



**CITY OF STATESBORO  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
March 01, 2011**

A regular meeting of the Statesboro City Council was held on March 01, 2011 at 9:00 a.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 Clerk Sue Starling, Staff Attorney Michael Graves, Director of Community Development Mandi Cody, and City Engineer Robert Cheshire. Absent was Interim City Manager Frank Parker,

**Approval of Minutes:**

- a) **February 15, 2011 Work Session Minutes**
- b) **February 15, 2011 Council Minutes**

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to approve the Council Minutes and Work Session minutes of February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Councilman Britt, Blicht, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

**Recognitions/Public Presentations**

- a) **Statesboro Convention and Visitors Bureau (SCVB) request to speak to Council concerning the 1% increase for Hotel Motel Tax**

Mayor Brannen stated the Statesboro Convention and Visitors Bureau (SCVB) requested their item to be removed from the agenda until a later date.

- b) **Donation from Mr. Mikell Smith in the amount of \$500.00 for the Statesboro Fire Department Fire Prevention Fund. Fire Commander Tim Grams will accept the donation.**

Mr. Smith presented a check in the amount of \$500.00 dollars to the Statesboro Fire Department Fire Prevention Fund in honor of the Fire Department saving one of his children from a house fire.

- c) **Retirement of Mr. Bill Mincey, Parks and Tree Maintenance Supervisor for 18 years of service to be effective March 31, 2011**

Senior Assistant City Engineer Jason Boyles spoke of Mr. Bill Mincey's achievements while working with the City. Mr. Mincey thanked Council and his co-workers for their support in the years he has worked with the City. Mayor Brannen presented Mr. Mincey with a retirement plaque as everyone wished him well on his retirement.

**Consideration of a Motion to approve a Special Event Permit:**

- a) **Carolyn Altman (Wine, Moonlight,& Magnolias Benefit for Botanical Gardens)**
- b) **Tim Chapman (Harvey Show)**
- c) **Tim Chapman (Justin David Show)**
- d) **Tim Chapman (Greater Tuna Show)**
- e) **Tim Chapman (Pres. Pathway Exhibit)**

Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to approve the special event permits for Carolyn Altman (Wine, Moonlight,& Magnolias Benefit for Botanical Gardens), Tim Chapman (Harvey Show), Tim Chapman (Justin David Show), Tim Chapman (Greater Tuna Show) and Tim Chapman (Pres. Pathway Exhibit). Councilman Britt, Blich, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

**Consideration of a Motion to approve/deny 2nd reading for the application of alcohol license**

- a) **Tam Doan (Nikko Japanese Restaurant)**
- b) **Jerry Lamar Morris (Enmark Stations Inc.)**

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to approve 2nd reading for the application of alcohol license for Tam Doan (Nikko Japanese Restaurant). Councilman Britt, Blich, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to approve 2nd reading for the application of alcohol license for Jerry Lamar Morris (Enmark Stations Inc.) Councilman Britt, Blich, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

**Consideration of a Motion to approve a temporary business license for THR & Associates Inc. for the purchase of antiques, gold, silver, gems, etc.**

Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to approve a temporary business license for THR & Associates Inc. for the purchase of antiques, gold, silver, gems, etc. Councilman Britt, Blich, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

**Consideration of a Motion to approve 1<sup>st</sup> reading to amend Ordinance 2011-02: An Ordinance amending the Statesboro Municipal Code regarding traffic and vehicles by increasing the technology surcharge from \$10.00 to \$20.00 per offense for all offenses against the ordinances of the City of Statesboro or laws of the State of Georgia.**

Councilman Blich made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to approve 1<sup>st</sup> reading to amend Ordinance 2011-02: An Ordinance amending the Statesboro Municipal Code regarding traffic and vehicles by increasing the technology surcharge from \$10.00 to \$20.00 per offense for all offenses against the ordinances of the City of Statesboro or laws of the State of Georgia. Councilman Britt, Blich, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

**Consideration of a Motion to adopt Resolution 2011-07: Resolution accepting rights of way of two (2) streets located within Whispering Pines Subdivision, as public streets to be owned and maintained by the City of Statesboro.**

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to adopt Resolution 2011-07: Resolution accepting rights of way of two (2) streets located within Whispering Pines Subdivision, as public streets to be owned and maintained by the City of Statesboro. Councilman Britt, Blich, 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 2011-08: A Resolution to Allow the Bulloch County Board of Commissioners to Conduct City Elections for the November 2011 Election Cycle.**

Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to approve Resolution 2011-08: A Resolution to Allow the Bulloch County Board of Commissioners to Conduct City Elections for the November 2011 Election Cycle. Councilman Britt, Blich, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

**Consideration of a Motion to allow for an Independent Audit of the Hotel/Motel receipts**

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to approve the Independent Audit of the Hotel/Motel receipts. Councilman Britt, Blich, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

**Consideration of a Motion to allow for an Independent Audit of City Franchise Agreements**

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to approve the Independent Audit of City Franchise Agreements. Councilman Britt, Blich, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

**Consideration of a Motion to set the date for the Budget Retreat which would be for Friday, April 15, 2011 or Friday, April 22, 2011**

Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Councilman Blicht to set the budget retreat for April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011. Councilman Britt, Blicht, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

**Reports from Staff:**

Staff Attorney Michael Graves spoke on behalf of Interim City Manager Frank Parker to have a Council work session at 4:00 p.m. on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011. The topic for discussion will be the City Charter and the organizational chart for the City of Statesboro.

**Public Comments (General):**

Mr. Bill Thomas asked for the status on the court case involving the City with Open meetings/Open Records. He also asked for an explanation of how the City was to purchase the building next door at 58 A-B East Main Street.

**Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn**

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Blicht to adjourn. Councilman Britt, Blicht, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.