



**CITY OF STATESBORO
Council Minutes
August 7, 2018**

A regular meeting of the Statesboro City Council was held on August 7, 2018 at 9:00a.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were Mayor Jonathan McCollar, Council Members: Phil Boyum, Sam Lee Jones, Jeff Yawn, John Riggs and Derek Duke. Also present were City Manager Randy Wetmore, Deputy City Manager Robert Cheshire, City Clerk Sue Starling and City Attorney Cain Smith.

The Meeting was called to Order by Mayor Jonathan McCollar.

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

City Manager Randy Wetmore recognized Deputy City Manager Robert Cheshire as he bids farewell as he leaves the City for other employment after 22 years of service.

Recognitions/Public Presentations

- A) Presentation of the City of Statesboro Employee of the Quarter**
- B) Presentation of the City of Statesboro Employee of the Year**
- C) Recognition of the Firefighters and Fire Officers involved with the rescue of two victims during a structure fire on morning of July 9th, 2018.**
- D) Presentation by Ecological Planning Group on the completion of Task Order 2 of the Stormwater Master Plan.**
- E) Presentation on the Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule (BCGES) evaluation of the building inspections Program performed by Insurance Services Office (ISO)**

HR Coordinator Krystina Johnson presented an award to Missy Hagan for the “Employee of the Quarter for FY 2019 and also presented John Dekle the award for “Employee of the Year for 2018.

Fire Chief Tim Grams presented awards to the firefighters involved in the rescuing of victims from a fire at 242 Ga. Ave. The list of firefighters that received a Unit Citation metal was:

Capt. Stacy Wilson, Lt. Derek Stoddard, Fire Apparatus Operator Caleb New, Fire Apparatus Operator Jon Patterson, Firefighter Timothy Bartholomay, Firefighter Cody Hanna, Firefighter Casey Perkins, Firefighter Trey Seamans, Firefighter Robert Telgen, as well as Brad Bouchillon, Raymond Hutchinson, Marcel Farmer and Steven Morris, share in the unit citation.

Brad Bouchillon, Raymond Hutchinson and Marcel Farmer also received the “Medal of Honor”

June Dipolito also thanked the fighters and presented a plaque to them.

Dr. Rob Brown , water ecological specialist, gave an overview of the City's needs regarding the Stormwater Master Plan focusing on Basin 7 MLK West.

Director of Engineering and Public Works Jason Boyles gave Council an update on the success of the ISO rating for the building inspections program.

Public Comments (Agenda Item): Councilman John Rigs recognized Councilman Phil Boyum for receiving his Certificate of Distinction from GMA.

Councilman Boyum stepped out of the meeting.

Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

A) Approval of Minutes

- a) 07-17-2018 Council Minutes**
- b) 07-17-2018 Executive Session Minutes**
- c) 07-25-2018 Called Council Minutes**
- d) 07-25-2018 Executive Session Minutes**

Councilman Yawn made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to approve the consent agenda in its entirety. Councilman Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Duke voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Public Hearing and First Reading of Ordinance 2018-08: An Ordinance of the Statesboro Code of Ordinance Amending Chapter 6 (Alcoholic Beverages) regarding Sec.6-3 Definitions and Sec 6-9 Minors and persons under 21 years of age.

Councilman Jones made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to open the public hearing. Councilman Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Duke voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Councilman Boyum rejoined the meeting.

Mike Vaquer presented the amended ordinance from his perspective as a member of the Georgia Restaurant Association.

Jamie Grady representing the Averitt Arts Center spoke against some of the rules and he stated they were confusing.

Councilman Yawn made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyum to close the public hearing. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Duke voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Councilman Boyum also expressed some of the issues as he stated the guidelines seem to indicate fake bars and restaurants. He also stated it doesn't address the issues with 18 year olds being allowed where alcohol is served.

There was no action taken.

Second Reading and Consideration of a Motion to approve/deny Ordinance 2018-06: An Ordinance of the Statesboro Code of Ordinance Amending Chapter 6 (Alcoholic Beverages) regarding Sec.6-3 Definitions and Sec 6-9 Minors and persons under 21 years of age.

