

**COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 21, 2006**

A regular meeting of the Statesboro City Council was held on Tuesday, February 21, 2006, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were Mayor Pro Tem Joe Brannen, Council Members John Morris, Gary Lewis, Tommy Blich, and Will Britt. Absent was Mayor William Hatcher. Also present were City Manager George Wood, Director of Finance and Administration Judy McCorkle, City Engineer Maz Elhaj and Planning Director Jim Shaw, and City Attorney Sam Brannen.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-FEBRUARY 7, 2006

Mayor Pro Tem Brannen and Councilmen Morris and Blich requested the following corrections to be made to the February 7, 2006 Council minutes:

Page 1-change “Councilmen *Brannen*, Blich, Lewis, Morris and Britt voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.” To “Councilmen Blich, Lewis, Morris and Britt voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0- vote.

Page 4- change “Councilman Blich stated there are enough R-4 and we *are doing not need* high density” to “Councilman Blich stated there are enough R-4 and *we do not need* high density.”

Page 5- change “expired on the Alcohol Control Board included *Ron* Hane” to “expired on the Alcohol Control Board *Rob* Hane.

Page 9-change “February Interim *Police* Chief” to “February Interim *Fire* Chief.

Councilman Blich made a motion, seconded by Councilman Morris to approve the minutes of February 7, 2006 as corrected. Councilmen Blich, Morris, Lewis and Britt voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

RECOGNITIONS

DR. KATHY HARWOOD OF THE CHARTER CONSERVATORY SCHOOL FOR ART AND TECHNOLOGY

Dr. Harwood gave the correct name for the school stating it is Charter Conservatory School for Art and Technology, known as CCSAT. She asked the Mayor and Council to review their policy regarding public institutions and their water bill. She stated on February 14, 2006, the water was turned off at 12:30 at CCSAT. This puts the City in violation of State and Federal statues about disruption of school. CCSAT is a public school authorized by the Georgia State Board of Education.

Dr. Harwood stated they did not learn of the water being turned off until they found it was being turned off at the street. No one informed them the water was being cut off. She said they came to City Hall and were told by Mrs. McCorkle there were 13,000 utility accounts to be dealt with, but she states there are not 13,000 schools. Dr. Harwood stated the children were put at risk because the sprinkler system could not work, so they were dismissed to go home. School was disrupted. She said they did not receive the bill or disconnect notice, but the bill was paid on February 14, 2006 and the water was turned back on. Dr. Harwood asked the Council to look at the public institutions, give them the courtesy of letting them know the water will be turned off, and the chance to pay the bill. She said they will pay the bill on the 4th of each month and

they have paid their bills in the past. She said it will not happen again. Her request is for Council to determine what is a public institution and if we are putting people and, most importantly, children in Statesboro at risk.

Mayor Pro Tem Brannen apologized and thanked Dr. Harwood for coming. He told her the issue would be reviewed.

MOTION TO ADOPT ON SECOND READING ORDINANCE #2006-1: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE STATESBORO MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING ALCOHOL BEVERAGES

City Manager George Wood stated this was put on first reading at the last meeting. The changes in the ordinance are:

1) amend section 6-166(b) (2) to read “can not deliver more than *two* alcoholic beverages to a person at one time,”

2) amend section 6-166(b) (3) to provide for a happy hour from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm providing the establishment and employees meet certain requirements.

Mayor Pro Tem Brannen asked was there a motion to approve or deny this amendment to the alcoholic beverage ordinance. Councilman Morris made a motion, seconded by Councilman Britt, to adopt on second reading Ordinance #2006-1: An Ordinance Amending the Statesboro Municipal Code Regarding Alcoholic Beverages.

Jim Lanier, owner of Loco’s, stated the Alcohol Control Board was recommending to the City Council to delete section 1 items (3) subsection (b) (2) letters A-G. Mayor Pro Tem Brannen asked why this decision was made.

Mr. Lanier said it makes alcohol license holders more responsible for an off duty employee’s behavior. For example, it says our ability to have a Happy Hour will be in jeopardy if an employee is in violation of numerous sections of the code such as noise ordinances, nuisance, advertising on private property, discharging of a fire arm, and dishonorable conduct. He said this is beyond the control of license holders.

Mayor Pro Tem Brannen stated this is the second reading of what Council passed at the last Council Meeting. He asked City Attorney Sam Brannen if they needed to act on the second reading and, at a later date, revisit this. Attorney Brannen stated you can change this now because you will be doing less. You can’t do more or you will have to have a first reading again.

Mr. Wood stated this is what the Alcohol Control Board recommended several months ago. He recommended passing it as it is, then look at the ordinance and clean up the language. He said if this is deleted it will gut the ordinance. Mr. Lanier said this does not delete any of the requirements of the license holder.

Councilman Britt stated he understands if an employer hires an individual and the background check returns showing this person has previous violations, they will not be able to serve at this location. He said he does not think an employee, having done

something not related to the establishment, should impact the rest of the employees or license holder. However, if someone does something at the establishment and in violation of the ordinance, then that's different. Councilman Lewis said he thought this is what Mr. Lanier meant that the employer is not responsible for the previous actions of an employee.

Mr. Wood stated he has no problem with the change as long as it says "at the establishment". He said the recommendation was to gut the ordinance. He does not agree with this because that will delete the purpose from the beginning. He said it was intended to mean an employee "at the location." He suggested it be passed as it is and then he and City Attorney Sam Brannen would clean up the language or they could take a recess to take care of this matter.

Councilman Morris stated he thought that was the intentions of this until he has had feed-back. He recommended passing it now and later tweak it. He is in agreement with Mr. Lanier about controlling the employees.

RECESS

Mayor Pro Tem Brannen recommended a five minute recess so Mr. Wood and Attorney Brannen could reword this amendment to the alcoholic beverage ordinance.

The meeting was recessed.

MEETING RECONVENED

Mayor Pro Tem Brannen reconvened the council meeting. Present were Mayor Pro Tem Joe Brannen, Council Members John Morris, Gary Lewis, Tommy Blich, and Will Britt. Absent was Mayor William Hatcher. Also present were City Manager George Wood, Director of Finance and Administration Judy McCorkle, City Engineer Maz Elhaj and Planning Director Jim Shaw, and City Attorney Sam Brannen.

Mayor Pro Tem Brannen asked Mr. Wood to present the new changes to the amendment to the alcoholic beverage ordinance.

Mr. Wood stated there are two places where the words "at or on the premises" were added as follows:

- 3 (b) (1) "at or on the license premises"
- 3 (b) (2) "at or on the license premises"

Mayor Pro Tem asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Councilman Morris made a motion, seconded by Councilman Blich, to accept the additions made by the City Manager and to adopt on second reading Ordinance #2006-1: An Ordinance Amending the Statesboro Municipal Code Regarding Alcoholic Beverages. Councilmen Blich, Morris, Britt and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #2006-03: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION TO THE GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES AUTHORITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,325,000 FOR THE WESTSIDE SEWER OUTFALL LINE PROJECT AND THE W. GRADY ST./POLICE STATION WATER/SEWER PROJECT

Mr. Wood referred to a memo recommending the authorization of a GEFA loan. He said at the end of FY 2003 the Water and Sewer Fund owed \$12,013,350 in GEFA loans and revenue bonds. At the end of FY 2006, the fund will owe \$9,521,952. This is a decrease in debt of \$2,491,398 in three years. He also stated the FY 2007 Budget will pay off another \$1,030,202 for a decrease in debt of \$3,521,600 in three years. This is a realistic six-year capital improvement plan for the water/sewer system.

Mr. Wood continued to say this GEFA would do two things: (1) it will replace water/sewer lines for the Westside Sewer Outfall Project which has a problem with infiltration of groundwater and inflow from heavy rains and it is undersized to handle the expected growth of the Westside; (2) it will replace the water/sewer lines for the W.Grady St. (Police/Station) Water/Sewer Project. He said some of the lines are 80 or 90 years old and the water lines are inadequate for fire protection on the new building.

He stated we would need approximately \$170,000 annually to pay the principal and interest payments at the current rate on a standard 20 year GEFA loan for \$2,325,000 and we should have no problems making the payments with a balance of \$215,060 to use for other purposes.

