



CITY OF STATESBORO
WORK SESSION MINUTES
OCTOBER 15, 2024

Mayor & Council Work Session

50 East Main Street

5:00 PM

A Work Session of the Statesboro City Council was held on October 15, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 50 East Main Street. Present was Mayor Jonathan McCollar and Council Members: Paulette Chavers, and Shari Barr. Also present was City Clerk Leah Harden, City Manager Charles Penny, Assistant City Manager Jason Boyles City Attorney Cain Smith and Public Affairs Manager Layne Phillips. Absent was Councilmember John Riggs and Ginny Hendley.

Mayor Jonathan McCollar called the meeting to order.

1. Stolen Firearms

Police Chief Mike Broadhead presented to the mayor and city council statistics of stolen firearms over the past several years. Chief Broadhead stated that firearms are primarily stolen out of unlocked cars. He presented a graph showing stolen firearms from 2019 to September 2024. Total forced entries were 21, non-forced entries were 254 with a total of 275. There has been a total of 109 arrests for entering a car from 2019 to the end of September 2024. Of these arrests 85% were adults 17 -24 years old and 24% were juveniles ages 16 and below. Almost all of these arrests were someone below the age of 25. We ask the public to be a lot more responsible and to lock their car doors.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:08 pm.

Jonathan McCollar, Mayor

Leah Harden, City Clerk