



**CITY OF STATESBORO
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
August 2, 2011**

A regular meeting of the Statesboro City Council was held on August 2, 2011 at 9:00 a.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, City Engineer Robert Cheshire, and Director of Community Development Mandi Cody.

Invocation was given by Allen Muldrew, Director of the Downtown Statesboro Development Authority.

Approval of Minutes:

- a) **July 14, 2011 Called Council Meeting with County**
- b) **July 19, 2011 Council Meeting**

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to approve the July 14, 2011 Called Council Meeting and the July 19, 2011 Council Meeting. 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) **Kelly Collingsworth representing Keep Bulloch Beautiful request to update Council on the recycling program**

Kelly Collingsworth, Director of Keep Bulloch Beautiful (KKB) updated Council on the progress of the recycling program. She stated the program is doing well as the request for recycling carts increase.

Public Comments (Agenda Item): None

Consideration of a Motion to approve/deny 1st reading for the application of alcohol license:

- a) **Samuel Chaney & Samuel C. Chaney (CC Lounge)**
- b) **Heath Charles Robinson (The NYC Pizzeria LLC)**

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to approve the 1st reading for application of a alcohol license for CC Lounge and The NYC Pizzeria LLC. 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 a Special Event Permit for Averitt Center for the Arts featuring a theatre production of ‘The Long Run’ an Eagles Tribute Show

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to approve a Special Event Permit for Averitt Center for the Arts featuring a theatre production of ‘The Long Run’ an Eagles Tribute Show. Councilman Britt, Blich, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote

Public Hearing and Consideration of Motions to approve the following requests regarding property located at Brampton Avenue:

- a) **APPLICATION # RZ 11-06-01:** EMC Engineering Services, Inc. requests a zoning map amendment of 1.097 acres of property located on Brampton Avenue from PUD/CR (Planned Unit Development/Commercial Retail) to CR (Commercial Retail).

- b) **APPLICATION # V 11-06-02:** EMC Engineering Services, Inc. requests a height variance from Section 1002 of *The Statesboro Zoning Ordinance* to construct a building with a maximum height of 48 feet at property located on Brampton Avenue

- c) **APPLICATION # V 11-06-03:** EMC Engineering Services, Inc. requests a variance from Section 1509 of *The Statesboro Zoning Ordinance* regarding aggregate sign area for property located on Brampton Avenue.

West Sherrod and Todd Manack spoke for the request regarding property at Brampton Ave. Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to approve Application RZ-11-06-01, Application V-11-06-02 and Application V-11-06-03. Councilman Britt, Blich, 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 2nd reading of Ordinance 2011-06: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 1 of the Statesboro Municipal Code Regarding General Penalties.

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Blich to approve 2nd reading of **Ordinance 2011-06:** An Ordinance Amending Chapter 1 of the Statesboro Municipal Code Regarding General Penalties. 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 call a Public Hearing for September 1, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall on the proposed 2011 Calendar Year Ad Valorem (Property) Tax Millage Rate of 6.358 for the City of Statesboro.

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to call a Public Hearing for September 1, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall on the proposed 2011 Calendar Year Ad Valorem (Property) Tax Millage Rate of 6.358 for the City of Statesboro. 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 Resolution 2011-28: A Resolution Approving the Uncollectable Personal Property Tax Bill List for 2009.

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to approve Resolution 2011-28: A Resolution Approving the Uncollectable Personal Property Tax Bill List for 2009. 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 adopt the Resolution of the Governing Body for GEFA Loan 2006-L25WJB

Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to adopt the Resolution of the Governing Body for GEFA Loan 2006-L25WJB. 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 a functioning 1999 Crown Victoria vehicle that has extensive internal damage and high mileage as surplus and to authorize the disposal of the property

Councilman Blich made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to declare a functioning 1999 Crown Victoria vehicle that has extensive internal damage and high mileage as surplus and to authorize the disposal of the property. 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 a Valve Exerciser/Vaccum Excavation System Unit (Vermeer Vactron LP355DT from Vermeer Southeast in the amount of \$49,804.47

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Consideration of a Motion to award the pavement marking bid to Peek Pavement Marking, LLC, based on unit prices submitted and a bid amount of \$28,101.41.

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to award the pavement marking bid to Peek Pavement Marking, LLC, based on unit prices submitted and a bid amount of \$28,101.41. 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 and implement the Medical Benefit Proposal with Taylor Benefit Resource

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to approve and implement the Medical Benefit Proposal with Taylor Benefit Resource. . Councilman Britt, Blitch, 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 stated the Verizon phone bill belonging to Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt has been paid in full to the City of Statesboro. He also stated he has made contact with Lott Barber concerning the ULDC but has not received information at this time.

City Engineer Robert Cheshire reported the Robin Hood Trial roadway improvements were underway as well as the Church Street and Cawana Road projects.

Staff Attorney Michael Graves thanked Council for the time he has spent with the City as he moves on with his career.

Mayor Pro Tem Will Brit announced his marriage that took place on July 30, 2011.

Other Business from City Council: None

Public Comments (General)

Brian Kelly representing K-Bob Kelly's spoke to Council asking for a more straight forward, clear and effective set of rules for the Alcohol Ordinance.

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 Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to enter into Executive Session at 10:00 a.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 and Director of Human Resource Jeff Grant. The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Regular Session

Mayor Joe Brannen called the regular Council session back to order at 10:45 a.m. Mayor Brannen announced no action had been taken in executive session.

Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis 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 11:47 a.m.