Planning Director Jim Shaw is working on a CDBG for part of the project, but we cannot depend on it. If we do receive it we will not have to draw down the full amount of the GEFA loan. We don't start making principal payments until the project is completed. Mr. Wood said we should have no problem assuming this additional debt.

Councilman Blich made a motion, seconded by Councilman Morris to adopt Resolution #2006-03 authorizing an application to the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority in the amount of \$2,325,000 for the Westside Sewer Outfall Line Project and the W. Grady ST/Police Station Water/Sewer Project. Councilmen Blich, Britt, Lewis, and Morris voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by 4-0 vote.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION #2006-04: A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR THE SOLID WASTE COLLECTION DIVISION OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF STATESBORO, GEORGIA TO OFF SET THE INCREASE IN COST OF REPLACEMENT POLYCARTS

City Manager George Wood referred to a memo sent by Sanitation Superintendent Mike Clifton stating due to the increase of petroleum products, the cost of residential polycarts has increased from \$45.00 to \$65.00 a year. He said all we are trying to recoup our out of pocket cost. He asked Public Works Director Bobby Colson how many polycarts are replaced within a year and Mr. Colson stated 25 to 30.

Councilman Blich asked if the only change would be in the polycart. Mr. Wood said yes.

Councilman Britt asked if he had to replace a wheel would it cost that amount. Mr. Wood said no, only if it is damaged or stolen. He would be charged a repair charge. The Sanitation Department keeps extra parts on hand for minor repairs.

Mayor Pro Tem Brannen asked if there was a motion on this resolution to adopt the fees and charges for the Solid Waste Collection Division. Councilman Blich made a motion, seconded by Councilman Morris, to adopt the schedule of fees and charges for the Solid Waste Collection Division of the Public Works Department to offset the increase in the cost of the replacement of polycarts. Councilmen Britt, Lewis, Blich and Morris voted in favor of the motion and the motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE A PUBLIC HEARING ON MARCH 7, 2006 TO DISCUSS RESOLUTION #2006-05: A RESOLUTION EXEMPTING CERTAIN VEHICLES FROM MARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR ONE YEAR

City Manager George Wood stated this is a requirement made in State law that was changed several years ago. In the past this was done one time, but this was changed to do on a yearly basis.

Mayor Pro Tem Brannen asked if there was a motion on this resolution. Councilman Morris made a motion, seconded by Councilman Britt to authorize a public hearing on March 7, 2006 to discuss exempting certain vehicles from marking requirements for one year. Councilmen Britt, Lewis, Blich and Morris approved the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A REQUEST FROM HOWARD LUMBER COMPANY REGARDING THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF PARK AVENUE ADJACENT TO THE CURRENT SCALES

City Manager George Wood referred to a letter from William Howard III of Howard Lumber and he said Arthur Howard was in attendance at Council meeting. The letter addressed an issue with replacing their scales. They are requesting an easement into the Park Avenue Extension of twelve feet and to let it go into the right-of-way and then close it. Mr. Wood stated he, City Attorney Sam Brannen and Planning Director Jim Shaw looked at it and see no reason to keep it open. It ends at the Gentilly ditch.

Mr. Wood said the two entities served by it are Claude Howard Lumber and Rushing Peanut Company. He has talked with both parties involved and they are comfortable with this closing subject to the conditions we have listed. We recommend that the City abandon this right-of-way and use the auction method of sale to dispose of it as allowed by OCGA-32-7. Abandonment should be subject to three conditions:

- (1) The City must retain a 30' wide utility easement with ingress and egress to maintain water, sewer and drainage systems within the right-of-way. This easement will be on the West side adjacent to the right-of-way on the Rushing property.

- (2) The eventual buyer must continue to allow access from this right-of-way to both existing businesses and maintain a hard surface access road to the necessary entrances to these two businesses.
- (3) By State law, the City must set a minimum allowed bid at Fair Market Value of the property.

He stated he and City Attorney Sam Brannen have been notified that some of the property on either side may have been donated by these two businesses decades ago and, if so, we recommend an adjustment to the Fair Market Value to reflect this. He said we do not want someone pay for the property they previously donated to the city. There is a clear procedure in State law which says you have to do this with auction bid, seal bid or one other method and we recommend the auction bid. This process would take between 60 to 75 days.

