



**CITY OF STATESBORO
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
May 21, 2013**

A regular meeting of the Statesboro City Council was held on May 21, 2013 at 6:00 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall Present were Mayor Joe R. Brannen, Council Members: Will Britt, Phil Boyum, Gary Lewis and John Riggs. Also present were City Manager Frank Parker, City Clerk Sue Starling, City Attorney Alvin Leaphart, City Engineer Robert Cheshire and Director of Community Development Mandi Cody. Absent was Councilman Travis Chance.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Joe Brannen

The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was given by Councilman John Riggs.

Recognitions/Public Presentations

Proclamation presented to the City of Statesboro Public Works divisions recognizing the week of May 19 – 25, 2013 as “National Public Works Week”.

Senior Assistant City Engineer Jason Boyles, on behalf of the Public Works Department, accepted a proclamation from Mayor Brannen in recognition of Public Works Week.

Public Comments (Agenda Item): None

Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

A) Approval of Minutes

a) 05-07-2013 Council Minutes

B) Notification of alcohol license application:

Licensee: Scott Martin & David DeLoach

DBA: The Sports Page

Location: 200 Lanier Drive Suite 1

Type of Alcohol License: Pouring – Beer, Wine & Liquor

Type of Business: Restaurant

C) Licensee: Sudhaben Patel

DBA: Jay Food Mart

Location: 500 East Main Street

Type of Alcohol License: Packaged – Beer & Wine

Type of Business: Convenience Store

D) Consideration of a Motion to approve “Vehicle for Hire”

Boro D.D. LLC – Billy Sherrod (Driver)

Spells Taxi – Sean Brown (Driver)

**E) Consideration of a Motion to approve “Massage Therapy”
Long Life Medical Massage Therapy LLC – Candice Redfearn and Thomas Redfearn**

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs 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 Resolution 2013-15: A Resolution adopting a temporary six month moratorium on the acceptance, issuance, and processing of occupational tax certificates to operate a business containing more than six (6) class b coin operated amusement machines within the City of Statesboro.

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to approve Resolution 2013-15: A Resolution adopting a temporary six month moratorium on the acceptance, issuance, and processing of occupational tax certificates to operate a business containing more than six (6) class b coin operated amusement machines within the City of Statesboro. 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 1st reading of Ordinance 2013-06: An Ordinance Amending Certain Sections of ARTICLE III of Chapter 18 of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances (Pawnbrokers, Secondhand Dealers, and Dealers in Precious Metals and Gems)

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to approve 1st reading of Ordinance 2013-06: An Ordinance Amending Certain Sections of ARTICLE III of Chapter 18 of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances (Pawnbrokers, Secondhand Dealers, and Dealers in Precious Metals and Gems). 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 adopt a Resolution to name the City constructed walking trail in the area of Luetta Moore Park in honor of Reverend Julius Abraham.

Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyum to adopt a Resolution to name the City constructed walking trail in the area of Luetta Moore Park in honor of Reverend Julius Abraham. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote. The official resolution will be presented at a future Council meeting.

Consideration of a motion to approve first reading of Ordinance 2013-07: An ordinance to amend portions of Article XV of the *Statesboro Zoning Ordinance* regarding Signs. Amendment to allow for the use of LED technology in fuel signs

Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to approve first reading of Ordinance 2013-07: An ordinance to amend portions of Article XV of the *Statesboro Zoning Ordinance* regarding Signs. Amendment will allow for the use of LED technology in fuel

signs. 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 adopt Resolution 2013-16: A Resolution to approve the preparation of a grant application in partnership with Georgia Southern University for submittal to the Economic Development Administration in support of the Georgia Southern University / City of Statesboro Fabrication Laboratory and Incubation Center.

Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to adopt Resolution 2013-16: A Resolution to approve the preparation of a grant application in partnership with Georgia Southern University for submittal to the Economic Development Administration in support of the Georgia Southern University / City of Statesboro Fabrication Laboratory and Incubation Center. 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 the creation of new positions for 6 Lieutenants within the City of Statesboro Fire Department

There was a lengthy discussion lead by Councilman Lewis concerning the number of African Americans hired by the Fire Department verses the number of white employees hired by the Fire Department. Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt asked that the pay scale be re-evaluated before the changes were made. Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to approve the creation of new positions for 6 Lieutenants within the City of Statesboro Fire Department. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion for the approval of the entire City of Statesboro's payroll to be bi-weekly

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyum to approve the entire City of Statesboro's payroll to be bi-weekly. 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 DSDA Allen Muldrew asked for Councils approval of Resolution 2013-17: A Resolution in support of DCA to issue a low interest loan to Robbie Mock, Jared Mock and Jennifer Mock for property improvements located at 326 S. Main St. Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to approve Resolution 2013-17: A Resolution in support of DCA to issue a low interest loan to Robbie Mock, Jared Mock and Jennifer Mock for property improvements located at 326 S. Main St. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Director of Finance Cindy West reminded everyone of the public hearing for the FY 2014 budget that would be held on Thursday May 23, 2013 at 4:00 pm.

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to nominate Councilman Boyum for the Parade of Flags ceremony that will be held at the GMA Annual June Convention in Savannah. Councilman Britt, Riggs and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 3-0 vote. Councilman Boyum refrained from voting.

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyum to nominate Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt as the voting delegate for the meeting that will be held at the GMA Annual June Convention in Savannah. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Public Comments (General)

Mr. Bill Thomas had requested to be included on the agenda to speak to Council, however, at this time; he asked to reserve his remarks for a later time.

Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt 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 6:55 pm.