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**CITY OF STATESBORO  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
JUNE 07, 2011**

A regular meeting of the Statesboro City Council was held on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were Mayor Joe R. Brannen, 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, City Engineer Robert Cheshire, and Director of Community Development Mandi Cody.

**Approval of Minutes:**

- a) **May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Council Public Hearing Minutes**
- b) **May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Council Minutes**
- c) **May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Council Work Session Minutes**
- d) **May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Council Public Hearing Minutes**
- e) **May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 Special Called Meeting Minutes with County**
- f) **June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 Special Called Meeting Minutes with County**

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Blich to approve the minutes of May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Council Public Hearing Minutes, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Council Minutes, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Council Work Session Minutes, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Council Public Hearing Minutes, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 Special Called Meeting Minutes with County, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 Special Called Meeting Minutes with County. 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) **Recipient for Employee of the Month is Eugene Smith in the Parks Division**

Director of Human Resource Jeff Grant presented Eugene Smith with a plaque for “Employee of the Month” for the month of May. Eugene works in the Parks Division of Public Works.

- b) **Councilman Lewis will present Officers McKeithen and Norton with a Certificate of Appreciation for a job well done on a call they received to 14 Eason Street.**

Councilman Gary Lewis presented Officers McKeithen and Norton with a “Certificate of Appreciation” in response to a citizen commending them on their excellent customer service skills.

- c) **Director of Public Safety Wendell Turner to present the Georgia Association of Chief's of Police Operation Noble Eagle/Enduring Freedom Certificates to members of the Police Department who have served this Country in combat: LT Mike Chappel, LT Charles Forney, LT Anthony Gore, APO Charles Brown, OFC Kyle Smallegan, OFC Ryan Norton, OFC Robert Moseley, and OFC William Dietz.**

Director of Public Safety Wendell Turner presented these Officers, who served their Country in combat, with certificates and pins.

**Public Comments (Agenda Item):**

Teresa Concannon spoke with concerns about item #7 Public Hearing and Consideration of a motion to approve first reading of **Ordinance #2011-04**: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2 of the Statesboro Municipal Code Regarding Authorities, Boards, and Commissions – Statesboro Planning Commission. She was opposed to the changes for the requirements to serve on the Statesboro Planning Commission.

**Consideration of a Motion to approve/deny 1<sup>st</sup> reading for the application of alcohol license:**

- a) **Lisa Watkins Cecen (Dos Primos Inc.) adding manager/owner**

Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to approve 1<sup>st</sup> reading for the application of alcohol license for Lisa Watkins Cecen (Dos Primos Inc.) adding manager/owner. Councilman Britt, Blich, 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 first reading of Ordinance #2011-04: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2 of the Statesboro Municipal Code Regarding Authorities, Boards, and Commissions – Statesboro Planning Commission.**

Jonathan McColler spoke to Council stating the vacant positions on the Planning Commission should be open to all residents but needs to mandate training.

Anthony Mann spoke to Council stating there should be a term limit set for each position. Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to table this item until the next Council meeting. Councilman Britt, Blich, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

**Public Hearing and Consideration of Motion to approve the following variance requests:**

- a) **Application # V 11-04-01**: CW-GSU Partners, LLC requests a variance from Section 702 of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance regarding height to allow for four (4) story buildings for property located at 111 Rucker Lane.
- b) **Application # V 11-04-02**: CW-GSU Partners, LLC requests a variance from Section 703 of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance regarding density for property located at 111 Rucker Lane.

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion with the conditions of the Planning Department recommendations, seconded by Councilman Lewis to approve **Application # V 11-04-01**: CW-GSU Partners, LLC requests a variance from Section 702 of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance regarding height to allow for four (4) story buildings for property located at 111 Rucker Lane and **Application # V 11-04-02**: CW-GSU Partners, LLC requests a variance from Section 703 of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance regarding density for property located at 111 Rucker Lane. 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 first reading of Ordinance #2011-05: An Ordinance Amending the Charter of the City of Statesboro, Georgia Pursuant to the authority granted at O.C.G.A. Section 36-35-4.1 to reapportion municipal election districts based upon publication of the United States Decennial Census of 2010; to establish new election district boundaries in compliance with the requirements of the United States Constitution and pertinent laws, governing future elections for members of the City Council; to establish an effective date; and for other purposes.**

Nancy Waters spoke in favor of map #2, while Anthony Mann was against map #1 and #2. Bill Thomas spoke in favor of taking a vote at this time for either map. Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to table this item until later. Councilman Britt, Blitch, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. Councilman Lewis voted against the motion. The motion carried by a 5-1 vote.

