00 being awarded to the Bulloch County Sheriff's Office under disparity.
- G) Consideration of a Motion to approve Resolution 2014-13: A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of Statesboro requesting the Election Superintendent to call an election for the purpose of submitting to the voters of the City of Statesboro for approval or rejection the act which authorizes the City of Statesboro to exercise redevelopment powers under the "redevelopment powers law," as it may be amended from time to time; to approve the form of the ballot to be used in said election; and for other purposes.
- H) Consideration of a Motion to approve Resolution 2014-15: A Resolution adopting financial policies for the City of Statesboro, Georgia.
- I) Consideration of a Motion to approve Resolution 2014-18: A Resolution: A Resolution for Plan Submittal to the CRC and DCA for technical review compliance.
- J) Consideration of a Motion to approve Resolution 2014-19: A Resolution to adopt the fourth amendment to the Fiscal Year 2014 budget for each fund of the City of Statesboro, Georgia, appropriating the amounts shown in each budget as expenditures/expenses, adopting the several items of revenue anticipations, and prohibiting expenditures or expenses from exceeding the actual funding appropriated.

Councilman Phil Boyum asked for item (E) to be pulled from the consent agenda for further discussion. Mayor Moore stated the item would be open for discussion after item 17 on the agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to approve the remainder of the consent agenda in its entirety. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

**Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to Authorize the Mayor to execute a contract for services with the Statesboro Arts Council, Inc. to market downtown Statesboro by operating and managing the Averitt Center for the Arts, using proceeds from the Hotel/Motel Tax**

Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to Authorize the Mayor to execute a contract for services with the Statesboro Arts Council, Inc. to market downtown Statesboro by operating and managing the Averitt Center for the Arts, using proceeds from the Hotel/Motel Tax. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

**Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to Authorize the Mayor to execute a contract for services with the Downtown Statesboro Development Authority/Main Street to market downtown Statesboro, using proceeds from the Hotel/Motel Tax**

Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to Authorize the Mayor to execute a contract for services with the Downtown Statesboro Development Authority/Main Street to market downtown Statesboro, using proceeds from the Hotel/Motel Tax. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

**Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to Authorize the Mayor to execute a contract for services with the Statesboro Convention and Visitors Bureau, Inc. to market Statesboro and Bulloch County, using proceeds from the Hotel/Motel Tax**

Darrin Van Tassell representing the SCVB thanked Council for their continuing support to the organization. Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to Authorize the Mayor to execute a contract for services with the Statesboro Convention and Visitors Bureau, Inc. to market Statesboro and Bulloch County, using proceeds from the Hotel/Motel Tax. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

**Public Hearing #2 regarding the Update to the City of Statesboro Comprehensive Master Plan**

Director of Community Development Mandi Cody updated Council on the Comprehensive Plan as no vote was required.

**Public Hearing regarding the closure of the remainder of Crescent Ave. and a portion of North Crescent**

City Engineer Robert Cheshire updated Council on the plans for the road closing request as well as Joey Maxwell who spoke for the Statesboro Primitive Baptist Church. Wesley Parker stated the street closing would help the CDBG with drainage problems. Mayor Moore read a letter that was submitted by Dr. Steve Chester who lives on Crescent Ave. The letter states he has some concerns of closing the road and was somewhat against the closing. There was no vote required on this item as it was only a public hearing.

**Consideration of a Motion to approve Resolution 2014-11: A Resolution authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Statesboro, Georgia and Campus Communications Group, Inc.**

Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to approve Resolution 2014-11: A Resolution authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Statesboro, Georgia and Campus Communications Group, Inc. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

**Consideration of a Motion to approve Resolution 2014-14: A Resolution of the City of Statesboro through the Council to authorize the Mayor to establish a franchise fee applicable to holders of cable and video franchises issued by the State of Georgia.**

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to Resolution 2014-14: A Resolution of the City of Statesboro through the Council to authorize the Mayor to establish a franchise fee applicable to holders of cable and video franchises issued by the State of Georgia. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

**Consideration of a Motion to approve Resolution 2014-16: A Resolution adopting the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Assumptions for the City of Statesboro, Georgia.**

