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**CITY OF STATESBORO  
Council Minutes  
December 02, 2014**

A regular meeting of the Statesboro City Council was held on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were Mayor Jan J. Moore, Council Members: Will Britt, John Riggs, Gary Lewis and Travis Chance. Also present were Interim City Manager Robert Cheshire, City Clerk Sue Starling, City Attorney Alvin Leaphart, Assistant City Engineer Jason Boyles and Director of Community Development Mandi Cody. Councilman Phil Boyum was absent.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jan Moore

The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Gary Lewis

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

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

**A) Approval of Minutes**

**a) 11-18-2014 Council Work Session Minutes**

**b) 11-18-2014 Council Minutes**

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to approve the consent agenda in its entirety. Councilman Britt, Riggs and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 3-0 vote.

Councilman Travis Chance joined the meeting.

**Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing input regarding a redevelopment plan pursuant to the Redevelopment Powers Law as provided for in Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia to establish the “City of Statesboro Tax Allocation District #1: Downtown TAD.”**

Allen Muldrew, Director of the DSDA, updated Council on the plans for the Redevelopment Powers Law along with Jonathan of the Bleakly Advisory Group. This was a public hearing but there were no comments from the audience.

**Consideration of a Motion to approve Resolution 2014-39: A Resolution pursuant to the City of Statesboro Grant Policy allowing the City of Statesboro and the Averitt Art Center to act as co-applicants and submit application to the National Endowment for the Arts Our Town Arts Engagement and Place Making Grant Award Program for the development of the city owned alleyway located between 58 and 62 East Main Street as part of the Georgia Southern University / City of Statesboro Fabrication Laboratory and Business Innovation Center for the purpose of development of the alleyway as a covered pedestrian and outdoor**

**programming space, especially as that space relates to City events, and the Arts and Business Innovation Center.**

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to approve **Resolution 2014-39**: A Resolution pursuant to the City of Statesboro Grant Policy allowing the City of Statesboro and the Averitt Art Center to act as co-applicants and submit application to the National Endowment for the Arts Our Town Arts Engagement and Place Making Grant Award Program for the development of the city owned alleyway located between 58 and 62 East Main Street as part of the Georgia Southern University / City of Statesboro Fabrication Laboratory and Business Innovation Center for the purpose of development of the alleyway as a covered pedestrian and outdoor programming space, especially as that space relates to City events, and the Arts and Business Innovation Center. Councilman Britt, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

**Consideration of a Motion to approve/deny a 90 day temporary alcohol license to Steven Alan Reid of the Wal- Mart Stores East, LP in accordance with Chapter 6 (Alcohol) Sec.6-34 (a) of the City of Statesboro Code of Ordinance**

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to approve a 90 day temporary alcohol license to Steven Alan Reid of the Wal- Mart Stores East, LP in accordance with Chapter 6 (Alcohol) Sec.6-34 (a) of the City of Statesboro Code of Ordinance. Councilman Britt, 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 2014-41: A Resolution appointing David McLendon for appointment to the vacant seat on the Statesboro Planning Commission.**

Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to approve **Resolution 2014-41**: A Resolution appointing David McLendon for appointment to the vacant seat on the Statesboro Planning Commission. Councilman Britt, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

**Consideration of a Motion to award a purchase contract to Roberts Truck center for a low boy trailer in the amount of \$54,239.00. If approved, it will be funded out of the 2013 SPLOST.**

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to award a purchase contract to Roberts Truck center for a low boy trailer in the amount of \$54,239.00. Councilman Britt, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

**Consideration of a Motion to award a contract to purchase a road tractor to Savannah Freightliner in the amount of \$112,051. If approved, this would be paid for out of the GMA lease pool.**

Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to award a contract to purchase a road tractor to Savannah Freightliner in the amount of \$112,051. Councilman Britt, 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 2014-40: A Resolution appointing Carol Knight to the Tree Board of the City of Statesboro.**

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to approve Resolution 2014-40: A Resolution appointing Carol Knight to the Tree Board of the City of Statesboro. Councilman Britt, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

**Consideration of a Motion to award a purchase contract to the Finn Corporation via the Houston--Galveston Area Council Buyers Contract to purchase a straw blower in the amount of \$23,586.50.**

Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to award a purchase contract to the Finn Corporation via the Houston--Galveston Area Council Buyers Contract to purchase a straw blower in the amount of \$23,586.50. Councilman Britt, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

**Other Business from City Council**

**A) Mayor Moore will update Council on Tom Peterson's Open Meetings Investigation**

Mayor Moore stated the Open Meetings Investigation report would be available to the public on Thursday December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

**City Managers Comments**

Interim City Manager Robert Cheshire asked Council's opinion regarding the continued use of the 1<sup>st</sup> floor office for Congressman Rick Allen. There was no opposition.

Mandi Cody, Director of Community Development updated Council on the Capital Cost Recovery District meeting with the County. She stated she would be bringing recommendations back to Council as soon as possible.

Cindy West, Director of Finance, gave an update on the Arts Council activities.

There will be a work session on December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014 for the DSDA, Arts Council and SCVB.

**Public Comments (General): None**

Consideration of a Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss "Potential Litigation" in accordance with **O.C.G.A. §50-14-3 (2012)**

At 10:00 am, Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to enter into Executive Session with a 10 minute break. Councilman Britt, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

At 10:55 am, the regular session was called back to order by Mayor Moore with no action being taken and a motion to close Executive Session. Councilman Chance made the motion to close the Executive Session, seconded by Councilman Lewis. Councilman Britt, 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 Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to adjourn. . Councilman Britt, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote. The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 am.