



**CITY OF STATESBORO
Called Council Minutes
September 24, 2014**

A Called Council meeting of the Statesboro City Council was held on September 24, 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 as well as other department heads. Several members of the media were present including members of the community and several attorneys representing their clients.

Mayor Jan Moore called the meeting to order.

The business of the meeting was for the Mayor and Council to conduct an administrative hearing regarding the alcohol license for Rude Rudy's.

The meeting was opened by reading a statement issued by Mayor Jan Moore only, and was not issued on behalf Mayor and City Council

City Attorney Alvin Leaphart presented a settlement agreement and a consent order and judgment to Mayor and Council.

Mayor Moore then read aloud the settlement agreement and the consent final order and judgment. The order basically stated that Jon Starkey would surrender his alcohol license; close Rude Rudy's and has a lifetime ban on an alcohol license in the City of Statesboro.

Mayor Moore asked for a vote to approve and except the settlement agreement and consent order and judgment.

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyum to approve and accept the settlement agreement and consent order and judgment. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Mayor Moore then allowed Mr. and Mrs. Gatto to speak. They were the parents of the deceased GSU student, Michael Gatto. Mrs. Gatto thanked the Mayor for her efforts to change the City but went on to describe the pain felt by the family. She also stated her son's death was needless and avoidable.

Another mother spoke of an incident that happened to her daughter at Rude Rudy's. She stated her daughter was assaulted and raped by an alleged employee at Rude Rudy's after she had been served alcohol. She asked that the name of her daughter be omitted from the record to protect her.

Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyum 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 9:18 am.