



**CITY OF STATESBORO
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 20, 2011**

A regular meeting of the Statesboro City Council was held on September 20, 2011 at 6:00 p.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, and City Engineer Robert Cheshire. Absent was Director of Community Development Mandi Cody.

Approval of Minutes:

a) September 01, 2011 Public Hearing Minutes

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to approve the Public Hearing Minutes of September 01, 2011. Councilman Britt, Blicht, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

b) September 07, 2011 Council Minutes

c) September 07, 2011 Council Work Session Minutes

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to approve the Council Minutes and Council Work Session Minutes of September 07, 2011. Councilman Britt, Blicht, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Recognitions/Public Presentations:

a) Ms. Carrie Howard request to speak to Council regarding the City of Statesboro's services

Ms. Carrie Howard spoke to Council concerning the sewer lines at 323 S. College St. The property belonging to Ms. Grace McFarland has some problems with the sewer backing up in her house. Ms. Howard asked the City to repair the problem area. Reverend Dr. Leonard Small spoke in support of Ms. Howard's concerns stating Ms. McFarland was on a fixed income and could not afford to repair the problem. City Manager Frank Parker stated the City of Statesboro Ordinance defines what part of the sewer line is the responsibility of the property owner. Director of Water Wastewater Wayne Johnson also stated the property owner is responsible for the sewer lines from the house to the main line whether the main line begins in the middle of the street or on the left or right side of the street.

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

a) Samuel Chaney Sr. & Samuel Christopher Chaney (CC's Place)

City Clerk Sue Starling and staff recommended approval for the 2nd reading of an alcohol license for CC's Place with the condition to keep the 2nd floor closed pending reclassification by the State Fire Marshall's Office. Ms. Peggy Chaney and Mr. Samuel Chaney spoke against the condition placed on the approval of the alcohol license. Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to table this item until the end of the meeting. Councilman Britt, Blich, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to approve Special Event Permit:

a) Benefit Ball for Cancer Research- Jerry Ross

Mr. James Ross, Pi Rho Chapter Vice President, stated he would be organizing the event with Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity for St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to approve the special event permit for Jerry Ross with the condition that he submits a letter from Phi Beta Sigma stating the funds collected will be donated to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Councilman Britt, Blich, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

b) Wedding Reception given at the Belle House catered by Jeffrey Wohelsici (Millhouse)

John Wohelsici stated he would be catering the wedding. Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to approve the special event permit for a wedding reception. Councilman Britt, Blich, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Public Comments (Agenda Item): None

Public Hearing and Consideration of a motion to approve 1st Reading of Ordinance 2011-07: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2 of the Statesboro Municipal Code Regarding Authorities, Boards and Commissions- Statesboro Planning Commission

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to approve the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2011-07: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2 of the Statesboro Municipal Code Regarding Authorities, Boards and Commissions- Statesboro Planning Commission with the condition to change section 2-67-(1) to 4 members for 2 years and section 2-67-(2) to 3 members for 4 years. Councilman Britt, Blich, 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 2011 or 2012 Ford F450 Utility Truck to either the low bidder, Wade Ford, in the amount of \$33,936.00 or to Rozier Ford in the amount of \$34,788.00, after considering the 3 percent local preference given in the past.

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to award the purchase of a 2011 or 2012 Ford F450 Utility Truck to Rozier Ford in the amount of \$34,788.00. Councilman Britt, Blich, 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 bid for two (2) new refuse trailers to East Manufacturing Corporation for a total amount of \$128,800.00 for both trailers

Councilman Blich made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to award the bid for two (2) new refuse trailers to East Manufacturing Corporation for a total amount of \$128,800.00 for both trailers. Councilman Britt, Blich, 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 bid for a new knuckle boom trash loader truck to Freightliner of Savannah for a total amount of \$124,097.00

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to award the bid for a new knuckle boom trash loader truck to Freightliner of Savannah for a total amount of \$124,097.00. Councilman Britt, Blich, 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 bid for a new front loader commercial refuse truck to Peterbilt Truck Center for a total amount of \$206,995.00

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Blich to award the bid for a new front loader commercial refuse truck to Peterbilt Truck Center for a total amount of \$206,995.00. Councilman Britt, Blich, 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 for the construction of an elevated water storage tank for the Gateway II project in the amount of \$1,034,000.00

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Blich to award a contract for the construction of an elevated water storage tank for the Gateway II project in the amount of \$1,034,000.00. Councilman Britt, Blich, 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 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Statesboro and the Roach Family for utility easements

Councilman Blicht made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Statesboro and the Roach Family for utility easements. Councilman Britt, Blicht, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Reports from Staff:

a) City Manager's Report

City Manager Frank Parker stated no report.

b) Department Head Reports

City Engineer Robert Cheshire updated Council on the Brannen St. and South Zetterower improvements as well as the traffic signal on Brampton Ave.

Director of Water Wastewater Wayne Johnson reported that EPD made a surprise inspection visit to their work site. Mr. Johnson commended Van Collins and his staff for the work they have been doing and was pleased to report the department passed the inspection.

Director of Public Safety Wendell Turner reported the retirement reception for Commander J.R. Holloway went very well. He also reminded everyone of the event "Up In Flames" would be held at the Nesmith Lane Building parking lot on the GSU Campus.

Public Comments (General): None

Other Business from City Council: None

Consideration of a Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss "personnel matters" and possible "litigation matters" in accordance with O.C.G.A. §50-14-3 (2010)

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to enter into Executive Session at 7:20 p.m. with a ten (10) minute break before starting the discussion of "Personnel Matters" and possible "Litigation Matters" in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3 (2010). Councilman Britt, Blicht, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote. Present were Mayor Joe R. Brannen, Council Members: Will Britt, John Riggs, Tommy Blicht, Gary Lewis, and Travis Chance. Also present were City Clerk Sue Starling, Public Safety Director Wendell Turner and Director of Human Resource Jeff Grant. Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded Councilman Riggs to adjourn Executive Session. Councilman Britt, Blicht, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Regular Session

Mayor Joe Brannen called the regular Council session back to order at 8:30 p.m. Mayor Brannen announced no action had been taken in executive session

Agenda item #5, which was the 2nd reading for an alcohol license for CC's Place, was taken off the table and opened to Council for discussion by Mayor Joe Brannen. Public Safety Director Wendell Turner clarified the conditions that were attached to the original motion. Councilman Blicht made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to approve the 2nd reading for the application of alcohol license for Samuel Chaney Sr. & Samuel Christopher Chaney (CC's Place) with the condition to keep the 2nd floor closed pending reclassification by the State Fire Marshall's Office. Councilman Britt, Blicht, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

Councilman Chance made a motion seconded by Councilman Riggs to adjourn. Councilman Britt, Blicht, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.