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**CITY OF STATESBORO  
Council Minutes  
December 01, 2015**

A regular meeting of the Statesboro City Council was held on December 01, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were Mayor Jan J. Moore, Council Members: Will Britt, Phil Boyum, John Riggs, Gary Lewis and Travis Chance. Also present were Deputy City Manager Robert Cheshire, City Clerk Sue Starling, City Attorney Alvin Leaphart, Director of Public Works and Engineering Jason Boyles and Director of Planning and Development Mandi Cody.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jan J. Moore

The Invocation was given by Allen Muldrew and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman John Riggs

**Recognitions/Public Presentations**

**A) Presentation of Proclamation for the retirement of the Director of Water/Waste Water Wayne Johnson after 34 years of service**

Assistant Director of Water Wastewater Van Collins spoke of Mr. Johnson's time while working with the City. Mayor Moore and Deputy City Manager Robert Cheshire presented Mr. Johnson with a proclamation for his accomplishments and years of service with the City.

**B) Recognition of Mrs. Linda Griffith for her work in producing the FY2014 Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) and receiving the GFOA Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting**

Director of Finance Cindy West updated Council on the requirements for receiving the award. Mayor Moore presented Linda Griffith with the GFOA Award plaque.

**C) Recognition of outgoing Councilmember Gary Lewis of District 2 and Councilmember Will Britt of District 3**

Mayor Moore presented Councilman Lewis and Councilman Britt with a plaque recognizing their years of service as Councilmembers for the City of Statesboro. Councilman Lewis served 18 years and Councilman Britt served 12 years.

**Public Comments (Agenda Item):** None

## **Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda**

- A) Approval of Minutes**
  - a) 11-17-2015 Council Minutes**
  - b) 11-17-2015 Executive Minutes**
  
- B) Consideration of a motion to award the purchase of a regular cab, long bed truck in the Sanitation Division to Allan Vigil Ford per State of Georgia Purchasing Contract # SWC 99999-SPD-ES49199373-0002 in the amount of \$20,642.00. This truck was approved by City Council in the budget in the amount of \$30,000 under SWC-10. If the purchase is approved this vehicle will be purchased using Solid Waste Collection revenues.**
  
- C) Consideration of a motion to award the purchase of a crew cab truck in the Public Works Administration Division to Allan Vigil Ford per the State of Georgia Purchasing Contract # SWC 99999-SPD-ES49199373-0002 in the amount of \$25,945.00. This truck was approved by City Council in the budget in the amount of \$26,000.00 under PWA-2. If the purchase is approved this vehicle will be purchased using GMA Lease Pool funds.**
  
- D) Consideration of a motion to award the purchase of a regular cab, short bed truck in the Protective Inspections Division to Allan Vigil Ford per State of Georgia Purchasing Contract # SWC 99999-SPD-ES49199373-0002 in the amount of \$19,768.00. This truck was approved by City Council in the budget in the amount of \$21,000.00 under ENG-5. If the purchase is approved this vehicle will be purchased using GMA Lease Pool funds.**

Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to approve the consent agenda in its entirety. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

## **Second Reading and Public Hearing on Ordinance 2015-11: An Ordinance amending Chapter 2 of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances (Administration).**

Councilman Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyum to open the public hearing. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Councilman Riggs stated that he would like to postpone the vote on this item until he could get a better understanding of the proposal. He also stated that his concern was not having input in the hiring process for a Police Chief. Deputy City Manager Robert Cheshire stated the he and Director of Human Resource Jeff Grant was working on a proposal to involve everyone in the process of hiring. Hearing no other comments, Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to close the public hearing. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

**Consideration of a Motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-11: An Ordinance amending Chapter 2 of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances (Administration)."**

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to adopt **Ordinance 2015-11**: An Ordinance amending Chapter 2 of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances (Administration)." Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

**Second reading and Public Hearing of Ordinance 2015-12: An Ordinance amending Chapter 82 (Utilities) of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances.**

Councilman Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyum to open the public hearing. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Hearing no discussion, Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Britt to close the public hearing. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

**Consideration of a Motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-12: An Ordinance amending Chapter 82 (Utilities) of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances.**

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Britt to adopt **Ordinance 2015-12**: An Ordinance amending Chapter 82 (Utilities) of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

