



**CITY OF STATESBORO
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
October 04, 2011**

A regular meeting of the Statesboro City Council was held on October 04, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt, Council Members: Tommy Blitch, 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. Mayor Joe Brannen was absent.

Note: Councilman Travis Chance arrived to the meeting at 9:15a.m.

Approval of Minutes:

a) September 20, 2011 Council Minutes

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Blitch to approve the minutes of September 20, 2011. Councilman Blitch, Riggs and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 3-0 vote.

Recognitions/Public Presentations

a) Retirement recognition of Police Commander J.R. Holloway

Public Safety Director Wendell Turner and Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt presented Police Commander J.R. Holloway with a retirement plaque and thanked him for his many years of service to the City of Statesboro.

Public Comments (Agenda Item): None

Consideration of a Motion to approve Special Event Permit:

a) Theatre Production (Shakespeare on Trial) - Tim Chapman Averitt Center for the Arts

Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Councilman Blitch to approve the Special Event Permit for the Averitt Center for the Arts. Councilman Blitch, 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 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2011-07: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2 of the Statesboro Municipal Code Regarding Authorities, Boards and Commissions- Statesboro Planning Commission

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to approve 2nd 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 add Post 6 to Section 1-Section 2-67 #2. Councilman Blicht, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Consideration of a motion to approve 1st reading of Ordinance 2011-08: An ordinance amending Chapter 66 of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances (Solid Waste) by replacing it in its entirety.

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to approve the 1st reading of **Ordinance 2011-08**: An ordinance amending Chapter 66 of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances (Solid Waste) by replacing it in its entirety. Councilman Blicht, 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 request:

- a. **APPLICATION # CUV 11-08-02**: Alltel Wireless Communications requests a conditional use variance from Article XXVI of the *Statesboro Zoning Ordinance* to construct and operate a 100' monopole wireless telecommunication tower on property located at Brannen Street.

Mr. William Howard representing EQV Development spoke on behalf of Alltel in favor of the variance request to construct a telecommunication tower. Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to approve **APPLICATION # CUV 11-08-02**: Alltel Wireless Communications requests a conditional use variance from Article XXVI of the *Statesboro Zoning Ordinance* to construct and operate a 100' monopole wireless telecommunication tower. Councilman Blicht, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

- b. **APPLICATION # V 11-08-03**: Maxwell-Reddick & Associates, on behalf of Heyhami Group, LLC requests a variance from Article XV of the *Statesboro Zoning Ordinance* regarding signage for property located on Henry Boulevard.

Joey Maxwell representing Maxwell Reddick and Assoc. spoke on behalf of the Heyhami Group, LLC in favor of the variance for signage of the Steak and Shake restaurant. Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Blicht to approve **APPLICATION # V 11-08-03**: Maxwell-Reddick & Associates, on behalf of Heyhami Group, LLC requests a variance from Article XV of the *Statesboro Zoning Ordinance* regarding signage for property located on Henry Boulevard with the condition the sign height not to exceed 9 ft. above the concrete. Councilman Blicht, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

- c. **APPLICATION # SE 11-08-04**: Applicant requests a special exception for property located on Brannen Street to allow for the use of property as auto sales.

Bill Daniel representing Dan Vaden Auto Sales spoke in favor of the special exception for the property's use on Brannen Street. The right of way parcels will be dedicated to the City of Statesboro. Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Blicht to approve **APPLICATION # SE 11-08-04**: Applicant requests a special exception for property located on Brannen Street to allow for the use of property as auto sales with conditions recommended by staff. Councilman Blicht, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to approve Resolution 2011-31: A Resolution Adopting the Schedule of Fees and Charges for the Water and Wastewater Department of the City of Statesboro, Georgia.

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Blicht to approve **Resolution 2011-31**: A Resolution Adopting the Schedule of Fees and Charges for the Water and Wastewater Department of the City of Statesboro, Georgia. Councilman Blicht, Riggs, and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. Councilman Chance voted against the motion. The motion carried by a 3-1 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to approve the purchase of 21 Taser X2 devices and accessories from DGG Taser in the amount of \$27,435.29; funding is from the 2011 Justice Assistance Grant and Seized Drug Funds. DGG taser is the sole source provider of Tasers in Georgia.

Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to approve the purchase of 21 Taser X2 devices and accessories from DGG Taser in the amount of \$27,435.29; funding is from the 2011 Justice Assistance Grant and Seized Drug Funds. DGG taser is the sole source provider of Tasers in Georgia. Councilman Blicht, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to award the purchase of a 2012 Peterbilt side-loader refuse truck to Peterbilt Truck Centers of Savannah in the amount of \$229,537.00 via a bid price extension from a previous bid award by Council on April 5, 2011 as they offered the lowest responsive bid.

Councilman Blicht made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to award the purchase of a 2012 Peterbilt side-loader refuse truck to Peterbilt Truck Centers of Savannah in the amount of \$229,537.00 via a bid price extension from a previous bid award by Council on April 5, 2011 as they offered the lowest responsive bid. Councilman Blicht, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to approve award of Contract to Ellis Wood Contracting in the amount of \$66,000 to make roadway improvements at the intersection of S. Zetterower Ave. and Brannen St. project to be funded by 2007 SPLOST

Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Councilman Blich to approve contract to Ellis Wood Contracting in the amount of \$44,675.00 to make roadway improvements at the intersection of S. Zetterower Ave. and Brannen St. This project is to be funded by 2007 SPLOST but was not included in the original Council Packet. It was brought to Council just before the start of the meeting. City Engineer Robert Cheshire stated he negotiated a lower price after the original proposal was included in the Packet. Councilman Blich, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion for the elimination of Capital Cost Recovery (CCR) fees for the Southeast Annexation area (Cawana Road)

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Blich to approve the elimination of Capital Cost Recovery (CCR) fees for the Southeast Annexation area (Cawana Road) and to retain the Intergovernmental Agreement. Councilman Blich, Riggs, and Chance voted in favor of the motion. Councilman Lewis left the meeting briefly. The motion carried by a 3-0 vote.

Reports from Staff:

a) City Manager's Report

City Manager Frank Parker announced the April 1st and April 19th, 2010 Budget Retreat would be re-held on Tuesday October 11, 2011 at 9:00 am at the Gateway Pond House

Director of Public Safety Wendell Turner updated Council on the billboards that would be appearing around Statesboro recognizing the "Operation Statesboro Blues" project.

b) Department Head Reports: None

Public Comments (General):

Allen Muldrew (DSDA) thanked the City for their involvement in the "Downtown Excellence" award that was presented to DSDA by the Department of Community Affairs Main Street Program.

Other Business from City Council

a) Nomination and acceptance of nominations for three seats on the Statesboro Planning Commission

The nominations for the vacant seats on the Planning Commission are:

a) Johnathan Mc Collar – 4 year term-Post 6

Councilman Bitch made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to approve the nomination of Johnathan McCollar to the Statesboro Planning Commission for a 4 year term. Councilman Blich, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

b) Rick Barr- 2 year term- Post 7

Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to approve the nomination of Rick Barr to the Statesboro Planning Commission for a 2 year term. Councilman Blich, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

c) Nick Propps- remainder of 4 year term-Post 2 or 4

Councilman Blich made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to approve the nomination of Nick Propps to the Statesboro Planning Commission for a 4 year term. He will currently serve 3 years for the remainder of a 4 year term. 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 Adjourn

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Blich, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.