**Consideration of a Motion to approve Resolution 2011-15: A Resolution authorizing the transfer of lot #07 at 321 Proctor Street in Statesboro Pointe subdivision to the Statesboro-Bulloch County Land Bank Authority for sale to Habitat for Humanity of Bulloch County, Inc. for \$5,000.00.**

Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to approve **Resolution 2011-15**: A Resolution authorizing the transfer of lot #07 at 321 Proctor Street in Statesboro Pointe subdivision to the Statesboro-Bulloch County Land Bank Authority for sale to Habitat for Humanity of Bulloch County, Inc. for \$5,000.00. 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 award a contract for Comprehensive Banking Services to BB&T Bank**

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to award a contract for Comprehensive Banking Services to BB&T Bank. 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 declare old Police Department uniforms as surplus and to authorize the Police Department to dispose of to Macon State College Police Department at no charge**

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to declare old Police Department uniforms as surplus and to authorize the Police Department for disposal to Macon State College Police Department at no charge. Councilman Britt, Blich, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. Councilman Riggs stepped out of the room for a moment. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

**Consideration of a Motion to declare old Police Department equipment (old cameras, camcorders, cell phones) as surplus and authorize the Police Department to dispose of through sale at Gov Deals.com and/or destruction.**

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to declare old Police Department equipment (old cameras, camcorders, cell phones) as surplus and authorize the Police Department to dispose of through sale at Gov Deals.com and/or destruction. Councilman Britt, Blich, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

**Consideration of a Motion to authorize the Police Department's Crime Suppression Unit to obtain store credit from their primary firearms dealer, Clyde Armory, for 56 seized firearms of various makes and models that have been properly condemned by the Court to the City of Statesboro.**

Councilman Blich made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to authorize the Police Department's Crime Suppression Unit to obtain store credit from their primary firearms dealer, Clyde Armory, for 56 seized firearms of various makes and models that have been properly condemned by the Court to the City of Statesboro. Councilman Britt, Blich, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

**Consideration of a Motion to authorize the City Manager to negotiate the purchase of a 3,000 Gallon Water Tanker truck with 2007 SPLOST dollars for the Statesboro Fire Department per the St. Johns Florida contract to help service the 5 mile fire district for an amount not to exceed \$205,000.**

Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Councilman Blich to authorize the City Manager to negotiate the purchase of a 3,000 Gallon Water Tanker truck with 2007 SPLOST dollars for the Statesboro Fire Department per the St. Johns Florida contract to help service the 5 mile fire district for an amount not to exceed \$205,000. Councilman Britt, Blich, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

**Consideration of a Motion to approve the Statesboro Fire Department to retro-fit the 100 foot aerial ladder truck with air conditioning with 2007 SPLOST dollars for an amount not to exceed \$16,000.**

Mayor Brannen asked for a motion to table this item until a later date. Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to table this item until a later date. Councilman Britt, Blich, 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**

None

**b) Department Head Reports**

Director of Finance Cindy West stated the Public Hearing for the Budget 2012 will June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. in the chambers at City Hall.

Director Water Waste/Water Wayne Johnson stated GSU reclaim water system is on line and the purple pipe ordinance will be coming forward.

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt recognized Alton Sandifer and Allen Muldrew who were in the audience of the Council Meeting

**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 Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to enter into Executive Session at 10:45 a.m. with a fifteen (15) minute break before starting the discussion of "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 were Mayor Joe R. Brannen, Council Members: Will Britt, 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 11:30 a.m.

**Regular Session**

Mayor Joe Brannen called the regular Council session back to order at 11:31 a.m. Mayor Brannen announced no action had been taken in executive session

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

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to offer the City Manager position to Frank Parker for a salary of \$90,000.00 yearly with no benefits effective June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Councilman Britt, Riggs and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. Councilman Chance and Blich voted against the motion. The motion carried by a 3-2 vote.

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to dress down for the summer months. Councilman Britt, Blich, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

**Public Comments (General):**None

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

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance 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 adjourned at 11:35 a.m.