**Consideration of a Motion to approve Resolution 2015-45: A Resolution to adopt the first amendment to the City of Statesboro schedule of fees, rates, and fines for fiscal year 2016.**

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyum to approve **Resolution 2015-45**: A Resolution to adopt the first amendment to the City of Statesboro schedule of fees, rates, and fines for fiscal year 2016. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

**Consideration of a Motion to approve one of the following versions of ordinances to amend and restate the City of Statesboro GMEBS Retirement Plan:**

- A) **Ordinance 2015-13: An Ordinance to increase elected officials monthly normal retirement benefit from \$35.00 per month for each year of service to \$45.00 per month for each year of service effective December 1, 2015 and to amend the City of Statesboro definition of Final Average Earnings (FAE) so that the calculation is based on the sixty (60) consecutive months of credited service preceding a participant's most recent termination in which the participant's earnings were highest.**

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- B) Ordinance 2015-14: An Ordinance to amend the City of Statesboro definition of Final Average Earnings (FAE) so that the calculation is based on the sixty (60) consecutive months of credited service preceding a participant's most recent termination in which the Participant's Earnings were highest.**

Mayor Moore stated that she was not in favor of the retirement raise for Council. She also stated her issue with raising the retirement was that the motion was made, by a councilman who did not choose to run again and it was at the very last meeting that they would be attending.

Councilman Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to adopt **Ordinance 2015-13**: An Ordinance to increase elected officials monthly normal retirement benefit from \$35.00 per month for each year of service to \$45.00 per month for each year of service effective December 1, 2015 and to amend the City of Statesboro definition of Final Average Earnings (FAE) so that the calculation is based on the sixty (60) consecutive months of credited service preceding a participant's most recent termination in which the participant's earnings were highest. Councilman Britt, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 3-0 vote. Councilman Riggs voted against the motion. Councilman Boyum abstained from voting.

**Consideration of a Motion to approve Resolution 2015-50: A Resolution to open a bank account for the South Main Street Tax Allocation District.**

Councilman Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to approve **Resolution 2015-50**: A Resolution to open a bank account for the South Main Street Tax Allocation District. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

**Consideration of a Motion to approve Resolution 2015-51: A Resolution to adopt the City of Statesboro Credit Card and Procurement Card Policy for Elected Officials.**

Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Britt to approve **Resolution 2015-51**: A Resolution to adopt the City of Statesboro Credit Card and Procurement Card Policy for Elected Officials. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

**Consideration of a motion to approve the application for Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) Grant: Evaluating High Value Innovations from Low-Resource Communities.**

Dr. Bridgett Melton updated Council on the grant process. She stated there would be no cost to the City.

Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Britt to approve the application for Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) Grant: Evaluating High Value Innovations from Low-Resource Communities. 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**

Councilman Boyum stated he would like for staff to create a sidewalk ordinance.

Councilman Britt thanked everyone for his 12 years of service to the City and the accomplishments the City has completed. He also mention projects for several staff members; such as Director of Planning and Zoning Mandi Cody for sidewalk ordinance, Director of Public Works and Engineering Jason Boyles for curb side recycling, Director of Finance Cindy West paperless billing, Director of DSDA Allen Muldrew to complete a dog park and light up store fronts on Main Street, and Director of IT Bryant Tatum for spending too much money.

Councilman Riggs recognized the Emergency Recovery Team (ERT) for their competition award.

## **City Managers Comments**

Director of Human RESOURCE Jeff Grant and Director of DSDA Allen Muldrew updated Council on the 5K Run and the Holiday Celebration. The Open Hearts Community Mission will receive the proceeds from the race.

## **Public Comments (General)**

Jessica Szilagyi addressed Council with her concerns regarding police officer and the pay raises she felt should have been given. Mayor Moore stated that staff was already looking in to issue and asked that staff report their findings in January

Marilyn Deloach Lewis addressed Council with her concerns regarding sidewalks on Highway 80 as well as street lights and no littering signs.

## **Consideration of a Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss “Personnel Matters” in accordance with O.C.G.A.§50-14-3 (2012)**

At 10:20 am, Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to enter Executive Session with no break. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

At 10:50 am, Councilman Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyum to adjourn the Executive Session. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Mayor Moore called the meeting back to order with no action taken.

## **Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn**

Councilman Britt 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.

He meeting was adjourned at 10:51 am.