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**CITY OF STATESBORO  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
April 2, 2013**

A regular meeting of the Statesboro City Council was held on April 2, 2013 at 9:00 am in the Council Chambers at City Hall Present were Mayor Joe R. Brannen, Council Members: Will Britt, Phil Boyum, John Riggs and Gary Lewis. Also present were City Manager Frank Parker, City Clerk Sue Starling, City Attorney Alvin Leaphart, and City Engineer Robert Cheshire. Councilman Travis Chance and Director of Community Development Mandi Cody were absent. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Joe Brannen

The Invocation was given by Allen Muldrew Director of the Downtown Statesboro Development Authority and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt.

**Recognitions/Public Presentations:**

**Recognition of the Finance Department for receiving the FY 2013 Distinguished Budget Award**

Mayor Brannen presented the Finance Department with the FY2013 Distinguished Budget Award

**David Gerrald of L&D Produce would like to address Council regarding yard sales.**

David Gerrald has a tax certificate to sell produce on the vacant lot across from Lowes on Hwy 80 East. Mr. Gerrald is now asking Council to approve yard sales at this same location. The discussion was to allow the sale of produce and yard sales for a period of 6 months. These events would be monitored by the Police Department and re-evaluated at the end of the 6 months. Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to approve the 6 months trial basis for the sale of produce and yard sales. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

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

**Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda  
Approval of Minutes**

- a) 03-19-2013 Council Work Session Minutes
- b) 03-19-2013 Council Minutes
- c) 03-19-2013 Executive Session Minutes

**Consideration of a Motion to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance 2013-05: An Ordinance Amending Article III of Chapter 18 of the Statesboro Code of Ordinance (Dealers in Precious Metals and Gems)**

**Consideration of a motion to surplus an IBM 6400 Printer and a Buster Duplo V-700 Decollator which has outlived their usefulness as part of the late notice process for utility billing.**

**Notification of alcohol license application:**

- a) Licensee: Darin H. Van Tassell  
DBA: The Clubhouse  
Location: 2704 Old Register Road  
Type of Alcohol License: Pouring – Beer & Wine  
Type of Business: Restaurant
- b) Licensee: Kalayanee Raiwa (Changing Owners)  
DBA: Coconut Thai Cuisine  
Location: 7 College Plaza  
Type of Alcohol License: Pouring – Beer & Wine  
Type of Business: Restaurant

**Consideration of a Motion to approve the destruction of 55 boxes of records that have met the Georgia State Retention Schedule**

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to approve the consent agenda in its entirety. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

**Consideration of a Motion to approve “Vehicle for Hire”:**

**Spells Taxi Service – Alisha Stevens (Driver)**

**D W Yellow Cab Drivers**

- a) Casandra Champion
- b) Frank Williams
- c) Shawn M Apfel

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to approve the “Vehicle for hire drivers” with the exception of Frank Williams. Within the motion made, Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt stated Mr. Williams would need to talk with City Attorney Alvin Leaphart concerning his background history and then be brought back for Council. Council would then approve or deny the application. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

**Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2013:07: A Resolution in Support of the Development of Downtown Property thru the Georgia Department of Community Affairs’ Downtown Development Revolving Loan Fund Program.**

Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to approve Resolution 2013:07: A Resolution in Support of the Development of Downtown Property thru the Georgia Department of Community Affairs’ Downtown Development Revolving Loan Fund Program. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

**Consideration of a Motion to allow staff to enter into contract negotiations with Ecological Planning Group, LLC to provide professional services associated with the creation of the City's Comprehensive Stormwater Management Program.**

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to enter into contract negotiations with Ecological Planning Group, LLC to provide professional services associated with the creation of the City's Comprehensive Stormwater Management Program. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

**Consideration of a Motion to approve application for grant funding for the maintenance and upkeep of equipment for the Statesboro Police Department CBRN Response Team (Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear) in the amount of \$5,000.00. The grant is funded by the Georgia Emergency Management Agency under the State Homeland Security Grant Program and is a continuation of the GEMA Law Enforcement CBRN Program.**

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**Consideration of a Motion to approve application for grant funding offered by the NTOA (National Tactical Officers Association) for the Statesboro Police Department's Emergency Response Team. NTOA is currently offering several grants for equipment that would be utilized by SPD ERT.**

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**Consideration of a Motion to approve the I-16/HWY301 Advisory Committee to move forward with the Engineering/Design of the water and sewer extension to I-16/301 under the existing Engineering Services contract with Hussey, Gay, Bell & DeYoung Inc.**

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**Consideration of a Motion to approve Resolution 2013-08: A Resolution adopting the schedule of fees and charges for the water and wastewater department of the City of Statesboro, Georgia**

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to approve **Resolution 2013-08**: A Resolution adopting the schedule of fees and charges for the water and wastewater department of the City of Statesboro, Georgia. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

**Consideration of a Motion to award a three year contract for brokerage services for property and casualty insurance.**

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to award a three year contract to Glen Davis and Associates for brokerage services for property and casualty insurance. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

**Consideration of a Motion to award the bid for the West Main and College Street Sanitary Sewer Improvements to American Infrastructure Tech in the amount of \$143,400.00.**

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**Consideration of a Motion to approve the application for the Bullet Proof Vest Partnership federal grant funding FY2013 for vest purchases for the Police Department.**

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to approve the application for the Bullet Proof Vest Partnership federal grant funding FY2013 for vest purchases for the Police Department. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

**Other Business from City Council**

Director of Human Resource Jeff Grant announced that Richard Smiley in the Public Works Department was the winner of the “Biggest Loser” competition. He received a check for \$250.00 from the City of Statesboro

**Public Comments (General)**

Councilman Boyum thanked everyone that helped with the Community Grant Block. He also stated citizens are excited about the I-16 project and he was impressed with the Transform Health Clinic. Councilman Boyum recognized Jeff Harrison with the Statesboro Herald stating it was his birthday today.

### **Consideration of a Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss “Acquisition of Property” in accordance with O.C.G.A. §50-14-3 (2012)**

Councilman Lewis made a motion at 10:05 am, seconded by Councilman Boyum to enter into Executive Session to discuss “Acquisition of Property” in accordance with O.C.G.A. §50-14-3 (2012) with a ten minutes break. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Present for the Executive Session was Mayor Brannen and Council Members: Will Britt, Phil Boyum, John Riggs and Gary Lewis. Also present were City Manager Frank Parker, City Clerk Sue Starling, City Attorney Alvin Leaphart, DSDA Director Allen Muldrew, GSU Representatives Dominique Halaby and Charles Patterson.

Mayor Brannen called the regular session back to order at 11:21am with no action taken.

Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to purchase the Yard and Haus Building located at 62 E. Main Street with the terms of the agreement with Farmers and Merchants Bank and the purchase amount of \$420,000.00 with a closing date no later than December 31, 2013. The agreement would also include a temporary occupancy agreement of \$1000.00 per month until the close of the sale. The purpose of the purchase is to expand the City Campus facility to include a Fab Lab and Innovation Center. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to make a contribution to the GSU Archery and Shooting Center in the amount of \$500,000.00. Councilman Britt, Riggs and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. Councilman Boyum voted against the motion. The motion carried by a 3-1 vote.

### **Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn**

Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to adjourn. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.