



**CITY OF STATESBORO
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
August 16, 2011**

A regular meeting of the Statesboro City Council was held on August 16, 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, City Engineer Robert Cheshire, and Director of Community Development Mandi Cody. Michael Graves was also present for legal counsel.

Approval of Minutes:

- a) **August 2, 2011 Council Minutes**
- b) **August 2, 2011 Council Work Session Minutes**

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs, to approve the August 2, 2011 Council Minutes and 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) **Craig Tremble request to speak to Council concerning improvements for the Westside area of Statesboro.**

Craig Tremble spoke to Council regarding the abandoned houses and run down property on the West side of Statesboro. He asked Council for help in holding the property owners accountable for the upkeep of their property. Director of Community Development Mandi Cody stated her department has already begun looking at this area as well as other areas within the City. She also stated the Code Enforcement officers have made progress in some areas with the cleanup of properties.

Public Comments (Agenda Item): None

Consideration of a Motion to approve a Special Event Permit:

- a) **Fundraiser for Statesboro Regional Sexual Assault Center- Richard Toms (119 Chops)**

Richard Toms was present to answer any questions. Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to approve the Special Event Permit for the fundraiser for the Statesboro Regional Sexual Assault Center. 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 authorize the purchase of equipment for the meter pilot program (Sole Source Purchase)

Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to authorize the purchase of the meter pilot program (Sole Source Purchase. 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 purchase of \$191,342 worth of PPE (Personal Protective Equipment- which includes turn-out gear and SCBA's) for the Statesboro Fire Department firefighters, volunteers, and cross-trained police officers using up to \$45,000 from the Fire Fund and \$146,342 from SPLOST 2007 Public Safety projects over the next six to eight month period.

Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Councilman Blich to approve the purchase of \$191,342 worth of PPE (Personal Protective Equipment- which includes turn-out gear and SCBA's) for the Statesboro Fire Department firefighters, volunteers, and cross-trained police officers using up to \$45,000 from the Fire Fund and \$146,342 from SPLOST 2007 Public Safety projects over the next six to eight month period. 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 thanked the City for their kindness with the loss of his mother. Fire Commander Tim Grams, Statesboro Fire Department, reported the collection of \$1500.00 for MDA. Director of Water Wastewater Wayne Johnson reported EPD has a new certification program for maintenance personnel. He stated his employees would be attending the classes.

Public Comments (General): None

Other Business from City Council

City Manager Frank Parker stated Pittman Park Church approved the use of their building for the purpose of holding City elections. He also stated there may be some changes in the procedure for trash pickup.

Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to adjourn the meeting. 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 at 6:20 p.m.