



CITY OF STATESBORO  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 06, 2024

Regular Meeting

50 E. Main St. City Hall Council Chambers

9:00 AM

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr called the meeting to order

**2. Invocation and Pledge**

Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ATTENDANCE**

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Jonathan McCollar	Mayor	Absent	
Phil Boyum	Councilmember	Present	9:09 am
Paulette Chavers	Councilmember	Absent	
Ginny Hendley	Councilmember	Present	
John Riggs	Councilmember	Absent	
Shari Barr	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	

Other staff present: City Manager Charles Penny, Assistant City Manager Jason Boyles, Public Affairs Manager Layne Phillips, City Attorney Cain Smith and City Clerk Leah Harden

**3. Recognitions / Public Presentation:**

**a) Presentation of a Proclamation recognizing February 16, 2024 as Arbor Day in the City of Statesboro and recognition of the City's participation in the Tree City USA program.**

Mayor Pro Tem Shari R. Barr read the proclamation recognizing February 16, 2024 as Arbor Day in the City of Statesboro and presented it to the Statesboro Tree Board.

Bulloch County Chief Ranger Paul Kitchens and Ranger Garret Anderson with the Georgia Forestry Commission recognized the City of Statesboro's 31<sup>st</sup> year of participation in the Tree City USA program and presented a flag to City Council and the Tree Board.

Tree Board Chair, Shawn Diddy invited Mayor, Council, and the community to join the Tree Board at 4 pm Friday February 16th in Renaissance Park for the planting of a tree for Arbor Day.

Streets and Parks Superintendent Richard Smiley, presented a plaque to Henry Clay recognizing and thanking him for his 40 years of service to the Statesboro Tree Board.

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

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

**A) Approval of Minutes**

**a) 01-16-2024 Work Session Minutes**

**b) 01-16-2024 Council Minutes**

**c) 01-16-2024 Executive Session Minutes**

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Approved (Unanimous)
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilmember Ginny Hendley
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilmember Phil Boyum
<b>AYES:</b>	Boyum, Hendley, Barr
<b>ABSENT</b>	Councilmember Paulette Chavers & Councilmember John Riggs

**6. Public hearing and consideration of a motion to approve application for an alcohol license in accordance with the City of Statesboro alcohol ordinance Sec. 6-13 (a):**

- a) Orchid**  
**1525 Fair Road Unit 104**  
**License Type: Restaurant**

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Approved (Unanimous)
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilmember Phil Boyum
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilmember Ginny Hendley
<b>AYES:</b>	Boyum, Hendley, Barr
<b>ABSENT</b>	Councilmember Paulette Chavers & Councilmember John Riggs

No one spoke for or against the request.

A motion was made to close the public hearing.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Approved (Unanimous)
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilmember Phil Boyum
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilmember Ginny Hendley
<b>AYES:</b>	Boyum, Hendley, Barr
<b>ABSENT</b>	Councilmember Paulette Chavers & Councilmember John Riggs

A motion was made to approve application for an alcohol license in accordance with the City of Statesboro alcohol ordinance Sec. 6-13 (a) issued to **a) Orchid** located at 1525 Fair Road Unit 104 for License Type: Restaurant.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Approved (Unanimous)
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilmember Phil Boyum
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilmember Ginny Hendley
<b>AYES:</b>	Boyum, Hendley, Barr
<b>ABSENT</b>	Councilmember Paulette Chavers & Councilmember John Riggs

**b) Oak 45**  
**45 East Main Street**  
**License Type: Bar**

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Approved (Unanimous)
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilmember Phil Boyum
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilmember Ginny Hendley
<b>AYES:</b>	Boyum, Hendley, Barr
<b>ABSENT</b>	Councilmember Paulette Chavers & Councilmember John Riggs

No one spoke for or against the request.

