



**CITY OF STATESBORO
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
October 15, 2013**

A regular meeting of the Statesboro City Council was held on October 15, 2013 at 6:00 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall Present were Mayor Joe R. Brannen, Council Members: Will Britt, Phil Boyum, John Riggs and Gary Lewis. 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. Councilman Travis Chance was absent.

The meeting was called to Order by Mayor Joe Brannen
The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt

Recognitions/Public Presentations

- A) Elaine Lester, Location Leader for “Wreaths Across America” will share story of a veterans cemetery.**

Elaine Lester updated Council on the Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery that opened in 2007. The cemetery was adopted as a project to put wreaths on all the graves to honor the veterans buried there. Sponsors are asked to make donations for the purchase of the wreaths. The program has been very successful as it continues to grow.

Public Comments (Agenda Item): None

Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

- A) Approval of Minutes**
a) 10-01-2013 Council Minutes
- B) Notification of alcohol license application:**
a) Licensee: Lucas Ryan Yockey
DBA: Buffalo Wild Wings
Location: 715 Northside Drive East Suite #2
Type of Alcohol License: Pouring – Beer, Wine & Liquor
Type of Business: Restaurant
- C) Consideration of a Motion to approve “Vehicle for Hire”**
a) Boro D.D. – Aaron Rowe (Driver)
- D) Second Reading and Consideration of a Motion to adopt Ordinance 2013-18: An Ordinance amending Chapter 2 Section 2-1 of the Statesboro Georgia Code of Ordinances regarding “Meetings of Council”.**
- E) Second Reading and Consideration of a Motion to adopt Ordinance 2013-19: An Ordinance to adopt bona fide coin operated amusement machines.**
- F) Second Reading and Consideration of a Motion to adopt Ordinance 2013-20: An Ordinance Amending Chapter Ninety of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances (Vehicles for Hire)**

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyum to remove item (F) from the consent agenda for further discussion and approve the remaining items on the consent agenda.

Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to table item (7) until a later date. City Attorney Alvin Leaphart stated there would be a meeting held with the taxi cab companies before the second reading is brought back for Council's approval. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to approve APPLICATION # V 13-09-01: Hendley Properties requests a variance from Article VII of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance to increase the density regulations to develop an apartment house on the vacant lot located at the corner of East Grady Street and South Mulberry Street (Tax Parcel Number MS29000009000).

Brian Davis representing Hendley Properties spoke in favor of the request. He stated the project is aimed at bringing the professional market to the downtown area. Councilman Boyum made a motion to include staff recommendations, seconded by Councilman Lewis to approve APPLICATION # V 13-09-01: Hendley Properties requests a variance from Article VII of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance to increase the density regulations to develop an apartment house on the vacant lot located at the corner of East Grady Street and South Mulberry Street (Tax Parcel Number MS29000009000). Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to Approve Award of Contract to C. Merrill Construction in the amount of \$32,600.00 to construct a concrete headwall on West Grady Street. The West Grady Street Headwall Project is to be funded by 2007 SPLOST.

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to approve the award of a Contract to C. Merrill Construction in the amount of \$32,600.00 to construct a concrete headwall on West Grady Street. The West Grady Street Headwall Project is to be funded by 2007 SPLOST. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

First Reading and Consideration of a Motion to adopt Ordinance 2013-21: An Ordinance to adopt the amended City of Statesboro Speed Control Ordinance and the accompanying Lists of Streets Number 09252013 in order to enforce speed limits within the city limits utilizing speed detection devices.

City Engineer Robert Cheshire explained to Council that part of a street name was accidentally omitted from the list. He stated it was at 301 South and Old Register Road. He also stated the list would be corrected before the second reading was brought back for Council's approval. Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to adopt Ordinance 2013-21: An Ordinance to adopt the amended City of Statesboro Speed Control Ordinance and the accompanying Lists of Streets Number 09252013 in order to enforce speed limits within the city limits utilizing speed detection devices. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to award a purchase contract to Border Equipment Company in the net amount after trade-in of \$118,964.44 for the purchase of a Case 621 F Wheel Loader including trade in of existing Cat IT28 wheel loader as stated in the bid.

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to award a purchase contract to Border Equipment Company in the net amount after trade-in of \$118,964.44 for the purchase of a Case 621 F Wheel Loader including trade in of existing Cat IT28 wheel loader as stated in the bid. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Shannon Mixon of Bulloch County 911 Addressing will ask Council to consider a motion to approve new addresses for Northside Drive West and East.

Shannon Mixon of 911 asked Council to approve the address changes for Northside Drive East and West and to use a City/County letterhead to notify the businesses that will be affected by the changes. Shannon also asked to have a public hearing to solicit input on the changes. Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyum to move forward with the 911 address change project. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Other Business from City Council

City Manager Frank Parker stated the City has not removed any political signs and was not looking to do so. He did ask that the candidates be mindful of where they were placing the signs and not put them on public property. He also asked that they move the signs if they did not meet the appropriate guidelines.

City Manager asked Council to approve the extension of a temporary business license for another 3 months to L&D Produce. Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to approve the extension with the condition that the Planning Department sets progressive deadlines, at intervals to be completed no later than February 15th, 2014. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt thanked Public Safety Director Wendell Turner for a job well done in representing the Police Department and City. He also stated the City is in good condition with a good bond rating and no debt ceiling compared to what it was a few years ago.

Public Comments (General)

A) Bill Thomas request to address Council

Bill Thomas stated he had no comments at this time except to thank the GSU students for attending the meeting.

Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to adjourn. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.