



**CITY OF STATESBORO
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
July 14, 2015**

A work session of the Statesboro City Council was held on July 14, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were Mayor Jan Moore; Council Members: Will Britt, Phil Boyum, John Riggs and Travis Chance. Also present was Interim City Manager Robert Cheshire, City Clerk Sue Starling and City Attorney Alvin Leaphart. Councilman Gary Lewis, was absent.

Others present were members of staff, citizens and restaurant owners.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jan Moore. The following topic was discussed.

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

The proposed changes included "Version A" and "Version B". The main difference between the two would be how to handle 18-21 year olds. Another point was to define what constitutes a bar and what constitutes a restaurant.

Attorney Bob Mikell read a press release that was presented to the Statesboro Herald from the Chamber of Commerce regarding alcohol and the death of Michael Gatto.

Al Chapman, owner of Gnats Landing voiced his concerns as to how the proposed new requirements would impact his responsibility as an owner.

Councilman Riggs stated he would like to have an alcohol advisory committee that would be appointed by Council. Joyce Stubbs agreed with Councilman Riggs, stating a committee could work with business owners and City officials. Councilman Chance stated he would like to see only one version brought back for Council to review. The remaining Council agreed with Councilman Chance. City Attorney Alvin Leaphart stated that he was hearing more on the version A and would update that version for Council's review.

There was no action taken at the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 am.