



**CITY OF STATESBORO
Council Minutes
December 16, 2014**

A regular meeting of the Statesboro City Council was held on December 16th, 2014 at 5:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were Mayor Jan J. Moore, Council Members: Will Britt, Phil Boyum, John Riggs 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 Planning and Development Mandi Cody. Absent was Councilman Gary Lewis

The meeting was called to Order by Mayor Jan Moore

The Invocation was given by Allen Muldrew and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Travis Chance

Mr. Charles Wilson, Superintendent of the Bulloch County Board of Education, presented Council and Public Safety with a proclamation for their efforts in promoting safety around the schools.

Jeff Grant, Director of Human Resource announced the December Employee of the Month as APO Kyle Briley. Mayor Moore presented APO Briley with a plaque.

Public Comments (Agenda Item): None

Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

A) Approval of Minutes

- a) 12-02-2014 Council Minutes
- b) 12-02-2014 Executive Session Minutes
- c) 12-02-2014 Work Session Minutes

B) Consideration of a motion for the surplus and disposal of Public Works items as listed

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to approve the consent agenda in its entirety. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs 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 Resolution 2014-42: A Resolution to approve a Redevelopment Plan pursuant to Georgia's Redevelopment Powers law.

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to approve **Resolution 2014-42**: A Resolution to approve a Redevelopment Plan pursuant to Georgia's Redevelopment Powers law. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to authorize spending up to \$25,000 with the Law Firm of Tom Peterson for professional services associated with the investigation regarding violations of the Open Meetings Act. Funding for these services to come from Legal Fees budget

Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to authorize spending up to \$25,000 with the Law Firm of Tom Peterson for professional services associated with the investigation regarding violations of the Open Meetings Act. The Funding for these services will come from Legal Fees budget. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

First reading and Consideration of a motion to adopt Ordinance 2015-02: An Ordinance amending Chapter 82 (Utilities) of the Statesboro Code of Ordinance establishing a Stormwater Utility.

There was no action taken on this item. Council would like to understand more before making a decision. It will be discussed again at the next Council meeting with further explanations presented for their review.

Other Business from City Council

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt asked about the employee Christmas bonus. Interim City Manager Robert Cheshire stated it was included in the budget process.

Councilman Phil Boyum read a letter from a citizen who wanted to thank the Police Department for taking care of the trespassing and noise issue on her property.

City Managers Comments

Interim City Manager Robert Cheshire stated there would not be an alcohol work session with the first Council meeting in January. There will be an evening alcohol work session scheduled for some time in January 2015. There will be a budget work session scheduled with the 2nd Council meeting in January.

Mandi Cody, Director of Community Development, stated there is a called Planning Commission meeting scheduled for December 17th at City Hall at 2:00 pm.

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 6:00 pm, Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to enter into Executive Session to discuss “Potential Litigation” in accordance with **O.C.G.A.§50-14-3 (2012)** with a 5 minute beak. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

At 7:45 pm, Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to come out of Executive session. Councilman Boyum, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 3-0 vote. There was no action taken. Councilman Lewis and Britt was absent from the Executive Session.

Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyum to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Boyum, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 3-0 vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.