



CITY OF STATESBORO
COUNCIL MINUTES
DECEMBER 3, 2019

Regular Meeting

50 E. Main St. City Hall Council Chambers

9:00 AM

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Jonathan McCollar called the meeting to order

2. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**

Councilman Sam Jones gave the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDENCE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Jonathan McCollar	Mayor	Present	
Phil Boyum	Councilmember	Present	
Sam Jones	Councilmember	Present	
Jeff Yawn	Councilmember	Present	
John Riggs	Councilmember	Present	
Derek Duke	Councilmember	Present	

Other staff present was: City Manager Charles Penny, Assistant City Manager, Jason Boyles, City Attorney Cain Smith and City Clerk Leah Harden.

3. **Recognitions/Public Presentations**

A) A presentation by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs downtown Statesboro with the GEM award, “Georgia Exceptional Main Street.”

Tara Bradshaw with the Department of Community Affairs presented to Mayor and Council a Gateway sign for being selected by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs as an accredited “Georgia Exceptional Main Street” City for 2020.

Director of the Downtown Development Authority Allen Muldrew thanked the Statesboro Downtown Development board for all their hard work in our community and thanked the Mayor and Council and city staff for their support in downtown development.

B) Bulloch County Alcohol & Drug Council presentation of recognition from the Governor for TIPS instructors in Statesboro, Georgia Eric Short and Jeff Thompson.

Lynn Sroczyński with the Bulloch County Alcohol & Drug Council gave an overview of the value TIPS training in our community, how it helps to reduce drunk driving, reduce overserving to intoxicated persons, prevention of sales to minors and promotes responsible alcohol consumption. She also stated this training is offered at no charge to the participants.

Mayor McCollar read and presented to Eric Short and Jeff Thompson a letter of appreciation for, “good citizenship and hard work in helping prevent alcohol-related incidents in our state” received from the Governor of the State of Georgia Brian Kemp.

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

5. **Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda**
 - A) **Approval of Minutes**
 - a) **11-19-2019 Mayor and Council Word Session Minutes**
 - b) **11-19-2019 Council Minutes**

A motion was made to

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilman Jeff Yawn
SECONDER:	Councilman John Riggs
AYES:	Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs, Duke
ABSENT	

6. **Second reading and consideration of a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-12: an Ordinance amending Chapter 38 of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances adding Article VII and establishing the Community Redevelopment Tax Incentive Program.**

A motion was made to approve Ordinance 2019-12: amending Chapter 38 of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances adding Article VII and stabling the Community Redevelopment Tax Incentive Program.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilman Phil Boyum
SECONDER:	Councilman John Riggs
AYES:	Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs, Duke
ABSENT	

Mayor McCollar stated this is an Ordinance for appropriation and the seven fold factor he reduced to 0.01. Councilman Phil Boyum stated this is not an appropriation but a millage rate. After much discussion Councilman Jones made a recommendation to table the discussion of the appropriation to the next City Council meeting on December 17, 2019. The recommendation was agreed upon.

7. **Consideration of a Motion to approve Ordinance 2019-13: An Ordinance restating the retirement plan for the City of Statesboro Employees under the Georgia Municipal Employee Benefit System (GMEBS).**

A motion was made to approve Ordinance 2019-13: restating the retirement plan for the City of Statesboro Employees under the Georgia Municipal Employee Benefit System (GMEBS).

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilman Jeff Yawn
SECONDER:	Councilman John Riggs
AYES:	Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs, Duke

ABSENT

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8. Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2019-39: A resolution authorizing the opening of a separate bank account for the 2019 SPLOST.

A motion was made to approve Resolution 2019-39: authorizing the opening of a separate bank account for the 2019 SPLOST.