He recommended allowing Howard Lumber Co. to install the scales on an interim basis within 120 days within the right-of-way using the 12 feet width near the current scales under certain conditions: (1) Howard Lumber Company would be willing to indemnify the city against any liability arising from this action in any form and amount satisfactory to the City Attorney; (2) the Engineering Department mark this road to the satisfaction to the scales location, loading and unloading of truck traffic and the maximum allowed speed on this street as 10 mph during this interim period until the right-of-way is abandoned and sold at auction. Mr. Howard and Mr. Rushing are in agreement with it as the property owners.

Mr. Wood stated Mr. Howard needs some consensus to know if he puts the scales out there, you do intend to move forward with this matter.

Councilman Britt asked what was the size of the property. Mr. Wood said 50' wide. If you keep an easement 30' wide that leaves 20' and he needs 12'. There would be clearance of 50'. If there is a sewer problem with an easement, it is allowed by State law to be repaired and put it back in place.

Councilman Britt asked is there a possibility anyone other than Mr. Rushing or Mr. Howard would build on the property. Mr. Wood said by the time you meet the setbacks there would be no room for building.

Mayor Pro Tem Brannen asked if there was a motion on this issue. Councilman Blitch made a motion, seconded by Councilman Britt, to abandon the right-of-way and to use the auction method of disposal subject to the conditions listed. Councilman Britt, Blitch, Lewis and Morris voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN ENGINEERING SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH HGBD, INC. FOR THE WESTSIDE INTERCEPTOR SEWER

City Manager George Wood said if we go ahead with the GEFA loan, we have the preliminary study and now we need the detail plans to go forward. He asked if anyone

had any question about the map and what the line was designed to do. It should open up development on the Westside dramatically. He said this is the standard agreement we have with Hussey, Gay , Bell & DeYoung, Inc., and asked Director of Water and Wastewater Wayne Johnson if he had anything to say. He said HGBD agreed not to bill us until we are eligible for GEFA.

Mr. Wood said Planning Director Jim Shaw has applied for a \$500,000 CDBG grant and, if we get it, we will not have to draw down on the full amount of the GEFA loan.

Councilman Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Blich, a motion to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an engineering service agreement with HGBD, Inc, for the Westside Interceptor Sewer. Council Blich, Britt, Lewis and Morris voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

MOTION TO APPOINT A CITY REPRESENTATIVE TO THE COASTAL GEORGIA RDC'S HISTORIC PRESERVATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

City Manager George Wood asked if anyone had a suggestion for a candidate to fill this position. He stated Jim Shaw would take it if there is not another candidate.

Councilman Blich made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis, to appoint Planning Director Jim Shaw to be the City's representative on the Coastal Georgia RDC's Historic Preservation Advisory Council. Councilmen Blich, Britt, Lewis and Morris voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

UPDATE ON US 301 NORTH WIDENING PROJECT FINANCIAL REQUEST ON UTILITY RELOCATIONS

City Manager George Wood referred to a letter from the DOT stating this is one of our major financial problems. He said when US 301 was widened we knew we would be facing a lot of utility relocations and this will take several million dollars. He stated we had asked the DOT to include this cost in their budget, however, this letter states we were turned down, but we will resubmit using the Utility-Aid Guidelines which are listed.

Mr. Wood said this area starts at US 301 at intersection Ga. 17 at Cooperville and goes back to Sylvania. It does not include water/sewer lines for us but does include natural gas lines. The City's main gas lines come off the Southern Natural line at Dover, Georgia. He said from Dover to Cooperville, the line would be replaced with a 6" 400psi high pressure gas line. This line comes into Statesboro and there is no back up line. Mr. Wood said he will get assistance from Natural Gas Director Steve Hotchkiss to determine the cost on the section, but to go from Dover to Cooperville then back to Statesboro will cost a lot.

He stated we really need DOT to fund the project. The closer you get to Statesboro, north of Bodie Meteor, the water/sewer lines as well as the gas lines will be added. However, this will not add new customers, this will only replace existing lines. He stated we are on record as supporting the widening of the four-lane as long as there is

no hardship on us. This will help our neighbor Screven County as well as Statesboro and Bulloch County, but we can not underwrite this cost.

