



**CITY OF STATESBORO
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
JULY 19, 2011**

A regular meeting of the Statesboro City Council was held on July 19, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were Mayor Joe R. Brannen, Council Members: Will Britt, Tommy Blitch, John Riggs, Gary Lewis and Travis Chance. Also present were City Manager Frank Parker, City Clerk Sue Starling, Staff Attorney Michael Graves (via telephone), City Engineer Robert Cheshire, and Director of Community Development Mandi Cody.

Approval of Minutes:

- a) **July 12, 2011 Called Council Minutes**
- b) **July 12, 2011 Council Work Session minutes**

Councilman Blitch made a motion; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to approve the July 12, 2011 Called Council Minutes and the Council Work Session Minutes. Councilman Britt, Blitch, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Recognitions/Public Presentations

- a) **Presentation of a Proclamation to recognize July 22, 2011 as “Soar Leader Day.” Michael Jones will accept the Proclamation.**
- b) **Blaine Olmstead request to speak to Council with concerns about the budget spending**

Mayor Joe Brannen presented a Proclamation to Michael Jones to recognize July 22, 2011 as “Soar Leader Day”.

Blaine Olmstead spoke to Council with concerns about Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt using City equipment while going out of the country and resulting in a very high Verizon bill. City Manager Frank Parker replied to Mr. Olmstead’s concern stating Verizon has already reduced the bill and is still working to get the bill reduced even more. Mr. Parker also stated Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt has already paid \$1000.00 on the current bill. Mr. Parker stated the Human Resource department is looking at revising the policy for use of City property. Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt stated he has never gone over the use of his minutes before and did not realize it at this time until his friend who was accompanying him said she got an e-mail warning her of her high usage. After that, Mayor Pro Tem Britt stated he notified City Manager Frank Parker of the possibility that his phone bill would be high.

Public Comments (Agenda Item):

Brian Kelly asks Council what areas were included in the amendment of Resolution 2011-25. City Manager Frank Parker gave Mr. Kelly a map of the proposed area.

Consideration of a Motion to approve two (2) Special Event Permits

- a) **Gallery Reception at the Averitt Center for the Arts**
- b) **Social Event for GSU Summer students**

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to approve the Special Event Permit for the Gallery Reception at the Averitt Center for the Arts. Councilman Britt, Blitch, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote

After discussion between the Mayor and all Council members, Councilman Blitch made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to deny the Special Event Permit for the Social Event for GSU Summer Students. 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 1st reading of Ordinance 2011-06: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 1 of the Statesboro Municipal Code regarding general Penalties.

Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Councilman Blitch to approve 1st reading of Ordinance 2011-06: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 1 of the Statesboro Municipal Code Regarding general Penalties. 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 approve Resolution 2011-25: An Amended Resolution Calling for the Establishment of the Downtown Statesboro Incentive Program

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to approve Resolution 2011-25: An Amended Resolution Calling for the Establishment of the Downtown Statesboro Incentive Program. 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 approve Resolution 2011-26: A Resolution Accepting the Right of Way of Bonilane Drive as a Public Street to be owned and maintained by the City of Statesboro.

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to approve Resolution 2011-26: A Resolution Accepting the Right of Way of Bonilane Drive as a Public Street to be owned and maintained by the City of Statesboro. 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 approve Resolution 2011-27: A Resolution Accepting the Right of Way of Abbey Road as a Public Street to be owned and maintained by the City of Statesboro

Councilman Blitch made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to approve Resolution 2011-27: A Resolution Accepting the Right of Way of Abbey Road as a Public Street to be owned and maintained by the City of Statesboro. 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 Approve Awarding of Contract to Preferred Site Construction to perform roadway and sanitary sewer improvements to a segment of Church St. located adjacent to Luetta Moore Park.

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to approve the awarding of the Contract to Preferred Site Construction to perform roadway and sanitary sewer improvements to a segment of Church St. located adjacent to Luetta Moore Park. 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 declare four transfer solid waste trailers as surplus and dispose of them by electronic auction.

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to declare four transfer solid waste trailers as surplus and dispose of them by electronic auction. 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**
- b) Department Head Reports**

City Manager Frank Parker updated Council on the minor change to the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Fire Services. The City of Statesboro name was duplicated in a sentence. Mr. Parker stated one of the names was deleted. Mayor Brannen asked that Staff Attorney Michael Graves review the document.

City Engineer Robert Cheshire updated Council on a street restriping bid

City Clerk Sue Starling reminded Council the destruction of City records is scheduled for July 21, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. at City Hall.

Public Comments (General):

Bill Thomas expressed his concerns to Council concerning the recent high Verizon bill that was a result of Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt using City equipment while out of the Country. He also commented as to why Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt asked the question as to whether or not the Averitt Center for the Arts would be serving food with the Special Event Permit they were granted to serve alcohol.

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 Riggs made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to enter into Executive Session at 7:00 p.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 (via telephone) and Director of Human Resource Jeff Grant. Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to adjourn Executive Session. 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 8:19 p.m.

Regular Session

Mayor Joe Brannen called the regular Council session back to order at 8:20 p.m. Mayor Brannen announced no action had been taken in executive session

Other Business from City Council

This agenda item was covered before the executive session began.

City Manager Frank Parker asked Council to make a motion to amend **Resolution 2011-23** for Sunday package sales by changing the time to begin at 12:30 p.m. and ending at 11:30 p.m. and **Resolution 2011-24** for Sunday alcohol sales by the drink to delete the hours of sale.

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Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

Councilman Riggs 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 8:20 p.m.