RESULT:

Approved (Unanimous)

MOVER:

Councilman John Riggs

SECONDER:

Councilman Sam Jones

AYES:

Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs, Duke

ABSENT

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9. Consideration of a Motion to Approve Resolution 2019-40: A Resolution approving the City of Statesboro’s proposed FY2020 Street Resurfacing List, and further authorizing the Mayor to execute the GDOT Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG) application. GDOT will allocate \$328,952.80 to the City of Statesboro from the grant which requires 30% matching funds (\$98,685.84). The matching funds will be provided from the 2018 TSPLOST funds.

A motion was made to Resolution 2019-40: approving the City of Statesboro’s proposed FY2020 Street resurfacing list and further authorizing the Mayor to execute the GDOT Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG) application.

RESULT:

Approved (Unanimous)

MOVER:

Councilman John Riggs

SECONDER:

Councilman Sam Jones

AYES:

Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs, Duke

ABSENT

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10. Consideration of a Motion to approve the purchase of four new Dispatch Consoles as well as the Fiber Optic Line.

A motion was made to approve the purchase of four new dispatch consoles as well as the fiber optic line.

RESULT:

Approved (Unanimous)

MOVER:

Councilman Sam Jones

SECONDER:

Councilman John Riggs

AYES:

Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs, Duke

ABSENT

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11. Consideration of a Motion for award of bid to Blanchard Equipment for the purchase of a 2020 John Deere 5100M 4x4 Utility Tractor in the amount of \$70,311.02. This item will be purchased with funds from the 2018 TSPLOST.

A motion was made for the award of bid to Blanchard Equipment for the purchase of a 2020 John Deere 5100M 4x4 utility tractor in the amount of \$70,311.02.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilman Jeff Yawn
SECONDER:	Councilman John Riggs
AYES:	Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs, Duke
ABSENT	

12. Consideration of a Motion to approve the conversion of excess vacation leave to sick leave beginning in 2019 and make the new polity retroactive for 2018.

A motion was made to approve the conversion of excess vacation leave to sick leave beginning 2019 and make the new polity retroactive for 2018.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilman John Riggs
SECONDER:	Councilman Derek Duke
AYES:	Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs, Duke
ABSENT	

13. Other Business from City Council

Councilman Sam Jones stated he would like to have the cut off fee for the utilities removed. After some discussion this concern will be brought back as a discussion item on the next Council Agenda for December 17th 2019.

Councilman Phil Boyum stated he was approached by the owner of Eagle Creek Brewing with a concern about the fee for alcohol sales he stated under the new ordinance it would require multiple licenses which would double the cost for an alcohol license for the 2020 year.

A motion was made to authorize the City Attorney to amend the alcohol ordinance to add a brewery category.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilman Phil Boyum
SECONDER:	Councilman Sam Jones
AYES:	Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs, Duke
ABSENT	

In addition a motion was made to have a resolution to be brought forward on the December 17th Council Meeting, not assessing a package license fee on this specific establishment.

Mayor McCollar stated on December 17th 2019 at 4:30 pm there would be a reception held at Joe Brannen Hall for the outgoing Council in recognition for their service to the city.

14. City Managers Comments

City Manager Charles Penny appreciated the Statesboro Fire Department along with the Red Cross as on November 23, 2019 they installed over 150 smoke alarms spanning from the Sugar Hill neighborhood, Johnson Street to Butler Drive.

Mr. Penny also stated he will be bringing forward for consideration a revamp of the Employee retirement plan. Currently the factor used to determine the amount of benefits for our employees is 1.25 % the recommendation would be for an increase to 2% also currently in order for our employees to receive benefits equal with 30 years of service they would have to reach the age of 65 in order to receive a check the recommendation would be an alternant retirement which would mean at 30 years of service employees would be able to begin receiving benefits. In addition a recommendation to remove the cap on sick leave, currently you cannot carry more than one year.

If approved any new employees after January 1 would contribute 3% toward their retirement.

15. Public Comments (General) None

16. 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.

17. Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilman John Riggs
SECONDER:	Councilman Derek Duke
AYES:	Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs, Duke
ABSENT	

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 am