



**CITY OF STATESBORO
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
October 1, 2013**

A regular meeting of the Statesboro City Council was held on October 1, 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

The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was given by Councilman Travis Chance

Recognitions/Public Presentations

A) "Recognition of the City of Statesboro 3rd Quarter Biggest Loser Winner"

Mayor Brannen and City Manager Frank Parker presented Terrell Evans with a check for \$250.00 for his achievement as the winner of the 3rd quarter biggest loser contest.

Public Comments (Agenda Item): None

Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

- A) Approval of Minutes**
 - a) 09-17-2013 Council Minutes**
- B) Notification of alcohol license application:**
 - a) Licensee: Justin Wayne Driskell**
 - DBA: Two Guys Beverage & Tobacco**
 - Location: 8 B College Plaza**
 - Type of Alcohol License: Packaged – Beer & Wine**
 - Type of Business: Packaged Sales**
- C) Consideration of a Motion to approve "Vehicle for Hire"**
 - a) Supreme Taxi – Osagie Atekha (Owner/Driver)**
- D) Consideration of a Motion and 1st reading to approve Ordinance 2013-18: An Ordinance amending Chapter 2 Section 2-1 of the Statesboro Georgia Code of Ordinances regarding "Meetings of Council".**
- E) Consideration of a Motion and 1st reading to approve Ordinance 2013-19: An Ordinance to adopt bona fide coin operated amusement machines.**
- F) Consideration of a Motion and 1st reading to approve Ordinance 2013-20: An Ordinance Amending Chapter Ninety of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances (Vehicles for Hire)**

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt stated the “Two Guys Beverage & Tobacco Shop” has already displayed their sign.

City Manager Frank Parker stated the Ordinance for “Meetings of Council” would change the start time from 6:00 pm to 5:15 pm.

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to approve the 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.

Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to approve the following: APPLICATION # V 13-08-01: Whitfield Holdings, LLC, requests a variance from Article X of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance to reduce the side yard setback for property located at 41 Bernard Lane (Tax Parcel Number MS84000102016).

John Dotson of Maxwell, Reddick representing Whitfield Holdings, LLC stated the land swap suggestion was presented to Janice Gray. He also stated that as of now there has been no response to the offer. Michael and Josh Whitfield spoke in favor of the request. Janice Gray and Sue Palmer spoke against the request. Council offered Janice Gray an opportunity to tell them if there was something they could do to make the variance request agreeable with her. She offered no suggestions and told Council to make whatever decision they needed to make. After hearing many complaints from Janice Gray concerning the variance request and stating she was not interested in the land swap or anything else Council had to offer; the public hearing was closed. Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion to include recommendations of staff, seconded by Councilman Lewis to approve the following: APPLICATION # V 13-08-01: Whitfield Holdings, LLC, requests a variance from Article X of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance to reduce the side yard setback for property located at 41 Bernard Lane (Tax Parcel Number MS84000102016). 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 the Triangle Park would have pink water to recognize October as “Breast Cancer Awareness Month”.

Public Comments (General)

A) Mr. Bill Thomas request to speak to Council

Mr. Thomas declined to speak at this time.

Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

Councilman Chance 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 10:00 am.