



**CITY OF STATESBORO
Council Minutes
October 04, 2016**

A regular meeting of the Statesboro City Council was held on October 4, 2016 at 9:00 am in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were Mayor Jan J. Moore, Council Members: Phil Boyum, Sam Lee Jones, Jeff Yawn, John Riggs and Travis Chance. Also Present was City Manager Randy Wetmore, Deputy City Manager Robert Cheshire, City Attorney Alvin Leaphart and City Clerk Sue Starling.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jan Moore.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Travis Chance.

Mayor Moore gave a statement and read from a press release made by the GBI regarding an incident that happened near Georgia Southern early this morning. The incident resulted in the death of an individual. Mayor Moore stated that once it was determined that a fatality had occurred, the involved officer was placed on administrative leave and Deputy Chief Bryan, immediately contacted the GBI who then took over the investigation. This will be the only statement made by the City of Statesboro at this time.

Recognitions/Public Presentations

- A) Recognitions of the Statesboro Area SHRM for being named the “2016 Best in Georgia- Chapter of the Year.**

Mayor Moore recognized the Statesboro Area SHRM for being named the “2016 Best in Georgia Chapter of the year”. President Curtis Woody and President Elect Charlene Powell representing SHRM, as well as City of Statesboro Human Resource Director Jeff Grant, who was past President of SHRM was present for the recognition.

- B) Proclamation presented to Channie Frazier for winner of the Georgia Pre-K Teacher of the Year Award**

Mayor Moore stated this presentation will be done at a later Council Meeting.

- C) Recognition of Alex Smith, County Coordinator for Concerted Services, Inc., with an update on the utility discount program.**

Alex Smith gave an update on the utility discount program. He asked Council if they would consider increasing the percentage of the Federal poverty guideline from 100 percent to 125 percent. He explained, in doing so, we would be able to help more individuals who would not otherwise get the discount and it would be in line with our other assistance programs. Mayor Moore asked City Attorney Alvin Leaphart to prepare the required documents for the next Council meeting

Public Comments (Agenda Item): None

Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent agenda:

- A) **Approval of Minutes**
 - a) **09-20-2016 Council Minutes**
- B) **Consideration of a Motion to approve and to authorize the Mayor to sign Fiscal Year 2016 Homeland Security Grant Program/State Homeland Security Program Agreement between the State of Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency and City of Statesboro Fire Department; Grant No: SH16-044.**

Councilman Yawn made a motion seconded by Councilman Riggs to approve the Consent Agenda in its entirety. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to approve the Professional Services Agreement and Task Order 1 with Ecological Planning Group, LLC in the amount of \$72,040.00 to assist the City with Storm Water Master planning.

Councilman Boyum made a motion seconded by Councilman Yawn to approve the Professional Services Agreement and Task Order 1 with Ecological Planning Group, LLC in the amount of \$72,040.00 to assist the City with Storm Water Master planning. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to authorize the Mayor to enter into appropriate contracts or agreements to form sister-city relationships with Grottaferrata and Monte Compatri Italy with the caveat that such agreements or contracts shall not impose more than \$1500.00 of costs on the City of Statesboro.

Councilman Jones seconded by Councilman Riggs to authorize the Mayor to enter into appropriate contracts or agreements to form sister-city relationships with Grottaferrata and Monte Compatri Italy with the caveat that such agreements or contracts shall not impose more than \$1500.00 of costs on the City of Statesboro. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Other Business from City Council: None

City Managers Comments:

- A) **Update from Director of Human Resources Jeff Grant regarding the City of Statesboro Workers Comp and Safety Program**

City Manager Randy Wetmore stated Director of Human Resources Jeff Grant has a presentation on the City of Statesboro Workers Comp and Safety Program.

Director of Human Resources Jeff Grant gave a slide presentation regarding the past three years of the City of Statesboro Worker Comp claims and costs. Mr. Grant stated we have been working to reduce the amount of claims. In order to make this a joint effort, a safety advisory

committee was formed, which is made up of individuals from all departments to get suggestions and ideas to ensure a safe working environment.

Public Comments (General)

A) Bill Thomas request to speak with Council

Mr. Thomas was not at the meeting to speak.

Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

Councilman Chance made a motion seconded by Councilman Riggs to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am.