



**CITY OF STATESBORO
Council Minutes
July 07, 2015**

A regular meeting of the Statesboro City Council was held on July 7th, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were Mayor Jan J. Moore, Council Members: Will Britt, Phil Boyum, John Riggs, Gary Lewis and Travis Chance. Also present were Interim City Manager Robert Cheshire, City Clerk Sue Starling, City Attorney Alvin Leaphart, and Assistant City Engineer Jason Boyles.

The Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Jan Moore.

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

Recognitions/Public Presentations

- A) Recognition of the Finance Department for Receiving a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014.**

Mayor Moore presented a plaque to the Finance Department for receiving the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2014.

Public Comments (Agenda Item): None

Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agendad

- A) Approval of Minutes**
- a) 06-16-2015 Council Minutes**
 - b) 06-16-2015 Executive Session Minutes**
- B) Consideration of a motion to award a contract to purchase a 3 point side-arm mower from Diamond Mowers per the NJPA contract in the amount of \$23,061.00. If approved, this mower would be utilized by the Streets Division of Public Works with a CIP number of ENG-STS-100. The amount budgeted for this item is \$25,000.00.**

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

First reading and Public Hearing of Ordinance 2016-08: An Ordinance amending Chapter 66 (Solid Waste) of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances.

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

Interim City Engineer Jason Boyles explained these changes came after much discussion about the City rates as we needed to come up with a credit for the lower income individuals. The credit would be applied to solid waste and would be available to the elderly with a low income. The ordinance states the individual would have to be 65 or older and meet the low income threshold to be eligible for this credit. Individuals would need to apply for this credit on a yearly basis; although Council did discuss the idea of a longer period before reapplying. There were no comments for or against the ordinance amendment.

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

Consideration of a motion to award a contract to purchase a Caterpillar 938M Wheel Loader to Yancey Caterpillar in the amount of \$223,156.00. This will be purchased using 2013 SPLOST funds as \$250,000.00 was budgeted for this Landfill/Transfer Station Item with CIP #SWD-11. If this item is approved, we would recommend the old 2001 Caterpillar IT28G be placed on the surplus list per City Ordinance.

Councilman Boyum made a motion seconded by Councilman Lewis to award a contract to purchase a Caterpillar 938M Wheel Loader to Yancey Caterpillar in the amount of \$223,156.00. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to award a contract to purchase a Gradall from Tractor and Equipment at the NJPA contact amount of \$359,922.00. If approved, this item will be funded by the GMA Lease Pool and paid back by Storm Water Utility Funds. This item is budgeted under CIP number ENG-STM-08 in the amount of 375,000.00.

Councilman Boyum made a motion seconded by Councilman Riggs to award a contract to purchase a Gradall from Tractor and Equipment at the NJPA contact amount of \$359,922.00. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Consideration of a motion to purchase a Use of Force Training Simulator from Meggitt Training Systems Inc. in the amount of \$77,792.00. This purchase will be funded from the Police Department Seized Fund Account.

Councilman Lewis made a motion seconded by Councilman Boyum to purchase a Use of Force Training Simulator from Meggitt Training Systems Inc. in the amount of \$77,792.00. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to authorize the Mayor to execute, on behalf of the City a Georgia Department of Transportation HAWK Signal Permit Application for South Main Street at Parrish Drive.

Councilman Lewis made a motion seconded by Councilman Boyum to authorize the Mayor to execute, on behalf of the City a Georgia Department of Transportation HAWK Signal Permit Application for South Main Street at Parrish Drive. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Presentation to acknowledge the accomplishments of the Code Compliance Enforcement Division regarding dilapidated structures since the implementation of the new demolition permit application procedure by the Department of Planning and Development.

Eric Short with Code Enforcement updated Mayor and Council with a power point presentation regarding the success of the demolition process and the impact on the City of Statesboro. Since 2012, the Planning Department came up with a demolition permit along with building permits which makes this process a one stop shop. We were able to demolish or remodel 36 houses last year and 30 more houses are being looked at to either be demolished or remodeled for this year.

Consideration of a Motion to Authorize the Mayor to execute a contract for professional services with the Slavin Management Consultants (SMC) to conduct an executive search for the City Manager vacancy in the amount not to exceed \$22,591.00.

Councilman Riggs made a motion seconded by Councilman Boyum to Authorize the Mayor to execute a contract for professional services with the Slavin Management Consultants (SMC) to conduct an executive search for the City Manager vacancy in the amount not to exceed \$22,591.00. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2015-26: A resolution to approve adjustments to the classification and compensation plan to create the position of Deputy City Manager and authorize the Mayor to negotiate compensation.

Director of Human Resources Jeff Grant explained to Mayor and Council the job description for this position of Deputy City Manager. After much discussion this item was tabled until the next council meeting July 21, 2015.

Consideration of a Motion to appoint Robert L Cheshire to the position of Deputy City Manager.

This item was tabled until the next council meeting July 21, 2015.

Other Business from City Council:

Mayor Moore stated that a date needs to be set for a final Alcohol Work session. This work session needs to be scheduled between today and the next Council meeting which is July 21, 2015. After some discussion the date was set for Tuesday July 14, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. Councilman Boyum asked Interim City Engineer Jason Boyle to give a storm water presentation at the next Fletcher neighborhood meeting. The meetings are held at 6:00 pm on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

City Managers Comments

- A) Set a date for the next work session to include Ordinance for “Temporary Vendors/Garage Sales.”

The work session was set to immediately follow the next Council meeting of August 4th, 2015

- B) City Clerks Dept. (Notice of alcohol application)
- a) 40 East Grill is applying for a change in alcohol license owner pending the background investigation. The name is Larry Brian Carter and Linwood L Pumphrey Jr.
 - b) The Hall is applying for a change in alcohol license owner pending the background investigation. The name is Larry Brian Carter and Linwood L Pumphrey Jr.
 - c) Applebee’s is applying for a change in alcohol license holder pending the background investigation. The name is Matthew Skinner.

The renovation of the Police Station was budgeted at \$385,000.00. Since the bids came in well over that amount, Council approved up to \$420,000.00. Mr. Boyles stated that after the re-evaluation, they were able to get the amount down to \$388,500.00.

The Savannah Ave improvement bids are scheduled for Thursday July 9, 2015.

The Downtown parking has been an issue as we have not come up with a solution. We are continuing to work on this issue.

The Curbside recycling will be suspended on September 1, 2015. After discussion with the County, the cost of this program was much more that what was anticipated.

Public Comments (General): None

Consideration of a Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss “Personnel Matters” in accordance with O.C.G.A.§50-14-3 (2012)

At 10:55 am, Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to enter into Executive Session to discuss “Potential Litigation and Personnel Matters” in accordance with O.C.G.A.§50-14-3 (2012). Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

At 11:15 am, Councilman Boyum left the Executive Session meeting.

At 11:35 am, Mayor Moore called the regular session back to order with no action taken in Executive Session.

At 11:36 am, Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to exit Executive Session. Councilman Britt, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2015-27: A Resolution waiving attorney-client privilege as to certain attorney work product only.

Councilman Riggs made a motion seconded by councilman Chance to approve Resolution 2015-27: A Resolution waiving attorney-client privilege as to certain attorney work product only. Councilman Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried with a 3-0 vote. Councilman Britt abstained from voting.

Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

At 11:40 am, Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to adjourn. Councilman Britt, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 am.