



**CITY OF STATESBORO
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
AUGUST 07, 2012**

A regular meeting of the Statesboro City Council was held on August 7th, 2012 at 9:00 am 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 City Manager Frank Parker, City Clerk Sue Starling, City Attorney Alvin Leaphart, City Engineer Robert Cheshire and Director of Community Development Mandi Cody.

Recognitions/Public Presentations

- A) **Proclamation recognizing August as “Brain Injury Awareness Month”**
- B) **Chief Tim Grams recognition of fire fighters for performance during a structure fire**
- C) **Reginald Mosley to address Council concerning Ethics**
- D) **Cheryl LaBon representing the NAACP request to speak to Council concerning a reported case**

Mayor Joe Brannen read the “Brain Injury Awareness” Proclamation and presented it to Mr. Murkinson, whose son had suffered a brain injury at age 7.

Chief Tim Grams recognized fire fighters with awards for their performance during a local fire. The **Unit Citation Medal** was given to: Battalion Chief Jason Baker, Captain Chris Whitehead, Captain Steven Morris, Firefighter Brad Bouchillon, Firefighter Tim Alderman, Firefighter Jamie Strosnider, Firefighter Andrew Farrar, Firefighter Lamar Matthews, Firefighter Jon Patterson, Firefighter Tyler Thompson, Firefighter Ben Adams, Firefighter/Police Officer Justin Gawthrop

The **Medal of Valor** was given to: Captain Chris Whitehead, Firefighter Lamar Matthews, Firefighter Andrew Farrar

Reginald Mosley spoke briefly to Council stating employees should not be intimidated by others when trying to do the right thing. He also thanked Council for their help in working thru some of his concerns.

Cheryl LaBon was not present to speak with Council.

Public Comments (Agenda Item): None

Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

- A) Approval of Minutes
 - a) 07-17-2012 Council Minutes
- B) Consideration of a Motion to call a Public Hearing for August 30, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall on the proposed 2012 Calendar Year Ad Valorem (Property) Tax Millage Rate of 6.358 for the City of Statesboro.
- C) Consideration of a Motion to approve Resolution 2012-18: A Resolution Approving the Uncollectable Personal Property Tax Bill List for 2010 in the total amount of \$1,644.22
- D) Consideration of a motion to approve an increase in personnel in the Solid Waste Collection Fund to hire two (2) additional collection drivers

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to approve the consent agenda in its entirety. 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 a temporary alcohol license for Van Gogh's Pizza Brewery not to exceed 90 days contingent on the completion of construction of the business

Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Councilman Blich to approve a temporary alcohol license for Van Gogh's Pizza Brewery not to exceed 90 days contingent on the completion of construction of the business. Councilman Britt, Blich, Riggs and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. Councilman Chance voted against the motion. The motion carried by a 4-1 vote.

Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to approve 1st reading of Ordinance 2012-05: An Ordinance amending the Code of Statesboro Chapter Two in Article One establishing division IV, open records, to comply with O.C.G.A. "The Georgia Open Records Law" as amended in the 2012 session of the Georgia General Assembly

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to approve 1st reading of Ordinance 2012-05: An Ordinance amending the Code of Statesboro Chapter Two in Article One establishing division IV, open records, to comply with O.C.G.A. "The Georgia Open Records Law" as amended in the 2012 session of the Georgia General Assembly. 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 award the purchase contract for a cab and chassis with utility body truck to Wade Ford at a bid price of \$31,775.00

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to award the purchase contract for a cab and chassis with utility body truck to Wade Ford at a bid price of \$31,775.00. 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 award the purchase contract for construction of a steel building to Smith Steel Structures at a bid price of \$57,295.00

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to award the contract for construction of a steel building to Smith Steel Structures at a bid price of \$57,295.00. 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 award the purchase of contract for a tractor to Blanchard Equipment at a bid price of \$49,850.00

Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro tem Will Britt to award the contract for a tractor to Blanchard Equipment at a bid price of \$49,850.00. 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 award of an Engineering Service contract for the upgrade and design of a reclaimed water system

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to approve the award of an engineering service contract to EMC Engineering in the amount of \$73,400.00. 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 award the purchase of two (2) new knuckleboom trash loader trucks to Freightliner of Savannah in the amount of \$124,097.00 each via a bid price extension from a previous bid award by City Council on September 20, 2011, as they offered the lowest responsive bid and have satisfactorily delivered the awarded product.

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Consideration of a motion to approve a policy within the Fleet Maintenance Division to provide a step increase for achievement of emergency vehicle technician (EVT) level certification for the Mechanic III position.

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Consideration of Motion to award contract to Jerry D. Rushing Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$99,500.00 to construct a sidewalk on South Main Street between Rucker Lane and existing sidewalk near Jones Lane Park. The South Main Street Sidewalk Project is to be funded by 2007 SPLOST.

Councilman Blich made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to award contract to Jerry D. Rushing Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$99,500.00 to construct a sidewalk on South Main Street between Rucker Lane and existing sidewalk near Jones Lane Park. The South Main Street Sidewalk Project is to be funded by 2007 SPLOST. 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 Sole Sourcing with HD Supply for the purchase of Sensus Water Meters for Fiscal Year of 2013 and approval to place an order for meters in the amount of \$51, 300.00

Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to approve the Sole Sourcing with HD Supply for the purchase of Sensus Water Meters for Fiscal Year of 2013 and approval to place an order for meters in the amount of \$51, 300.00. Councilman Britt, Blich, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Other Business from City Council

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt led a discussion with City Manager Frank Parker as to why the 2013 budgets for the Arts Council and DSDA were cut. After much discussion Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt asked City Manager Frank Parker to reverse the changes and give the 1% raise to them and to also include them in the 2% bonus if approved by Council in December. Council asked that City Manager Frank Parker bring a motion back to Council at the next meeting to reverse the changes and also explain what accounts would be affected by the changes.

City Manager Frank Parker led a discussion of the possibility of the Hotel-Motel Tax going from 5% to 6% if the City decided to take it to our Legislators.

Director of Human Resource Jeff Grant asked Council to approve the addition of a clerk position in the Clerk's Department. City Clerk Sue Starling stated the position has always been there but has not been filled for several years. She also stated the position needed to be filled to handle the City's growth. Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to approve the motion to fill the customer service clerk vacancy. Councilman Britt, Blich, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Director of Human Resource Jeff Grant gave an update on the Health Clinic. He stated it was going well and the City has already seen a savings of \$50,000.00 as of July. He also stated there would be a campaign for all dependents to visit the clinic at no charge.

Director of Human Resource Jeff Grant updated everyone on the 5K run that would be scheduled for Friday, December 7th in connection with First Friday Downtown.

Councilman Chance asked the Public Safety Department to monitor and give warnings for several weeks for those who are parking in fire lanes or other off limit parking areas.

Consideration of a Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters in accordance with O.C.G.A.§50-14-3 (2010)

Mayor Brannen cancelled the Executive Session.

Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt 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 was adjourned sat 10:35 am.