



**CITY OF STATESBORO
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
September 05, 2012**

A regular meeting of the Statesboro City Council was held on September 5th, 2012 at 9:00 am in the Council Chambers at City Hall Present were Council Members: Will Britt, John Riggs, Gary Lewis and Travis Chance. 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 were Mayor Joe Brannen and Council Tommy Blich

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt

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

Public Comments (Agenda Item): None

Director of Human Resource Jeff Grant presented the "Employee of the Month" award to Deputy Chief Ronnie Shaw of the Statesboro Fire Department

Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

- A) Approval of Minutes**
 - a) August 21, 2012 Council Minutes**
- B) Consideration of a Motion to approve 2nd reading of Ordinance 2012-06: An Ordinance Amending Certain Sections of Chapter 6 of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances (Alcoholic Beverages)**
- (D) Consideration of a Motion to approve the due date of December 20, 2012 for the City of Statesboro Property Tax Bills**
- (E) Consideration of a Motion to approve Resolution 2012-22: A Resolution adopting maximum fees for towing and storage of illegally parked vehicles**

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

Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to approve the following:

- a. APPLICATION # RZ 12-07-02: Copper Beech Town Home Communities, LLP, requests a zoning map amendment from CR (Commercial Retail) District to R-4 (High Density Residential) District for property located on Statesboro Place Circle.**

John Dotson of Maxwell Reddick, along with Jack Connor, Robert Tanner, Rachael Edwards, Joey Maxwell and Eric Porter spoke in favor of the request for Copper beech. Steve Rushing

representing “The Millhouse” owners along with Tom Jones spoke against the request. The debate was mainly about Millhouse Restaurant using the vacant lot for their parking. After much debate, both parties came to an understanding that would benefit both parties. Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to approve **APPLICATION # RZ 12-07-02**: Copper Beech Town Home Communities, LLP, requests a zoning map amendment from CR (Commercial Retail) District to R-4 (High Density Residential) District for property located on Statesboro Place Circle. Councilman Britt, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote

Consideration of a Motion to approve Resolution 2012-21: A Resolution setting the millage rate for ad valorem (property) taxes for the 2012 calendar year for the City of Statesboro, Georgia at 6.358

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to approve **Resolution 2012-21**: A Resolution setting the millage rate for ad valorem (property) taxes for the 2012 calendar year for the City of Statesboro, Georgia at 6.358. Councilman Britt, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote

Consideration of a Motion to approve 1st reading of Ordinance 2012-07:An Ordinance Amending Certain Sections of Chapter 6 of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances(Alcoholic Beverages)Sec. 6-218

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to approve 1st reading of **Ordinance 2012-07**: An Ordinance Amending Certain Sections of Chapter 6 of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances (Alcoholic Beverages)Sec. 6-218. Councilman Britt, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote

Consideration of a Motion to approve the appointment of Planning Commission members by Mayor and City Council

Councilman Chance asked for the seat to stay open until September 13th, 2012 to accommodate any other prospective candidates. Council stated since the applications were not in the Council Packet for review before the meeting, they would like to have time to review the applications. Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to table the appointment of filling the vacancy until the next Council meeting. Councilman Britt, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote

Consideration of a Motion to approve the Ordinance to amend the City of Statesboro GMEBS Retirement Plan to increase Elected Officials monthly normal retirement benefit from \$30 to \$35, effective September 5th, 2012, and to authorize the Mayor to execute the Defined Benefit Master Plan restated documents with GMEBS.

Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to approve the Ordinance to amend the City of Statesboro GMEBS Retirement Plan to increase Elected Officials monthly normal retirement benefit from \$30 to \$35, effective September 5th, 2012 and to authorize the Mayor to execute the Defined Benefit Master Plan restated documents with GMEBS.

Councilman Britt, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. Councilman Riggs voted against the motion. The motion carried by a 3-1 vote

Consideration of a Motion for Mayor and Council to approve the guaranteeing of a loan between Downtown Statesboro Development Authority (DSDA) and Heritage Bank of the South not to exceed \$350,000.00

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to approve a guarantee loan between Downtown Statesboro Development Authority (DSDA) and Heritage Bank of the South not to exceed \$350,000.00. Councilman Britt, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote

Other Business from City Council

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to accept the resignation of Councilman Tommy Blich as of September 5th, 2012. Councilman Britt, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote

Public Safety Director Wendell Turner reminded everyone of the 911 Memorial Service at Bulloch Memorial Gardens

Public Comments (General) None

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

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to enter into Executive Session at 11:00 am with a 10 minute break before starting the discussion of legal matters in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3 (2012). Councilman Britt, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote. Present were Council Members: Will Britt, John Riggs, Gary Lewis, and Travis Chance. Also present were City Manager Frank Parker, City Clerk Sue Starling, City Attorney Alvin Leaphart. The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Regular Session

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt called the regular Council session back to order at 11:20 a.m. No action had been taken in executive session.

Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

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

The meeting was adjourned at 11:21 am.