



**CITY OF STATESBORO
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
August 20, 2013**

A regular meeting of the Statesboro City Council was held on August 20, 2013 at 6:00 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall Present were Mayor Joe R. Brannen, Council Members: Will Britt, Phil Boyum, John Riggs and Gary Lewis. 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. Councilman Travis Chance was absent. Councilman Phil Boyum arrived at 6:07 pm

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Joe Brannen

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt announced the birth of their first child: London Rose Britt

The Invocation was given by Reverend H. R. Lee and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Gary Lewis

Recognitions/Public Presentations: None

Public Comments (Agenda Item): None

Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

A) Approval of Minutes

- a) **08-06-2013 Council Minutes**
- b) **08-06-0213 Executive Session Minutes**

B) Notification of alcohol license application:

- a) **Licensee: Christopher Scott Springfield**
DBA: South City Tavern
Location: 1830 Chandler Road
Type of Alcohol License: Pouring – Beer, Wine & Liquor
Type of Business: Sports Restaurant

C) Consideration of a Motion to approve “Vehicle for Hire”

- a) **D W Yellow Cab – Harold F Piet (Driver)**

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to approve the consent agenda in its entirety. Councilman Britt, Riggs and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 3-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to approve Resolution 2013-27: A Resolution to Close a Portion of the Alley between Donehoo Street and Granade Street.

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to approve **Resolution 2013-27: A Resolution to Close a Portion of the Alley between Donehoo Street and Granade Street.** Councilman Britt, Riggs and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 3-0 vote.

Councilman Phil Boyum joined the meeting.

Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to approve the following request:

- a) **ORDINANCE 2013-14 with APPLICATION # AN 13-03-07: George Terrell Beasley requests annexation by the 100 percent method of 57.5 acres of property located at Cawana Road into the City of Statesboro and for said property to be zoned CR (Commercial Retail) and PUD –Planned Unit Development for residential development. (Tax Parcel Number 107 000005 000).**

Rachel Edwards representing the Beasley family spoke in favor of the request. Councilman Riggs made a motion to include staff recommendations, seconded by Councilman Lewis to approve **ORDINANCE 2013-14 with APPLICATION # AN 13-03-07: George Terrell Beasley requests annexation by the 100 percent method of 57.5 acres of property located at Cawana Road into the City of Statesboro and for said property to be zoned CR (Commercial Retail) and PUD – Planned Unit Development for residential development. (Tax Parcel Number 107 000005 000).** Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

- b) **ORDINANCE 2013-15 with APPLICATION # AN 13-03-08: 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 such property to be zoned R 8 and R 10 Single Family Residential (Tax Parcel Number 107 000009 000).**

Rachel Edwards stated if anyone had questions she would be glad to answer them. There were no questions asked of her. Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to approve **ORDINANCE 2013-15 with APPLICATION # AN 13-03-08: 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 such property to be zoned R 8 and R 10 Single Family Residential (Tax Parcel Number 107 000009 000).**

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt went back to item (A) to discuss sidewalks in the area. He was thinking the sidewalks were in item (B). He would like to see sidewalks joining Sallie Zetterower School so kids could ride their bikes to and from the school. City Attorney Alvin Leaphart stated Council would have to vacate the vote that was taken previously on item (A) if they wanted to change the contents of the motion. Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro

Tem Will Britt to vacate the previous vote on item (A). Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to approve item (A) with the condition to build sidewalks to connect to Sallie Zetterower School subject to Planning and Engineering's approval as well as the other recommendations from staff. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to approve an Outdoor Event Permit:

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| a) Applicant's Name: | Jennifer Kennedy |
| Date and Time of Event: | September 6, 2013, 5:00 p.m. |
| Location of Event: | 106 Savannah Avenue |
| Type of Event: | First Friday, Taste of Statesboro |
| Products served: | Beer |

City Manager explained the event would be adjacent to the Eagle Creek Brewery. Director of the DSDA Allen Muldrew stated this event would be part of the First Friday festivities. They would be selling alcohol outside in front of the building. Councilman Lewis stated his concerns with public intoxication and safety of the citizens. Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt was concerned with the application and fee. He stated he was not sure this would be the appropriate application and fee for such an event even though this is the only outdoor permit the City has for outdoor special events. City Manager asked Council for the possibility of the fee being waived or discounted. Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt stated the City has an Ordinance with the conditions that have to be met to have an event of this kind. City Attorney Alvin Leaphart stated he would have to see what the State would allow or require in this particular event. Daniel Long of the Eagle Creek Brewery spoke in favor of the request but also stated his company could not use their alcohol license to host the event. The person hosting the event does not have an alcohol license nor a place of business. Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to postpone this item until the next meeting and asked Alvin to look into the State requirements. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to change one of the two custodial positions from part-time to full-time status

