



CITY OF STATESBORO
MAYOR & COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
NOVEMBER 19, 2019

A Work Session of the Statesboro City Council was held on November 19, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. at Joe Brannen Hall, 58 East Main Street. Present was Mayor Jonathan McCollar; Council Members: Phil Boyum, Sam Lee Jones, Jeff Yawn, John Riggs and Derek Duke. Also present was City Clerk Leah Harden, City Attorney Cain Smith, City Manager Charles Penny.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jonathan McCollar.

1. Quarterly Financial Report

Director of Finance Cindy West reviewed with Mayor and Council FY2020 First Quarter Financial report.

2. Water & Sewer Bond Refunding

City Manager Charles Penny presented to Mayor and Council the cost savings to obtaining bank refinancing versus reissuing of the bonds. Davenport our financial advisor believes bank financing will have potential savings to the City between the amounts of \$1.2 and \$1.6 million. The refinancing would include the Series 2010 Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds and the four outstanding GEFA loans.

3. Insurance Report – NFP Johnathan Shaw

Johnathan Shaw with NFP presented to Mayor and Council the City of Statesboro 2019 Financial review regarding medical and prescription claims. He stated medical claims are on a downward trend where prescription claims are increasing. With the two combined the City has a savings of close to \$1 million since changing from IBG to Anthem BCBS.

4. Blight Tax

City Manager Charles Penny stated Code Enforcement would need to be in place to enforce this Ordinance. He stated the properties that fit the criteria of being blighted would be presented to Council for approval to move forward with the process. If approved it would then go to municipal court for enforcement. The process for any property would be twelve months. If the property is remediated there would be an abatement on the property taxes of 50 percent. It would be up to Council to set the multiplier on blighted properties and to set the abatement on properties that have been remediated.

5. Presentation of Resurfacing Methodology

Director of Public Works and Engineering John Washington presented to Mayor and Council the street resurfacing program and assessment process. He further explained the Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) by Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) provides the City with \$300,000 for street resurfacing. The city uses these funds to supplement the Street Resurfacing Budget. After an evaluation of the city streets pavement conditions, the Engineering Department staff compile a list of streets in need of resurfacing. After approval from Council the

list of streets along with the grant application is submitted to GDOT, this application needs to be submitted in December for the City to receive these funds.

6. Public Safety Report – 2018

a. Fire

b. Police

Fire Chief Tim Grams presented reports to Mayor and Council regarding the number of calls for service for the 2018 year. The reports included non-emergency calls for service & fire prevention activities and fire calls.

Police Chief Mike Broadhead presented to Mayor and Council the Statesboro crime stats. The reports included violent crime, firearm crime, stolen firearms, and burglary and case reports taken. Chief Broadhead stated we are on a downward trend of violent crime and burglary.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm