



**CITY OF STATESBORO
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
July 02, 2013**

A regular meeting of the Statesboro City Council was held on July 02, 2013 at 9:00 am in the Council Chambers at City Hall Present were Mayor Joe R. Brannen, Council Members: Will Britt, Phil Boyum, John Riggs, 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.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Joe Brannen
The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Gary Lewis.

Recognitions/Public Presentations

- A) Retirement – George Daniels, 11 years of Service, Leaf and Limb Collection Driver, Public Works Department**

Mayor Brannen presented George Daniels with a plaque for his retirement and 11 years of service with the City of Statesboro

- B) “Recognition of the City of Statesboro 2nd Quarter Biggest Loser Winner”**

Human Resource Coordinator Flavia Starling gave an update on the biggest loser contest. She stated that Terrell Evans from the Water Department was the biggest loser for the 2nd quarter. Mayor Brannen and City Manager Frank Parker presented Terrell with a check for \$250.00.

Public Comments (Agenda Item): None

Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

- A) Approval of Minutes**
a) **06-18-2013 Council Minutes**
- B) Notification of alcohol license application:**
Licensee: Heath Robinson
DBA: NYC Pizzeria DBA Big Shows Burgers
Location: 1212 Brampton Avenue
Type of Alcohol License: Pouring – Beer, Wine & Liquor
Type of Business: Restaurant
- C) Consideration of a Motion to approve “Vehicle for Hire”**
a) **Boro D.D. LLC – Robert A. Oellerich(Driver)**
b) **Boro D.D.LLC – Amanda Korponay (Driver)**
c) **D W Yellow Cab – Michael Clamion Groomers (Driver)**
d) **D W Yellow Cab – Isaac Kitching (Driver)**

- D) Consideration of a Motion to approve 1st reading of Ordinance 2013-14: George Terrell Beasley requests annexation by the 100 percent method of 57.50 acres of property located at Cawana Road into the City of Statesboro and for said property to be zoned from R40 (Single Family Residential Bulloch County) to CR (Commercial Retail) and PUD - Residential (Planned Unit Development) City of Statesboro (Tax Parcel Number 107 000005 000).
- E) Consideration of a Motion to approve 1st reading of Ordinance 2013-15: Walter Ray Beasley requests annexation by the 100 percent method of 60.92 acres of property located at Josh Hagin Road into the City of Statesboro and for said property to be zoned from R40 (Single Family Residential Bulloch County) to R-8 and R-10 (Single Family Residential) City of Statesboro (Tax Parcel Number 107 000009 000).
- F) Consideration of a Motion to approve 1st reading of Ordinance 2013-16: George Terrell Beasley requests annexation by the 100 percent method of 68.08 acres of property located at Josh Hagin Road into the City of Statesboro and for said property to be zoned from R40 (Single Family Residential Bulloch County) to R-10 (Single Family Residential) City of Statesboro (Tax Parcel Number 107 000012 000).
- G) Consideration of a Motion to approve 1st reading of Ordinance 2013-17: George Terrell Beasley requests annexation by the 100 percent method of 38.73 acres of property located at S and S Railroad bed Road into the City of Statesboro and for said property to be zoned from R40 (Single Family Residential Bulloch County) to R-15 (Single Family Residential) City of Statesboro (Tax Parcel Number 107 000014 000).

Councilman Chance pulled items D, E, F and G from the consent agenda for further discussion. Councilman Chance asked if these were the largest pieces of property that will be annexed into the City at this time. Director of Community Development Mandi Cody replied this was the largest tracts but there would be smaller tracts in the future. She also stated the 1st reading was basically to notify Council and to begin the first step in the process of completing the annexation of the properties. Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to approve items D, E, F and G. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyum to approve the remaining items on the consent agenda. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to approve 2nd reading of Ordinance 2013-13: An Ordinance Amending Certain Sections of ARTICLE II of Chapter 74 of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances to increase the excise tax on public lodging.

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to approve 2nd reading of Ordinance 2013-13: An Ordinance Amending Certain Sections of ARTICLE II of Chapter 74 of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances to increase the excise tax on public lodging.

