



**CITY OF STATESBORO
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
NOVEMBER 15, 2011**

A regular meeting of the Statesboro City Council was held on November 15, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were Mayor Joe R. Brannen, Council Members: Will Britt, Tommy Blicht, 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 Mandy Cody.

Recognitions/Public Presentations

- a) **Recognition of Van Collins, Matt Aycock, Dakota Deloach and Laura Fuller for scoring 100% for the blind lab testing**

Director of Water Wastewater Wayne Johnson recognized 4 of the wastewater employees for their test scores. Matt, Dakota and Laura were not present.

Public Comments (Agenda Item):

Teresa Concannon expressed her concerns on item (F) and (G) of the consent agenda. She stated as being a member of the Planning Commission, she was not aware of the changes the Community Development Department was proposing to Council and also was concerned about the 20 percent administrative variances.

Consideration of a Motion to adopt a “Consent Agenda” for its regular Council Meetings

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to adopt a “Consent Agenda” for its regular Council Meetings. Councilman Britt, Blicht, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carries by a 5-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to approve Items on the Consent Agenda

A) Approval of Minutes:

- a) **Nov. 01, 2011 Council Minutes**
b) **Nov. 01, 2011 Work Session Minutes**

B) Consideration of a Motion to approve Special Event Permit:

- a) **Black Tie Christmas Ball – Larry Scarboro**

C) Consideration of a Motion to approve 2nd reading for the application of alcohol license:

- a) **Heath Charles Robinson (The NYC Pizzeria LLC)**

- D) **Consideration of a Motion to approve 1st reading for the application of alcohol license:**
 - a) **Karen Pittman Brown – French Quarter Sports Bar and Gril**

- E) **Consideration of a Motion to approve 2nd reading of Ordinance 2011-10: An Ordinance to Amend Business License Insurers of the Statesboro Code of Ordinance Part II Chapter 18- Article II**

- F) **Consideration of a Motion to approve 2nd reading of Ordinance 2011-11: An Ordinance Amending Article XVI of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance regarding off street parking requirements.**

- G) **Consideration of a Motion to approve 2nd reading of Ordinance 2011-12: An Ordinance adopting Article XXIX of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance regarding administrative variances.**

- H) **Consideration of a Motion to approve the Christmas bonuses for the City of Statesboro employees in the amount of \$100.**

- I) **Consideration of a Motion to approve Change Order in the amount of \$3,782.24 for the Great Dane Water and Sewer Extension**

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to remove item (G) from the consent agenda for further discussion and approve the remaining items on the consent agenda. Councilman Britt, Blitch, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carries by a 5-0 vote.

- (G) **Item Consideration of a Motion to approve 2nd reading of Ordinance 2011-12: An Ordinance adopting Article XXIX of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance regarding administrative variances.**

The Council led the discussion with Director of Community Development Mandi Cody with concerns of how the neighbors would be notified and the impact on them. Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to approve 2nd reading of Ordinance 2011-12: An Ordinance adopting Article XXIX of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance regarding administrative variances. Councilman Britt, Blitch, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carries by a 5-0 vote.

First Reading and Consideration of a Motion to approve Resolution to amend Ordinance 2011-13: An Ordinance amending Chapter 86 of the City of Statesboro’s Code of Ordinances titled “Urban Forest Beautification and Conservation Ordinance”.

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to approve Resolution to amend Ordinance 2011-13: An Ordinance amending Chapter 86 of the City of Statesboro’s Code of Ordinances titled “Urban Forest Beautification and Conservation Ordinance”. Councilman Britt, Blitch, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carries by a 5-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to approve 1st reading of Ordinance 2011-14: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 6 of the City of Statesboro's Code of Ordinances titled Alcoholic Beverages

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to approve 1st reading of **Ordinance 2011-14: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 6 of the City of Statesboro's Code of Ordinances titled Alcoholic Beverages.** Councilman Britt, Blich, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carries by a 5-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to Approve Award of Contract to Preferred Site Construction, LLC in the amount of \$78,634.75 to construct new parking lot on E. Vine Street behind the City Utility offices and GSU City Campus. Improvements to be funded by 2007 SPLOST

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to approve award of Contract to Preferred Site Construction, LLC in the amount of \$78,634.75 to construct new parking lot on E. Vine Street behind the City Utility offices and GSU City Campus. The improvements will be funded by 2007 SPLOST. Councilman Britt, Blich, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carries by a 5-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to award the second lowest bidder, Tucker Utilities, Inc. in the amount of \$350,997.14 for the Gateway II Industrial Park (Cannady Tract) water and sewer extension

Jeffrey Wolfe of Southeastern Civil Inc. spoke against the bid award to Tucker Utilities. Mr. Wolfe stated his company was the lowest bidder and should receive the award. Director of Water Wastewater Wayne Johnson stated there were some issues on previous jobs done by Mr. Wolfe concerning his performance and delivery of service. Councilman Chance asked if the language in the contract was common for all bids of this nature and Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt asked if this was a legal bid. With no certainty in answers, Councilman Blich made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to table this item until the next Council meeting. Councilman Britt, Blich, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carries by a 5-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to approve the Transform Health RX Health Clinic Proposal and Contract

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to approve the Transform Health RX Health Clinic Proposal and Contract. Councilman Britt, Blich, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carries by a 4-0 vote. Councilman Riggs stepped away from the meeting momentarily.

Consideration of a Motion to amend the service contract to 5 years with Northland Cable for the installation of Fiber Optic Cable

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to amend the service contract to 5 years with Northland Cable for the installation of Fiber Optic Cable. Councilman Britt, Blitch, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carries by a 5-0 vote.

Other Business from City Council

Director of Community Planning Mandi Cody asked Council to approve a 6 month extension of variances for height and density for Campus Works regarding project at Rucker Lane.

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to approve a 6 month extension of variances for height and density for Campus Works regarding project at Rucker Lane. Councilman Britt, Blitch, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carries by a 5-0 vote.

Director of Community Planning Mandi Cody asked Council to suspend the occupational tax certificate regarding Cosmic Charlie's business.

Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to suspend the occupational tax certificate regarding Cosmic Charlie's business. Councilman Britt, Blitch, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carries by a 5-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel 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 7:20p.m. with a ten(10) minute break before starting the discussion of personnel matters in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3 (2010). Councilman Britt, Blitch, 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 Blitch, Gary Lewis and Travis Chance. Also present were City Clerk Sue Starling, Director of Human Resources Jeff Grant.

After the doors were opened back to the public, Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to come out of executive session. Councilman Britt, Blitch, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote. Mayor Joe Brannen called the regular Council session back to order at 7:40 p.m. Mayor Brannen announced no action had been taken in executive session.

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to authorize Director of Human Resources Jeff Grant to negotiate the position of City Attorney. Councilman Britt, Blitch, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to adjourn. Councilman Britt, Blich, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.