



**CITY OF STATESBORO
Council Minutes
September 03, 2014**

A regular meeting of the Statesboro City Council was held on September 03, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were Mayor Jan J. Moore, Council Members: Will Britt, Phil Boyum, John Riggs, Gary Lewis and Travis Chance. Also present were Interim City Manager Robert Cheshire, City Clerk Sue Starling, City Attorney Alvin Leaphart, Assistant City Engineer Jason Boyles and Director of Community Development Mandi Cody.

The meeting was called to Order by Mayor Jan Moore.

The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman John Riggs.

Recognitions/Public Presentations

- A) Retirement of City Employees**
 - a) Chip Godbee, Building Official for the Engineering Department- 20 years**
 - b) Eddie Brown, Equipment Operator for the Public Works Department – 20 years**
- B) Caleb Griffin, Recipient of the SHRM Georgia “HR Student of the Year”. He was recognized for being an exceptional undergraduate student preparing for work in the field of Human Resource Management.**
- C) Statesboro Area Society for Human Resource Management Chapter, Recipient of the SHRM Georgia "Chapter of the Year" Best in Georgia Award. It recognizes a chapter that has demonstrated excellence in the execution of a project related to one of the [Core Areas](#). Nominees serve as role models for other chapters, set the standards others follow and have applied their expertise to enhance chapter effectiveness in executing SHRM’s mission to serve and advance the profession.**

Interim City Manager Robert Cheshire commended Mr. Godbee for his years of service and accomplishments with the City. Mayor Moore presented him with a retirement plaque.

Interim City Manager Robert Cheshire and Robert Seamans commended Mr. Brown for his years of service with the City. Mayor Moore presented him with a retirement plaque.

Human Resource Jeff Grant recognized Caleb Griffin as “HR Student of the Year” and Mayor Moore presented him with a trophy.

Human Resource Director Jeff Grant updated Council on the Human Resource Management “Chapter of the Year award” that was received by his department. Mayor Moore presented a trophy to the entire department.

Public Comments (Agenda Item): None

Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

A) Approval of Minutes

a) 08-19-2014 Council Minutes

b) 08-19-2014 Public Hearing Minutes

B) Consideration of a motion for the surplus and disposal of the old City Hall chiller unit and dehumidifier unit which have recently been replaced and removed from service.

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to approve the consent agenda in its entirety. Councilman Britt, Boyum, 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 2014-28: A Resolution appointing Jeff Grant to the Board of Directors of the Statesboro Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to approve Resolution 2014-28: A Resolution appointing Jeff Grant to the Board of Directors of the Statesboro Convention and Visitors Bureau. Councilman Britt, Boyum, 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 “Sole Source” purchase to HD Supply in the amount of \$80,500.00 for Sensus water meters and transmitters (standardized City equipment).

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to approve a “Sole Source” purchase to HD Supply in the amount of \$80,500.00 for Sensus water meters and transmitters (standardized City equipment). Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Other Business from City Council

Mayor Moore expressed her sympathy for the death of GSU student Michael Gatto. She stated she had received many, many calls from concerned citizens asking why the City does not shut down the establishment. She stated the City Ordinance does not allow Council to shut down the establishment of Rude Rudy's immediately. City Attorney Alvin Leaphart also explained how this case was different from the cases for Platinum Lounge and Prime Time Lounge.

City Manager's Comments

Interim City Manager Robert Cheshire updated Council on the purchase of the 5 ballast to replace the old ones at the Wastewater Plant. He also commended Caleb Griffin and the Human Resource Department for their awards.

Director of Human Resource Jeff Grant updated Council on the Fit by '15 program along with the “Paint the Town Blue” events.

City Clerk Sue Starling reminded Council of the public hearing dates for the proposed property tax millage rate increase.

Finance Director Cindy West updated Council on the upcoming work sessions that will begin the budget process for 2015-2016.

Public Comments (General): None

Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 am.