Councilman Britt, Boyum, 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 Resolution 2013-23: A Resolution Exempting Certain Vehicles from Marking Requirements for One Year

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to approve Resolution 2013-23: A Resolution Exempting Certain Vehicles from Marking Requirements for One Year. Councilman Britt, Boyum, 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 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

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

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

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to postpone the approval of the contracts for Statesboro Arts Council, Downtown Development Authority and the Convention and Visitors Bureau until the second meeting in July. Councilman Chance stated there was some new language that needed to be added to the contracts. Councilman Britt, Boyum, 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 convert the section of Seibald St, from Hill Street to Sharpe Street, to a one way street.

Director of the Downtown Statesboro Development Authority Allen Muldrew asked for the approval from Council to change a section of Seibald St. to a one way street. City Engineer Robert Cheshire supported the proposal but also stated he would like to see support from the County. Councilman Boyum stated he would only want the street converted if a developer bought the property. Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to authorize the Mayor to present a letter for the change of the street to a one way, if necessary, for a developer to improve the property. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to approve application for the 2013 BJA Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in the amount of \$19,643.00. \$10,803.65 to be utilized by the Statesboro Police Department and \$8,839.35 to be utilized by the Bulloch County Sheriff's Office

Councilman Boyum made a motion; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to approve the application for the 2013 BJA Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in the amount of \$19,643.00. The Statesboro Police Department will utilize \$10,803.65 and the Bulloch County Sheriff's Office will utilize \$8,839.35. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to award the contract to R. Roese Construction for the Gas System Expansion in the area of Hwy 67 & Joe Hodges Hill in the amount of \$159,790.50

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to award the contract to R. Roese Construction for the Gas System Expansion in the area of Hwy 67 & Joe Hodges Hill in the amount of \$159,790.50. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to Approve cost proposals from Georgia Power and Frontier Communications in the total amount of \$49,000.00 to relocate existing utilities along Gentilly Road as part of the Gentilly Road Sidewalk Installation Project. Cost included in the project budget which is funded by 2007 SPLOST.

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to approve cost proposals from Georgia Power and Frontier Communications in the total amount of \$49,000.00 to relocate existing utilities along Gentilly Road as part of the Gentilly Road Sidewalk Installation Project. Cost included in the project budget which is funded by 2007 SPLOST. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to award the bid contract to Complete Sitework Services LLC in the amount of \$2,249,999.87 for the I-16/U.S. Highway 301 Utility Infrastructure for the City of Statesboro contingent upon the written approval from the Bulloch County Board of Commissioners.

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to award the bid contract to Complete Sitework Services LLC in the amount of \$2,249,999.87 for the I-16/U.S. Highway 301 Utility Infrastructure for the City of Statesboro contingent upon the written approval from the Bulloch County Board of Commissioners. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to award the bid contract to CB&I Inc. in the amount of \$2,093,000.00 for the alternate composite elevated storage tank for the I-16 Highway 301 One Million Gallon Elevated Storage Tank contingent upon the written approval from the Bulloch County Board of Commissioners

Mayor Brannen stated the City of Statesboro- Bulloch County Water-Sewer Technical Review Committee would be meeting to discuss the bid contracts for Complete Sitework Services LLC and CB&I Inc. on Wednesday July 3rd, 2013 at 11:00 am in the Statesboro Development Annex.

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyum to award the bid contract to CB&I Inc. in the amount of \$2,093,000.00 for the alternate composite elevated storage tank for the I-16 Highway 301 One Million Gallon Elevated Storage Tank contingent upon the written approval from the Bulloch County Board of Commissioners. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Other Business from City Council

City Manager Frank Parker explained the condition of the cooling system at City Hall. He also asked Council for a motion to authorize the City Manager to purchase a new air conditioner, thru the bid process, for City Hall not to exceed \$99,000.00 and to authorize the Mayor to sign a contract if the bid comes in under \$99,000.00. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Public Safety Director Wendell Turner explained **Resolution 2013-24**: A Resolution to accept the \$5,000.00 Homeland Security Grant. Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyum to approve the acceptance of **Resolution 2013-24**: A Resolution to accept “2012 State Homeland Security Grant” for the City of Statesboro Georgia. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Public Comments (General)

Mr. Bill Thomas request to speak with Council

Bill Thomas spoke to Council concerning what he believed to be an unauthorized decision made by a sworn constitutional officer involving a utility account in the amount of \$5,000.00. He stated the incident should be investigated. He also stated, as he has in the past, he would like to see the GBI called in to do an audit and a complete investigation of the City.

Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to adjourn. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 am.