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**CITY OF STATESBORO  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

A regular meeting of the Statesboro City Council was held on January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 6:00 p.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 Interim City Manager Frank Parker, City Clerk Sue Starling, Staff Attorney Michael Graves, Director of Community Development Christian Lentz, City Engineer Robert Cheshire and City Planner Martin Laws.

Mayor Brannen asked for a moment of silence in memory of Mr. Sam Brannen. Mr. Brannen was the City Attorney for the City of Statesboro for many, many years.

**Approval of Minutes:**

- a) **January 04, 2011 Council Minutes**
- b) **January 04, 2011 Council Work Session Minutes**

Councilman Blicht made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to approve the Council Minutes and Council Work Session Minutes for January 04, 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) **Deon Hendrix (American Legion) request to speak to Council concerning the American Legion on Carver Street**

Mr. Deon Hendrix asked Council to refund \$13,700.00 for the upgrades to the American Legion Building on Carver Street. Mr. Hendrix stated these upgrades had to be done, based on the City's requirements, to obtain an alcohol license. After the upgrades had been done, Mr. Hendrix stated the City said they had made a mistake and he would not meet the requirements for an alcohol license. The license was denied due to zoning issues. Mayor Brannen asked Interim City Manager Frank Parker to review the allocations and report back to Council.

**Consideration of a Motion to approve/deny 1<sup>st</sup> reading as notification for application of alcohol license:**

- a) **Susan Elaine Olsen (Pizza Mill)**

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to approve 1<sup>st</sup> reading as notification for application of alcohol license to Susan Elaine Olsen (Pizza Mill). Councilman Britt, Blicht, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> reading for an alcohol license:**

**a) Daniel Long (Your Pie)**

Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> reading for an alcohol license for Daniel Long (Your Pie). Councilman Britt, Blitch, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of annexation Ordinance #2011-01: An Ordinance to annex property into the City of Statesboro.**

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of annexation Ordinance #2011-01: An Ordinance to annex property, located on Bird Lane, into the City of Statesboro. Councilman Britt, Blitch, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

**Public hearing and consideration of a motion to approve/deny the following variance request: APPLICATION # V 10-12-01: Statesboro Mall, LLC requests a variance from Section 1600 of the *Statesboro Zoning Ordinance* to reduce the amount of required off-street parking for the property located at 718 Northside Drive East.**

Steve Mitchell, P.E. of Hull, Storey, and Gibson spoke in favor of the variance request but presented a layout that was different from the Planning Commission's proposal. A lengthy discussion was held explaining these differences. Henry Clay, chairman of the Beautification Commission and also representing the Tree Board Committee spoke in favor of the Planning Commission's proposal for the variance. Wesley Parker and Andrew Hanson, members of the Planning Commission, spoke in support of the Planning Commission's proposal. The Hull Storey Gibson design reflected fewer landscape islands and less tree coverage. Councilman Chance made a motion to include conditions listed in ATTACHMENT A, seconded by Councilman Riggs, to approve the following variance request: APPLICATION # V 10-12-01: Statesboro Mall, LLC requests a variance from Section 1600 of the *Statesboro Zoning Ordinance* to reduce the amount of required off-street parking for the property located at 718 Northside Drive East. Councilman Britt, Blitch, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

**Consideration of a motion to award the bid of a new knuckle boom trash loader for the Sanitation Division to Freightliner of Savannah, in accordance with all bid specifications, for a total amount of \$116,985.00.**

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to award the bid of a new knuckle boom trash loader for the Sanitation Division to Freightliner of Savannah, in accordance with all bid specifications, for a total amount of \$116,985.00. Councilman Britt, Blitch, 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 2011-03: A Resolution Calling for the Adoption of a Standard Water/Sewer Extension Agreement.**

Councilman Blitch made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to approve Resolution 2011-03: A Resolution Calling for the Adoption of a Standard Water/Sewer Extension Agreement. Councilman Britt, Blitch, 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 2011-04: A Resolution Calling for the Adoption of a Standard Water/Sewer Agreement for Properties Located outside the City Limits Which Do Not Require Extensions.**

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to approve **Resolution 2011-04**: A Resolution Calling for the Adoption of a Standard Water/Sewer Agreement for Properties Located outside the City Limits Which Do Not Require Extensions. Councilman Britt, Blich, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

**Other Business from City Council**

Director of Public Safety Wendell Turner presented a proposal to Council for the purchase of a new Pierce Fire Engine with equipment in the amount of \$424,192.00.

Councilman Blich made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to approve the purchase of a new Pierce Fire Engine with equipment for the Statesboro Fire Department in accordance with the City of Statesboro purchasing policy in the amount of \$424,192.00. Councilman Britt, Blich, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

City Clerk, Sue Starling presented new information concerning a special event permit that was approved by Council and issued to Larry Scarboro on January 4, 2011. Based on the new information, Ms. Starling's recommendation to Council was to revoke the special event permit that would allow the serving of alcohol. Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to revoke the special event permit that was issued to Larry Scarboro and be recorded as part of the official Council minutes. Councilman Britt, Blich, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Interim City Manager Frank Parker asked Council for a motion to approve the reimbursement of funds spent on the Belle House, to Biff Thompson, in the amount of \$73,772.50. The motion also included a 15 ft. easement granted to the City of Statesboro and request Mr. Thompson to sign a whole harmless agreement to release the City of Statesboro from all future claims on the property. Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to approve the reimbursement of funds spent on the Belle House, to Biff Thompson, in the amount of \$73,772.50. The motion also included a 15 ft. easement granted to the City of Statesboro and for Mr. Thompson to sign a whole harmless agreement to release the City of Statesboro from all future claims on the property. 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 Adjourn**

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to adjourn. Councilman Britt, Blich, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.