



CITY OF STATESBORO  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 05, 2024

Regular Meeting

50 E. Main St. City Hall Council Chambers

9:00 AM

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr called the meeting to order

**2. Invocation and Pledge**

Councilmember John Riggs called on Marcus Toole to give the Invocation then he led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ATTENDANCE**

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Jonathan McCollar	Mayor	Absent	
Vacant	Councilmember	Vacant	
Paulette Chavers	Councilmember	Present	
Ginny Hendley	Councilmember	Absent	
John Riggs	Councilmember	Present	
Shari Barr	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	

Other staff present: City Manager Charles Penny, Assistant City Manager Jason Boyles, Public Affairs Manager Layne Phillips, City Attorney Cain Smith and City Clerk Leah Harden

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

**4. Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda**

**A) Approval of Minutes**

- a) **10-15-2024 Work Session Minutes**
- b) **10-15-2024 Council Minutes**
- c) **10-15-2024 Executive Session Minutes**

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Approved (Unanimous)
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilmember John Riggs
<b>AYES:</b>	Chavers, Riggs, Barr
<b>ABSENT</b>	Councilmember Ginny Hendley

**5. Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2024-29: A Resolution to adopt the Second Amendment to the City of Statesboro Schedule of Rates, Fees, and Fines for Fiscal Year 2025.**

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<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilmember John Riggs
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<b>ABSENT</b>	Councilmember Ginny Hendley

**6. Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2024-30: A Resolution approving the City of Statesboro’s proposed FY2025 Street Resurfacing Program with GDOT, and authorizing the Mayor to execute the GDOT Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG) application. Grant matching funds will be provided from the 2018 TSPLOST funds.**

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**7. Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2024-31: A Resolution accepting the road right of way of White Pine Avenue and Virginia Pine Avenue within the Whispering Pines subdivision as public streets to be owed and maintained by the City of Statesboro.**

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**8. Consideration of a motion to approve a Development Agreement with GPB Development, LLC to use \$197,000 in TAD funds for installation of private infrastructure within the development commonly known as 1803 East located at 19 Gordon Street within the South Main Tax Allocation District.**

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**9. Consideration of a motion to award the purchase of five patrol vehicle from J.C. Lewis in the amount of \$225,300.00 (\$45,060.00 each) as they submitted the lowest responsive bid per our ordinance. This purchase will be funded out of the 2019 SPLOST.**

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**10. Consideration of a motion to award the purchase of one (1) F-150 police truck from J.C. Lewis Ford in the amount of \$40,023.16 as they submitted the lowest responsive bid per our ordinance. This purchase will be funded out of the 2019 SPLOST.**

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<b>AYES:</b>	Chavers, Riggs, Barr
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**11. Consideration of a motion to award the purchase of one (1) hybrid patrol vehicle from Metter Ford in the amount of \$47,223.16 as they submitted the lowest responsive bid per our ordinance. This purchase will be funded out of the 2019 SPLOST.**

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<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilmember John Riggs
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**12. Consideration of a motion to award a contract to Shea Tractor & Equipment for the purchase of a Kubota backhoe (Model #V2403-CR-E4) per Sourcewell cooperative purchasing in the amount of \$65,966.04. This item to be purchased with funds approved in the 2025 CIP budget, item #NGD-57, funded by system revenues.**

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**13. Other Business from City Council**

Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr encouraged everyone to get out and vote today.

**14. City Managers Comments**

City Manager Charles Penny gave an update on the progress of debris removal caused by hurricane Helene. Right after hurricane Helene Council approved a contract with Southern Disaster Relief (SDR) for debris removal. They brought in crews and begun work however about two weeks later some of those crews left to go to Florida where they were impacted

by several hurricanes. SDR still has crews in our area and are aware that we have a time constraint. As quickly as the contract with SDR was put before Council and approved that is the same type of service we expected to get this debris removed. We recognize it would take five to six weeks to get it removed, however we find this unacceptable. We know our citizens are frustrated as is this City Manager. We would like to get this cleaned up and so we will be following up with SDR. If necessary we will reach out to Crowder Gulf out of Alabama to complete the debris removal if SDR cannot meet our expectations. Our public works crews cannot pick up the debris and the city get reimbursed from FEMA. FEMA requires us to have a monitor who follows the contractor to verify the debris removal.

Mr. Penny stated that as this year winds down we have a requirement to have ARPA funds committed by December 31, 2024. The city received \$12.3 million and we have currently committed \$8.1 million with \$4.1 million remaining funds to be committed. We are on track to getting these funds committed. The projects include the Quail Run subdivision sewer installation with an anticipated cost of \$1.5 million, Whitesville Park project with a budget of \$1.2 million, the remaining balance will be committed for housing rehabilitation with awards occurring before the end of December.

The City of Statesboro will host a public meeting regarding its upcoming West Main Street improvement project on Thursday, November 14, 2024, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Averitt Center for the Arts at the 41 W Main Street, location. Members of the public are invited to view proposed streetscape plans and share their input.

**15. Public Comments (General):**

When Johnny Dorceus came forward he passed out a photo and explained that it is a photo of what his drinking water looks like. He stated he is not sure if it is from the flushing of the hydrants or if it is rusty pipes. The other issue he brought up is that the transit system only has one stop on Packinghouse Road and asked if a bus stop could be placed at the housing area before the big curve. Lastly he asked if larger bike lanes could be placed on the bigger busier streets so he does not have to ride on the sidewalk. He also stated that the transit system does not run on its proper schedule which causes his daughter to be late for school sometimes. The water issue is the most serious issue.

City Manager Charles Penny asked if he has contacted the City’s water staff about this issue.

Mr. Dorceus stated that he has not contacted them.

Mr. Penny called on Director of Public Utilities Steve Hotchkiss to speak with Mr. Dorceus to address his water issue. Mr. Penny also stated that the city is looking at bus stops but this is our first year of the transit system and it takes time. We currently have four buses running and the study indicated we are in need of eight. Once we have those the schedule will improve. In addition individuals can call ahead to be picked up by the bus even if they are not on the route which causes a delay in the schedule.

Annie Bellinger stated that she would never half clean a street and leave the rest. Three weeks ago they came to pick up the limbs on Morris Street but did not finish the rest of the street. She stated it is a waste to have to come back to pick up limbs that could have been done the first time through.

**16. Consideration of a Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss “Personnel Matters” in accordance with O.C.G.A 50-14-3(b).**

At 9:40 am a motion was made to enter into executive session.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Approved (Unanimous)
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilmember John Riggs
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
<b>AYES:</b>	Chavers, Riggs, Barr
<b>ABSENT</b>	Councilmember Ginny Hendley

At 9:52 am a motion was made to exit executive session.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Approved (Unanimous)
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilmember John Riggs
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
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<b>ABSENT</b>	Councilmember Ginny Hendley

Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr called the regular meeting back to order.

A motion was made to appoint Alexis Knox and Autumn McBride to the One Boro Commission.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Approved (Unanimous)
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilmember John Riggs
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<b>ABSENT</b>	Councilmember Ginny Hendley

### 17. Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Approved (Unanimous)
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilmember John Riggs
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
<b>AYES:</b>	Chavers, Riggs, Barr
<b>ABSENT</b>	Councilmember Ginny Hendley

The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 am.

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Jonathan McCollar, Mayor

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Leah Harden, City Clerk