Councilman Duke made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyum to table this item until August 21, 2018 and as part of the motion directing Cain to combine the proposed alcohol ordinances to make one ordinance for Council to vote on. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Duke voted in favor of the motion. The motion was approve 5-0.

Public Hearing and First Reading of Ordinance 2018-07: An Ordinance of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances: Chapter 2 (Administration) Amendment amending the appointment procedure for members of the Alcohol Advisory Board as set out in Section 2-98.

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

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Yawn to close the public hearing. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Duke voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Councilman Boyum asked City Attorney Cain Smith to amend the ordinance to read 2 year and 1 year terms staggered.

Consideration of a Motion to authorize the City to enter into a memorandum of understanding with Bulloch County to share expenses of a cloud-based GIS system. Under this MOU, the City will manage and maintain this cloud-based system and the County will share half the related expenses in this project. This project is budgeted in fiscal year 2019 within the GIS Division of Central Services.

Councilman Riggs stepped out of the meeting.

Councilman Yawn made a motion, seconded by Councilman Duke to authorize the City to enter into a memorandum of understanding with Bulloch County to share expenses of a cloud-based GIS system. Under this MOU, the City will manage and maintain this cloud-based system and the County will share half the related expenses in this project. This project is budgeted in fiscal year 2019 within the GIS Division of Central Services. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn and Duke voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to Approve Resolution 2018-22: A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Statesboro, Georgia; Calling for a General Municipal Election to be held on November 6, 2018. (Brunch Bill)

Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Duke to approve Resolution 2018-22: A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Statesboro, Georgia; Calling for a General Municipal Election to be held on November 6, 2018. (Brunch Bill) Councilman

Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Duke voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to Approve Resolution 2018-23: A Resolution approving and adopting a 2018 Redevelopment Plan and associated Tax Allocation District (“TAD”) for an area within the City and authorizing the entry into one or more intergovernmental agreements between the City, Board of Commissioners of Bulloch County, and/or the Board of Education of Bulloch County.

Councilman Riggs rejoined the meeting.

Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to approve Resolution 2018-23: A Resolution approving and adopting a 2018 Redevelopment Plan and associated Tax Allocation District (“TAD”) for an area within the City and authorizing the entry into one or more intergovernmental agreements between the City, Board of Commissioners of Bulloch County, and/or the Board of Education of Bulloch County. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Duke voted in favor of the motion. The motion was approve 5-0.

Discussion regarding Distribution of TSPLOST funding and Prioritization of Project List

Deputy City Manager Robert Cheshire reviewed the TSPLOST with Mayor and Council. No action was taken.

Councilman John Riggs left the meeting.

Discussion and Consideration of a Motion to Approve Creating the New Position of TSPLOST Project Manager

Councilman Yawn made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyum to approve the creation of a new position for a TSPLOST Project Manager. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Duke voted in favor of the motion. The motion was approve 4-0.

Consideration of a Motion to set the dates for the required three (3) public hearings to solicit input regarding the millage rate of 7.308 for the 2018 property taxes

1st Public Hearing- August 28th, 2018 at Noon (12:00) pm

2nd Public Hearing- August 28th, 2018 at 6:00 pm

3rd Public Hearing- September 4th, 2018 at 9:00 am

Councilman Yawn made a motion, seconded by Councilman Duke to approve the 3 dates for the public hearing regarding the millage rate of 7.308 for the 2018 property taxes. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Duke voted in favor of the motion. The motion was approve 4-0.

Consideration of a Motion to approve the RFP for the City of Statesboro Employee pay plan study

Councilman Yawn made a motion, seconded by Councilman Duke to approve an RFP for the City of Statesboro Employee pay plan study. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Duke voted in favor of the motion. The motion was approve 4-0.

Other Business from City Council: None

City Managers Comments

Director of Public Works and Engineering Jason Boyles stated the transfer station was having some delays due to all the rain recently.

Public Comments (General) None

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 (2012)

At 11:10 am Councilman Duke made a motion, seconded by Councilman Yawn to enter into Executive Session. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Duke voted in favor of the motion. The motion was approve 4-0.

At 11:30 am, the regular meeting was called back to order with no action taken.

Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

Councilman Yawn made a motion, seconded by Councilman Duke to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Duke voted in favor of the motion. The motion was approve 4-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.