



**CITY OF STATESBORO
Council Minutes
September 16, 2014**

A regular meeting of the Statesboro City Council was held on September 16, 2014 at 5:15 p.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 given by Councilman Gary Lewis

Recognitions/Public Presentations:

- A) Presentation of the “Adopt a Spot” (adopt-a-location) program and recognition of Steve Burrell with Downtown Rotary Club of Statesboro for their partnership in the program**

Assistant City Engineer Jason Boyles explained the “Adopt a Spot” program was designed for businesses’ to help maintain some of the City’s grounds by working with the City and the Downtown Rotary Club who already takes care of the McTell Trail.

Public Comments (Agenda Item): None

Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda:

A) Approval of Minutes

- a) 09-03-2014 Council Minutes**
- b) 09-09-2014 Public Hearing Minutes (12:00 pm)**
- c) 09-09-2014 Public Hearing Minutes (6:00 pm)**

- B) Consideration of a motion to approve the PD to surplus a 2004 Ford Crown Victoria (VIN # 2FAFP71W44X124674) with 129,290 miles and non-feasible repairs to the FD for vehicle extrication training. Upon completion of training the vehicle will be sold for scrap.**

- C) Consideration of a Motion to approve Resolution 2014-31: A Resolution setting the millage rate for ad valorem (property) taxes for the 2014 calendar year for the city of Statesboro, Georgia at 6.358.**

- D) Consideration of a Motion to approve the due date of December 20, 2014 for the City of Statesboro Property Tax Bills**

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt asked that agenda item “C” to be pulled from the consent agenda for discussion. The item was placed at the end of the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to approve the remaining consent agenda in its entirety. Councilman Britt, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Councilman Phil Boyum joined the meeting at 5:23 pm.

Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to approve APPLICATION # RZ 14-06-02: L & S Acquisitions, LLC and CFN Partners, LLC requests a zoning map amendment pursuant to the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance from R8 (Single-Family Residential) and R10 (Single-Family Residential) Districts to PUD(Planned Unit Development) to allow for attached and detached single family residential units for 60 acres of property located on S & S Railroad Bed Road (Tax Parcel Number 107 000009 000).

John Dotson of Maxwell Reddick spoke in favor of the request. Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion to include recommendations from staff, seconded by Councilman Riggs to approve APPLICATION # RZ 14-06-02: L & S Acquisitions, LLC and CFN Partners, LLC requests a zoning map amendment pursuant to the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance from R8 (Single-Family Residential) and R10 (Single-Family Residential) Districts to PUD(Planned Unit Development) to allow for attached and detached single family residential units for 60 acres of property located on S & S Railroad Bed Road (Tax Parcel Number 107 000009 000). Councilman Britt, Boyum, 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 APPLICATION # RZ 14-08-02: H. Jackson Wallace requests a zoning map amendment pursuant to the *Statesboro Zoning Ordinance* from R3 (Medium Density Multiple-Family Residential) and R10 (Single-Family Residential) Districts to PUD(Planned Unit Development) District to allow for attached single family structures for 38.79 acres of property located on S & S Railroad Bed Road (Tax Parcel Number 107 000005 000).

John Dotson of Maxwell Reddick representing the applicant spoke in favor of the request. Jackson Wallace also spoke in favor of the request. He stated they would like to work with the City to comply with the guidelines. Julie Brannen, a resident on Cawana Road, spoke against the request. She stated her concerns were for safety of the students and increase in traffic flow. The discussion centered on a buffer that would run the length of the property with green spaces or sidewalks to connect to the school. Councilman Riggs made a motion, to include recommendations from staff and specifying a buffer to extend the length of the property from the far corner of Sallie Zetterower to the corner of S&S Railroad Bed Road, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to approve APPLICATION # RZ 14-08-02: H. Jackson Wallace requests a zoning map amendment pursuant to the *Statesboro Zoning Ordinance* from R3 (Medium Density Multiple-Family Residential) and R10 (Single-Family Residential) Districts to PUD(Planned Unit Development) District to allow for attached single family structures for 38.79 acres of property located on S & S Railroad Bed Road (Tax Parcel Number 107 000005 000). Councilman Britt, Boyum, 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 APPLICATION # V 14-07-04 The Hamptons-Statesboro/H. Jackson Wallace requests a variance from Section 701 of the *Statesboro Zoning Ordinance* from the required 35' height to 45' building height for a development at 351 Rucker Lane (Tax Parcel #MS52000004000).

Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to approve APPLICATION # V 14-07-04 The Hamptons-Statesboro/H. Jackson Wallace requests a variance from Section 701 of the *Statesboro Zoning Ordinance* from the required 35' height to 45' building height for a development at 351 Rucker Lane (Tax Parcel #MS52000004000). Councilman Britt, Boyum, 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 APPLICATION # RZ 14-08-01: The Islands Phase III, LLC requests a zoning map amendment pursuant to the *Statesboro Zoning Ordinance* from R4 (High Density Residential) District to CR (Commercial Retail) District for a 4.89 acre portion of the property located adjacent to Lanier Drive immediately South of Nassau Drive. (Tax Parcel #MS63000002003).

Joey Maxwell of Maxwell Reddick spoke in favor of the request. He stated he would like to change some of the recommendations presented by City staff. He asked Council to consider approval of 2 drive thru' s and 25% parking in rear instead of the recommendation of no drive thru' s and 50% parking in the rear. Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to approve Mr. Maxwell's request and approve APPLICATION # RZ 14-08-01: The Islands Phase III, LLC requests a zoning map amendment pursuant to the *Statesboro Zoning Ordinance* from R4 (High Density Residential) District to CR (Commercial Retail) District for a 4.89 acre portion of the property located adjacent to Lanier Drive immediately South of Nassau Drive. (Tax Parcel #MS63000002003). 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 and First Reading of Ordinance 2014-02: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2 of the Statesboro Municipal Code Regarding Authorities, Boards and Commissions- Statesboro Planning Commission.

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 2014-02: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2 of the Statesboro Municipal Code Regarding Authorities, Boards and Commissions- Statesboro Planning Commission. 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 2014-30: A Resolution appointing R. Jeremy Ragan to the Statesboro Planning Commission

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to approve Resolution 2014-30: A Resolution appointing R. Jeremy Ragan to the Statesboro Planning Commission. 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 purchase of a Tymco street sweeper utilizing the H-GAC buyer's contract in the amount of \$203,620.00

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to award the purchase of a Tymco street sweeper utilizing the H-GAC buyer's contract in the amount of \$203,620.00. 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 retrofit an existing refuse truck with a new hoist system to Consolidated Disposal in the amount of \$48,387.00 via price extension from the previous bid award approved by city council on May 20, 2014.

Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to award a contract to retrofit an existing refuse truck with a new hoist system to Consolidated Disposal in the amount of \$48,387.00 via price extension from the previous bid award approved by city council on May 20, 2014. 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 the Contract for Grant of Easement from Paul A. Whitlock Jr

Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to approve the Contract for a Grant of Easement from Paul A. Whitlock Jr. 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 license agreement with Central of Georgia Railroad Company to maintain, operate and remove certain infrastructure within the limits of A.J. Riggs Road.

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to approve a license agreement with Central of Georgia Railroad Company to maintain, operate and remove certain infrastructure within the limits of A.J. Riggs Road. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt asked if proper advertisement had been done for the millage rate. Interim City Manager Robert Cheshire confirmed the advertisements were done. Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to approve item "C" from the consent agenda regarding **Resolution 2014-31**: A Resolution setting the millage rate for ad valorem (property) taxes for the 2014 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.

Other Business from City Council

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt stated we were saddened at the passing of our former Council Member Tommy Blich.

Councilman Boyum recognized Assistant City Engineer Jason Boyles for his initiative to move forward on the “Adopt a Spot”.

Mayor Moore stated she would like to move forward with the amendments to the alcohol ordinance. She asked City Attorney Alvin Leaphart to review the amendments and make recommendations. She also stated there would be 6 cases brought to Council for administrative hearings on alleged alcohol violations for the October 7th, 2014 Council meeting.

City Managers Comments

Interim City Manager Robert Cheshire acknowledged the passing of Mr. Ed Cone. He was a long term employee of the City back in the 90’s.

City Clerk Sue Starling updated Council on the alcohol application for Adam Burgamy, a manager for the Ocean Galley Express located at Stadium Plaza.

Public Comments (General): None

Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to adjourn. 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 7:10 pm.