City Engineer Robert Cheshire stated upcoming changes to federal regulations are going to require the City to provide benefits for employees working more than 29 hours. Currently, we have 2 part time custodians that maintain 6 buildings. In order to be in compliance, we have 2 choices; to either reduce the number of hours for each custodian now or offer one custodian full time status. Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to change one of the two custodial positions from part-time to full-time status. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Consideration of a motion to approve creation of the following positions in the IT Department: IT Systems Analyst at grade 16, GIS Technician at grade 14

Director of Information Technology Bryant Tatum stated the pay raise for the GIS Technician would be funded by the Wastewater and Public Works Department. Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to approve the creation of the following positions in the IT Department: IT Systems Analyst at grade 16, GIS Technician at grade 14. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Consideration of a motion to approve changing the IT Systems Specialist position from a grade 12 to a grade 14

Director of Information Technology Bryant Tatum stated this position would be funded by the general fund. Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to approve changing the IT Systems Specialist position from a grade 12 to a grade 14. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to approve the purchase of Police Vehicles from State Contract #SWC90796-2 for an amount not to exceed the budgeted total of \$350,000. These funds are from SPLOST 2007 dollars.

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to approve the purchase of Police Vehicles from State Contract #SWC90796-2 for an amount not to exceed the budgeted total of \$350,000. These funds are from SPLOST 2007 dollars. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Notification to Mayor and Council of an awarded grant from NTOA to the Police Department: One Taser X-2 system to include holster, cartridges, and power module (est. \$1,500 value). This grant was applied for by ERT Cpl. Jake Saxon.

There was no vote on this item. Director of Public Safety Wendell Turner was updating Mayor and Council of the awarded grant.

Nomination and Consideration of Appointment to fill the vacant seat on the Statesboro Planning Commission

Director of Planning and Development Mandi Cody made a recommendation to Council for the reappointment of Rick Barr to the Statesboro Planning Commission. His current 2 year term is ending. Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to reappoint Rick Barr to the Statesboro Planning Commission for another 2 year term. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to approve Resolution 2013-29: A Resolution Accepting Right of Way of Aspen Heights Drive as a Public Street to be Owned and Maintained by the City of Statesboro, Georgia.

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyum to approve **Resolution 2013-29**: A Resolution Accepting Right of Way of Aspen Heights Drive as a Public Street to be Owned and Maintained by the City of Statesboro, Georgia. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Consideration of a motion to approve the fire department to apply for the open SAFER grant for additional firefighters

Director of Public Safety Wendell Turner stated the grant was 100% funded. Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to approve the fire department to apply for the open SAFER grant for additional firefighters. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Consideration for a motion to approve the Mayor to enter into a contract between the Fire Department and OTC for the delivery of Firefighter Level 1 training

Mayor Brannen stated this item has been pulled from the agenda.

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

At 7:25 pm, Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to enter into Executive Session with a 10 minute break. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Lewis and Riggs voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Present were Mayor Joe Brannen, Council Members: Will Britt, John Riggs, Gary Lewis and Phil Boyum. Also present were City Manager Frank Parker, City Clerk Sue Starling, City Attorney Alvin Leaphart and Director of Human Resource Jeff Grant. Councilman Travis Chance was absent from the Executive Session.

Regular Session

Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to come out of Executive Session at 8:10 pm. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Lewis and Riggs voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Mayor Brannen called the regular session back to order at 8:11 p.m. with no action taken.

Consideration of a Motion to approve Resolution 2013-28: A “Resolution regarding applications RZ 13-04-02, RZ 13-04-03, RZ 13-04-04 to amend the Zoning Map of the City of Statesboro.

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to deny **Resolution 2013-28**: A “Resolution regarding applications RZ 13-04-02, RZ 13-04-03, RZ 13-04-04 to amend the Zoning Map of the City of Statesboro. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Other Business from City Council

Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to reinstate the pay scale classification for the Statesboro Fire Fighters according to personnel policy. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Public Safety Director Wendell Turner asked Council to approve the application for a Fire House Sub Grant based on the purchasing policy. Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to approve the application of the Fire House Sub. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Public Comments (General)

A) Bill Thomas request to address Council

Bill Thomas addressed Council with what he believes to be fraud concerning a utility account for South Georgia Realty. He also stated he wants Council to call in the GBI to investigate the transparency of the City of Statesboro government.

Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to adjourn. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.