After a very lengthy discussion on this item regarding a proposed 2.5% pay raise for employees, Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to approve Resolution 2014-16: A Resolution adopting the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Assumptions for the City of Statesboro, Georgia. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

**Consideration of a Motion to approve Resolution 2014-17: A Resolution adopting the Fiscal Year 2015 authorized personnel for the City of Statesboro, Georgia.**

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to approve Resolution 2014-17: A Resolution adopting the Fiscal Year 2015 authorized personnel for the City of Statesboro, Georgia. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

**Consideration of a Motion to approve Resolution 2014-20: A Resolution to adopt the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget for each fund of the City of Statesboro, Georgia, appropriating the amounts shown in each budget as expenditures/expenses, adopting the several items of revenue anticipations, and prohibiting expenditures or expenses from exceeding the actual funding available for appropriation.**

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to approve Resolution 2014-20: A Resolution to adopt the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget for each fund of the City of Statesboro, Georgia, appropriating the amounts shown in each budget as expenditures/expenses, adopting the several items of revenue anticipations, and prohibiting expenditures or expenses from exceeding the actual funding available for appropriation. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

**Consideration of a Motion to authorize staff to enter into contract negotiations with Parker Engineering to provide planning and design services associated with the development of construction documents and bid package for the proposed road improvements to Savannah Ave. between E. Main St. and Gentilly Rd.**

Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to authorize staff to enter into contract negotiations with Parker Engineering to provide planning and design services associated with the development of construction documents and bid package for the proposed road improvements to Savannah Ave. between E. Main St. and Gently Rd. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

**Consideration of a Motion to authorize staff to enter into contract negotiations with Hussey, Gay, Bell and DeYoung to provide planning and design services associated with the development of construction documents and bid package for the proposed water improvements to Savannah Ave. between E. Main St. and Gently Rd.**

Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to authorize staff to enter into contract negotiations with Hussey, Gay, Bell and DeYoung to provide planning and design services associated with the development of construction documents and bid package for the proposed water improvements to Savannah Ave. between E. Main St. and Gently Rd. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

**Consideration of Motion to award the purchase of a vacuum excavator to Ditch Witch of Georgia having offered the low bid in the amount of \$54,320.78**

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to award the purchase of a vacuum excavator to Ditch Witch of Georgia having offered the low bid in the amount of \$54,320.78. Councilman Britt, Boyum and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 3-0 vote. Councilman Lewis had left the room briefly.

**Consideration of a Motion to set a date for a work session to discuss the changes to Chapter 6 (Alcohol) of the City of Statesboro Ordinances**

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to set the date of August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014 for the next work session to discuss the changes to Chapter 6 (alcohol) of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances. The work session will follow the regular Council Meeting. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

**(E) Consideration of a Motion to approve Resolution 2014-10: A Resolution adopting maximum fees for towing and storage of illegally parked vehicles.**

Item (E) was pulled from the consent agenda. Mayor Moore opened the floor for Council's discussion. Councilman Boyum asked where the list was for the fees. The list was included in the packet that was published. Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to approve Resolution 2014-10: A Resolution adopting maximum fees for towing and storage of illegally parked vehicles.

## **Other Business from City Council:**

### **Presentation by the Engineering Department to Provide an Update on an Ongoing Drainage Issue**

David Hendrix updated Council with visuals of where the drainage problems were in the Foxlake subdivision along with suggestions on solving the issues. Director of Water Wastewater also offered suggestions on ways to help with the sewer problems.

City Manager Frank Parker asked Council to approve a change order I/16 U.S. Hwy. 301 1.0 MG Elevated Storage Tank for the City of Statesboro in the amount of \$26,705.00.

Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to approve a change order I/16 U.S. Hwy. 301 1.0 MG Elevated Storage Tank for the City of Statesboro in the amount of \$26,705.00. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

**Public Comments (General):** None

### **Consideration of a Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss “Personnel Matters” “Real Estate” and/or “Potential Litigation” in accordance with O.C.G.A.§50-14-3 (2012)**

There was no call for an Executive Session.

### **Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn**

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyum to adjourn. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.