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Approved (Unanimous)
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilmember Ginny Hendley
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilmember Phil Boyum
<b>AYES:</b>	Boyum, Hendley, Barr
<b>ABSENT</b>	Councilmember Paulette Chavers & Councilmember John Riggs

A motion was made to approve application for an alcohol license in accordance with the City of Statesboro alcohol ordinance Sec. 6-13 (a) issued to Oak 45 located at 45 East Main Street for License Type: Bar

<b>RESULT:</b>	Approved (Unanimous)
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilmember Ginny Hendley
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilmember Phil Boyum
<b>AYES:</b>	Boyum, Hendley, Barr
<b>ABSENT</b>	Councilmember Paulette Chavers & Councilmember John Riggs

**7. Consideration of a motion to approve a proximity waiver pursuant to the City of Statesboro alcohol ordinance Sec. 6-5 (o) in order to consider the issuance of a pub license to the Pour House located at 25 West Main Street.**

City Attorney Cain Smith explained that a distance waiver could be issued for a restaurant, pub, or low volume establishment before the consideration of the alcohol license.

Councilmember Phil Boyum asked which facility is causing the proximity waiver request.

The proximity issue was with a “store front” church next door to the establishment. The church is no longer there and does not pose a proximity issue any longer.

Councilmember Phil Boyum stated the reason he asked is because the church was located in a commercial building which should not count against any business wanting to go in that area. He continued to say the church is not a stand-alone dedicated property for a church; one day it’s a church the next day it’s a boutique or barber shop. Those need to be excluded from these exemptions.

City Manager Charles Penny stated at the last work session one of the items discussed was about proximity exemptions in the central business district and will be brought back for further discussion at the next work session in February.

**No action was taken on this item as the proximity issue no longer exists.**

**8. Public hearing and consideration of a motion to approve application for an alcohol license in accordance with the City of Statesboro alcohol ordinance Sec. 6-13 (a):**

- a) The Pour House**
- 25 West Main Street**
- License Type: Pub**

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Approved (Unanimous)
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilmember Phil Boyum
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilmember Ginny Hendley
<b>AYES:</b>	Boyum, Hendley, Barr
<b>ABSENT</b>	Councilmember Paulette Chavers & Councilmember John Riggs

No one spoke for or against the request.

A motion was made to close the public hearing.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Approved (Unanimous)
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilmember Ginny Hendley
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilmember Phil Boyum
<b>AYES:</b>	Boyum, Hendley, Barr
<b>ABSENT</b>	Councilmember Paulette Chavers & Councilmember John Riggs

A motion was made to approve application for an alcohol license in accordance with the City of Statesboro alcohol ordinance Sec. 6-13 (a) issue to The Pour House located at 25 West Main Street for License Type: Pub.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Approved (Unanimous)
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilmember Ginny Hendley
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilmember Phil Boyum
<b>AYES:</b>	Boyum, Hendley, Barr
<b>ABSENT</b>	Councilmember Paulette Chavers & Councilmember John Riggs

**9. Consideration of a motion to approve the award of a Department owned firearm to retiring Deputy Chief Rob Bryan.**

A motion was made to approve the award of a Department owned firearm to retiring Deputy Chief Rob Bryan.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Approved (Unanimous)
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilmember Ginny Hendley
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilmember Phil Boyum
<b>AYES:</b>	Boyum, Hendley, Barr
<b>ABSENT</b>	Councilmember Paulette Chavers & Councilmember John Riggs

- 10. Consideration of a motion to award the purchase of a new 2023 or newer Ford F-350 4x2 Crew Cab with a landscape body in an amount, not to exceed, \$75,000.00. If approved, this will be purchased using funds from the GMA Lease Pool under CIP# PRK-4.**
- 11. Consideration of a motion to award the purchase of a new 2023 or newer Ford F-350 4x2 Crew Cab with a service body in an amount, not to exceed,\$75,000.00. If approved, this will be purchased using funds from the GMA Lease Pool under CIP# STS-74.**
- 12. Consideration of a motion to award the purchase of a new 2023 or newer Ford F-350 4x4 Crew Cab with a service body, not to exceed, \$67,000.00. If approved, this will be purchased using funds from the GMA Lease Pool under CIP# STS-80.**

