



**CITY OF STATESBORO
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 07, 2011**

A regular meeting of the Statesboro City Council was held on September 07, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were Mayor Joe R. Brannen, Council Members: Tommy Blicht, 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. Absent was Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was given by Councilman Tommy Blicht.

Approval of Minutes:

- a) **August 16, 2011 Council Minutes**
- b) **August 16, 2011 Work Session Minutes**

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Blicht to approve the Council Minutes and Work Session Minutes of August 16, 2011. Councilman Blicht, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Recognitions/Public Presentations:

- a) **Michael Jones representing the Boys and Girls Club request to speak to Council concerning the Club's needs.**

Michael Jones spoke to Council concerning the functions of the Boys and Girls Club. They also asked Council for assistance to help them expand the Club to provide more room for after school children and teenagers.

- b) **Statesboro Fire Department recognizes firefighters with Departmental Service Metals**

Fire Commander Tim Grams presented a Unit Citation Medal to Battalion Commander Derrel Melton, Division Commander Chris Colson, Firefighter Jason Gammon, Firefighter Anthony Lefebvre, Firefighter Nate Young, Firefighter Derek Stoddard, Firefighter Ricky Hutchinson and Firefighter Brad Bouchillon. Fire Commander Grams also presented a Medal of Valor to Division Commander Chris Colson and Firefighter Jason Gammon

- c) **Employee of the Month presented to Isaiah Lucas in the Landfill Division of Public Works.**

Human Resource Director Jeff Grant presented Isaiah Lucas “Slim” with the employee of the month award. Mr. Lucas works in the Landfill Division of the City of Statesboro Public Works.

Public Comments (Agenda Item): None

Consideration of a Motion to approve Special Event Permits:

- a) **Gallery reception for Averitt Center for the Arts**
- b) **Theatre Production Intermission for Averitt Center for the Arts**
- c) **Beer tasting and Concert Fundraiser- Georgia Southern Botanical Garden**

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to approve the Special Event Permits for the Gallery reception for Averitt Center for the Arts, Theatre Production Intermission for Averitt Center for the Arts, and the Beer tasting and Concert Fundraiser for Georgia Southern Botanical Garden. Councilman Blich, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to approve/deny 2nd reading for the application of alcohol license:

- a) **Kenneth L. Brown (Lily’s Café)**

Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to approve 2nd reading for the application of an alcohol license for Kenneth L. Brown (Lily’s Café). Councilman Blich, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to approve the following zoning map amendment and variance request from the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance.

Progress Builders, LLC requests at the following regarding property located at 816 South Main Street.

- a) **APPLICATION # RZ 11-07-02 to rezone from CR (Commercial Retail) to R4 (High Density Residential).**
- b) **APPLICATION # V 11-07-03 from Section 703 of the *Statesboro Zoning Ordinance* regarding density.**
- c) **APPLICATION # V 11-07-04 from Section 702 of the *Statesboro Zoning Ordinance* regarding height.**

Joey Maxwell representing Maxwell Reddick and Co. spoke to Council in favor of the amendment and variance. Councilman Lewis made a motion to include staffs recommended conditions, seconded by Councilman Blich to approve APPLICATION # RZ 11-07-02 to rezone from CR (Commercial Retail) to R4 (High Density Residential), APPLICATION # V 11-07-03 from Section 703 of the *Statesboro Zoning Ordinance* regarding density and APPLICATION # V 11-07-04 from Section 702 of the *Statesboro Zoning Ordinance* regarding height. Councilman Blich, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Public Hearing and Consideration of a motion to approve the following variance request from the *Statesboro Zoning Ordinance*.

- a) **APPLICATION # V 11-07-05**: Tippins-Polk Construction, Inc. requests a variance from Section 1600 of the *Statesboro Zoning Ordinance* regarding parking for property located on Northside Drive West.

John Dotson representing Maxwell Reddick and Associates spoke in favor of the request. Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to approve **APPLICATION # V 11-07-05**: Tippins-Polk Construction, Inc. requests a variance from Section 1600 of the *Statesboro Zoning Ordinance* regarding parking for property located on Northside Drive West. Councilman Blitch, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Councilman John Riggs left the Council meeting at 9:50 a.m. and was absent for the remainder of the meeting.

Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to approve Resolution 2011-29: A Resolution setting the millage rate for Ad Valorem (Property) Taxes for the 2011 Calendar Year for the City of Statesboro at 6.358.

Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to approve **Resolution 2011-29**: A Resolution setting the millage rate for Ad Valorem (Property) Taxes for the 2011 Calendar Year for the City of Statesboro at 6.358. Councilman Blitch, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 3-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to approve the due date for the City of Statesboro Property Tax Bills to be December 20, 2011

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to approve the due date for the City of Statesboro Property Tax Bills for December 20, 2011. Councilman Blitch, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 3-0 vote.

Consideration of a motion to temporarily suspend the following occupational tax certificates (business licenses) of the following establishments:

- a) **Phone Net Sweeps: 120 Northside Drive East**
- b) **Cyber Center Café: 441 and 443 South Main Street**
- c) **Advance South, LLC dba Statesboro Business Center: 860 Buckhead Drive Suite A3**

Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to suspend the following occupational tax certificates (business licenses) of the following establishments: Phone Net Sweeps: 120 Northside Drive East, Cyber Center Café: 441 and 443 South Main Street, Advance

South, LLC dba Statesboro Business Center: 860 Buckhead Drive Suite A3. Councilman Blich, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 3-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to approve Resolution 2011-30: A Resolution approving the placement of a temporary moratorium for 6 months regarding occupational tax certificates (business license) for internet sweepstake cafes.

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to approve Resolution 2011-30: A Resolution approving the placement of a temporary moratorium for 6 months regarding occupational tax certificates (business license) for internet sweepstake cafes. Councilman Blich, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 3-0 vote.

Consideration of a motion to declare a 1985 Ford bucket truck as surplus and be disposed of by electronic auction

Consideration of a motion to declare a 1990 Ford dump body truck as surplus and be disposed of by electronic auction

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Blich to declare a 1985 Ford bucket truck and a 1990 Ford dump body truck as surplus and be disposed of by electronic auction. Councilman Blich, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 3-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to award the purchase of two (2) 2011 Ford F-150 Styleside Super cab Pick-up trucks, for the Water/Wastewater Department, to Rozier Ford in the amount of \$40,564.00

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Consideration of a Motion to approve the purchase of a dump truck for the City of Statesboro Natural Gas Department thru the Georgia State Contract

Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Councilman Blich to purchase of a dump truck for the City of Statesboro Natural Gas Department thru the Georgia State Contract not to exceed \$63,000.00. Councilman Blich, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 3-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to award the bid for a 2012 Ford F-450 Cab and Chassis to Wade Ford(Smyrna, Ga.) in the amount of \$26,425.00.

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Blich to award the bid for a 2012 Ford F-450 Cab and Chassis to Wade Ford (Smyrna, Ga.) in the amount of \$26,425.00.

Councilman Blicht, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 3-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to award the bid for a 2012 Ford F-350 Cab and Chassis with service body to Wade Ford (Smyrna, Ga.) in the amount of \$31,440.00.

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to award the bid for a 2012 Ford F-350 Cab and Chassis with service body to Wade Ford (Smyrna, Ga.) in the amount of \$31,440.00. Councilman Blicht, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 3-0 vote.

Reports from Staff:

- a) City Manager's Report**
- b) Department Head Reports**

City Engineer Robert Cheshire reported the Robin Hood Trail project was complete and the Church Street improvements were 90% complete.

Director of Community Development Mandi Cody updated Council on the code compliance for dilapidated houses and also stated her department has partnered with some of the neighborhoods to help clean up their area.

Director of Water/Wastewater Wayne Johnson stated the (MOU) for the Southeast Quadrant was complete.

Finance Director Cindy West stated the City of Statesboro has received the "Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting" Award.

Public Comments (General): None

Other Business from City Council

City Manager Frank Parker stated the Planning Commission has a vacant seat that needs to be filled. He also stated he would be bringing back to Council a proposal to change the board from a 5 member board to a 7 member board along with some recommendations to fill the vacancies.

Mayor Brannen congratulated Councilman Travis Chance and Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt on keeping their Council seats for the next 4 years. He also welcomed the GSU and OTC students back for the new school year.

Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to adjourn. Councilman Blicht, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 3-0 vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.