



**CITY OF STATESBORO
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 04, 2013**

A regular meeting of the Statesboro City Council was held on September 04 , 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall Present were Mayor Joe R. Brannen, Council Members: Will Britt, Phil Boyum, 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.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Joe Brannen
Invocation was given by Reverend Lee and Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman John Riggs

Recognitions/Public Presentations

- A) Completion of The University of Georgia Carl Vinson Institute Certified Human Resource Manager Program. Flavia Starling, Human Resources Coordinator, HR Department**
- B) Employee of the Month: John Zinskie, Scale Operator, Public Works, Solid Waste Disposal Division (Landfill)**

Director of Human Resource Jeff Grant recognized Flavia Starling for her completion of the Certified Human Resource Manager program. Mayor Brannen presented the Georgia Carl Vinson Institute Certificate to Flavia Starling.

Director of Human Resource Jeff Grant recognized John Zinskie as Employee of the Month and presented him with a \$100.00 gift card from Wal-Mart.

Public Comments (Agenda Item): None

Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

- A) Approval of Minutes**
 - a) 08-20-2013 Council Minutes**
 - b) 08-20-2013 Executive Session Minutes**
- B) Notification of alcohol license application:**
 - a) Licensee: Tiffany Lynn Hine (changing managers)**
DBA: Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar
Location: 24087 Highway 80 East
Type of Alcohol License: Pouring – Beer, Wine & Liquor
Type of Business: Restaurant
- C) Notification of alcohol license application:**
 - a) Licensee: Britt Hendrix (Changing Owners)**
DBA: Your Pie
Location: 701 Piedmont Loop Suite 200
Type of Alcohol License: Pouring – Beer & Wine
Type of Business – Restaurant

- D) Consideration of a Motion to approve “Vehicle for Hire”**
 - a) J. E. T. Services – Bruce Taylor (Owner)**
- E) Consideration of a Motion to approve Special Event Permits**
 - a) Averitt Center for the Arts – Legend in the Arts**
 - b) Averitt Center for the Arts – Lamar Dodd: Timeless Gallery Opening**
 - c) Averitt Center for the Arts – Transit Authority – Chicago Tribute Band**
 - d) Averitt Center for the Arts - Fundraiser**
- F) Consideration of a Motion to approve Special Events Permit**
 - a) GSU Botanical Garden – Beer Tasting and Dinner Benefit for Garden of the Coastal Plain**
- G) Consideration of a Motion to approve the due date of December 20, 2013 for the City of Statesboro Property Tax Bills**
- H) Consideration of a Motion to approve Resolution 2013-31: A Resolution adopting maximum fees for towing and storage of illegally parked vehicles.**
- I) Consideration of a Motion to adopt Resolution 2013-32: A Resolution Adopting the Schedule of Fees and Charges for the Water and Wastewater Department of the City of Statesboro, Georgia.**

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 “Vehicle for Hire”

- a) D W Yellow Cab – Timothy P. McCarty(Driver)**

Timothy McCarty stated he had some bad times but was trying to get a job to supplement his social security. He also stated he was trying to change his life and transition back into the community. He asked for Council’s consideration of granting him a license. Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt asked City Attorney Alvin Leaphart what the ordinance says about a person with a criminal background. City Attorney Alvin Leaphart stated under the current ordinance, Council has discretion to make a decision as they deem appropriate. Councilman Lewis stated Mr. McCarty should be given a second chance. Mayor Brannen and Councilman Riggs stated they received phone calls of recommendations for Mr. McCarty. Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to approve “Vehicle for Hire” for Timothy McCarty. 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 2013-30: A Resolution setting the millage rate for ad valorem (property) taxes for the 2013 calendar year for the city of Statesboro, Georgia at 6.358.

City Manager Frank Parker stated in the future there would be a second line item on the property tax bill for a fire fee. He also stated the millage would not be increased because of this just broken out into different categories. Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to approve Resolution 2013-30: A Resolution setting the millage rate for ad valorem (property) taxes for the 2013 calendar year for the city of Statesboro, Georgia at 6.358.

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 policy within the Fleet Maintenance Division to provide a 5% step increase upon obtaining a commercial driver's license (CDL) for the Mechanic I, II and III positions

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt entertained the idea of giving a onetime bonus instead of a step increase when an employee received his CDL. After much discussion of salaries and job duties, Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to approve a 5% step increase, upon obtaining a CDL, for one (1) mechanic III position only. 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 award a contract to purchase retro-setters for the lowest responsive bid amount of \$286,561.50 to Kendall Supply

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to award a contract to purchase retro-setters for the lowest responsive bid amount of \$286,561.50 to Kendall Supply. 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 award the low bid on the Whitesville Lift Station upgrade and Lakeview Force Main Extension to Southeastern Civil, Inc. in the amount of \$457,896.30

Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to award the low bid on the Whitesville Lift Station upgrade and Lakeview Force Main Extension to Southeastern Civil, Inc. in the amount of \$457,896.30. 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 award the low bid on the Cawana Road Sewer and Water Infrastructure to Y-Delta, Inc. in the amount of \$1,023,536.13

Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to award the low bid on the Cawana Road Sewer and Water Infrastructure to Y-Delta, Inc. in the amount of \$1,023,536.13. 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 an Intergovernmental Agreement for Fire Protection Services

Attorney Jeff Akins for the Bulloch County Commissioners stated the County Commissioners have already approved the fire agreement. City Attorney Alvin Leaphart pointed out the high points of the agreement. Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for Fire Protection Services between the City of

Statesboro and Bulloch County. 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

City Manager Frank Parker stated that a study was to be done on the lighting on the East Main Streetscape. He also mentioned the preparations were being made to have a ribbon cutting for the Julius Abraham Trail. Mr. Parker asked Council to fill 3 vacancies which include the Planning Commission, the Tree Board and the Beautification Committee. Council's recommendation was Reverend Charles Lee for the Planning Commission, Jamie Cartee for the Tree Board and Perri Ann Dean for the Beautification Committee. Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to approve Council's recommendation to appoint Reverend Charles Lee for the Planning Commission, Jamie Cartee for the Tree Board and Perri Ann Dean for the Beautification Committee. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

City Clerk Sue Starling stated that Statesboro High School was interested in hosting one of the City's Council meetings for their 10th grade class. The Mayor and Council agreed to hold a Council meeting at the High School. No date was set at this time.

Public Comments (General)

A) Mr. Bill Thomas request to speak to Council

Mr. Thomas thanked Council for approving the taxi cab application for Mr. McCarty.

Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am.