A motion was made to approve agenda items 10, 11, and 12; award the purchase of a new 2023 or newer Ford F-350 4x2 Crew Cab with a landscape body in an amount, not to exceed, \$75,000.00. If approved, this will be purchased using funds from the GMA Lease Pool under CIP# PRK-4; to award the purchase of a new 2023 or newer Ford F-350 4x2 Crew Cab with a service body in an amount, not to exceed, \$75,000.00. If approved, this will be purchased using funds from the GMA Lease Pool under CIP# STS-74 and to award the purchase of a new 2023 or newer Ford F-350 4x4 Crew Cab with a service body, not to exceed, \$67,000.00. If approved, this will be purchased using funds from the GMA Lease Pool under CIP# STS-80.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Approved (Unanimous)
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilmember Phil Boyum
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilmember Ginny Hendley
<b>AYES:</b>	Boyum, Hendley, Barr
<b>ABSENT</b>	Councilmember Paulette Chavers & Councilmember John Riggs

- 13. Consideration of a motion to award a contract to Deere & Company for the purchase of a John Deere 317G Compact Track Loader per Sourcewell cooperative purchasing contract in the amount of \$71,864.06. This item to be purchased with funds approved in the 2023 CIP Budget, item #WTP-23, funded by water/sewer system revenues.**

A motion was made to award a contract to Deere & Company for the purchase of a John Deere 317G Compact Track Loader per Sourcewell cooperative purchasing contract in the amount of \$71,864.06. This item to be purchased with funds approved in the 2023 CIP Budget, item #WTP-23, funded by water/sewer system revenues.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Approved (Unanimous)
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilmember Ginny Hendley
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilmember Phil Boyum
<b>AYES:</b>	Boyum, Hendley, Barr
<b>ABSENT</b>	Councilmember Paulette Chavers & Councilmember John Riggs

**14. Other Business from City Council**

Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr announced a Comprehensive Plan meeting is scheduled for Thursday February 8<sup>th</sup> in the Council Chamber and another one will be held on Tuesday February 13<sup>th</sup> at the United Methodist Church on Tuesday February 13, 2024 beginning at 4 pm and invites the community to share their thoughts. Also there will be another Family Resource Day on February 24<sup>th</sup> from 10 am – 3 pm at the Statesboro Convention and Visitors Bureau located on South Main Street.

**15. City Managers Comments**

City Manager Charles Penny congratulated the Mayor, members of Council, the Youth Commission and city staff for receiving the Visionary City’s award from the Georgia Municipal Association for the Village Builders initiative. Mr. Penny announced and congratulated Mayor McCollar for his appointment as Chairman of the National League of Cities 2024 University Communities Council. In addition congratulations to Councilmember Paulette Chavers who was elected as the third Vice President of GMA District 12 has been moved up to First Vice President.

**16. Public Comments (General):**

Eric Peoples introduced himself and his business here in Statesboro called University Safety Solutions of Statesboro which does emergency vehicle upfitting. Mr. Peoples stated he would love to make the City of Statesboro a safer place to work and live.

**17. Consideration of a Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss “Personnel Matters” “Real Estate” and/or “Potential Litigation” in accordance with O.C.G.A 50-14-3(b).**

No executive session was held.

**18. Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn**

A motion was made to adjourn.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Approved (Unanimous)
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilmember Ginny Hendley
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilmember Phil Boyum
<b>AYES:</b>	Boyum, Hendley, Barr
<b>ABSENT</b>	Councilmember Paulette Chavers & Councilmember John Riggs

The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

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Jonathan McCollar, Mayor

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Leah Harden, City Clerk