MOTION TO ADOPT THE FINAL REPORT OF FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM RDS/INGENUITY, INC FOR POWER OPTIMIZATION AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

City Manager George Wood stated we authorized a study by this company in tandem with the county. They got the contract and offered us the opportunity to use it. He said this report gives a review of our electric power utilization and billing and our telecommunications for wireless and land lines. The report shows ways to save money, and he recommends adopting it.

Councilman Blitch made a motion, seconded by Councilman Britt, to adopt the final report findings and recommendation from RDS/Ingenuity Inc. Councilmen Blitch, Britt, Lewis and Morris voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

UPDATE ON ENGINEERING CAPITAL PROJECTS BY THE CITY ENGINEER-MAZ ELHAJ

City Engineer Maz Elhaj showed a PowerPoint on completed projects done by the Engineering Department.

1. Loretha Street - Located between Stockyard Road and Williams Street (Recently named Donnie Simmons Way) by Julia P Bryant elementary. The Water/Sewer Department replaced a sanitary sewer main on this street and since this road had no drainage structures therefore overall roadway improvements were needed. The front yards drained into the road. We designed this road as an inverted crown road to avoid having ditches, due to a limited right of way.

2. North Street - Located between Oak Street and Overland Street approximately 2000' north of US 310 North. North Street is a dirt road that serves several homes and was impassable in bad weather. The new paving provides a better access and future development on this road. There are approximately 11 properties that were dealt with for the right-of- way. This work includes, grading drainage, base and paving.

3. Success Court - Located off Johnson Street. the end of this road was partially dirt. This work includes paving the roundabout and tying all driveways with concrete aprons. Minor drainage improvements were provided.

4. Headwalls on W. Jones Street – At the W. Jones crossing the City canal had no headwalls especially since there are sidewalks on W Jones. Considering the safety issue these headwalls were constructed. A request came from Councilman Lewis and Chip Godbee decided to use a split face block for esthetic consideration. Other unsafe areas are being reviewed as well.

5. Parking lot on West Main and South College - An addition to the downtown parking was needed. The City acquired the corner of West Main and S. College which had blighted buildings. A parking lot was constructed to provide 50 additional parking spaces.

Access to the parking lot is off West Main Street and Vine Street. The landscaping is scheduled very soon. A contractor has been selected.

6. Traffic signal upgrade at the intersection of Brannen Street and the Bypass -This work includes the upgrade of the westbound approach of the existing traffic signal at this intersection. This will help traffic coming from Cowana Road cross or turn onto the bypass. This work included the tying of Lowe's drive to Brannen Street.

7. Cemetery Expansion - About 100 grave lots were added to give a grace period of 2-3 years before space runs out.

8. Lanier Drive pedestrian flashing beacon - This is a part of the overall improvement around GSU including Lanier Road from Chandler to Herty and the extension of Harvey Street. The need for this project is due to the introduction of a bus system, dormitories on Lanier and the realignment of Harvey Drive.

9. Chandler Road at Fair Road – This included the addition of a second left turn lane and arrow signals on Chandler, the addition of a right turn arrow signal, the addition of sidewalks and drainage improvements. All of these improvements were needed due to the high traffic volume using this intersection.

10. Intersection of Georgia Ave at Chandler Road - The installation of a right turn lane from Georgia Avenue onto Chandler Road was needed for a GSU bus system as well as the upgrade of a traffic signal and drainage improvements. Included was overlay and striping the intersection to tie with previous work on Chandler Road.

11. McTell Trail - Light posts are completed. Decorative wood signs are installed. Landscaping/irrigation is finished. Outdoor furniture is installed and drinking fountains are in the process of being installed.

Future Projects - Realignment of Forest Drive at Old Register Road, Savannah Avenue, the new Police Department site, West Gentilly, and Highway 24 sidewalks.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE FROM KONI, INC. OF TWO ADDITIONAL KONI LIFTS TO MATCH THE CURRENT KONI LIFT SET OF FOUR POST, AT A COST OF \$15,000, AS THESE POSTS MUST BE OF THE SAME MAKE AND MODEL TO OPERATE CORRECTLY WITH THE EXISTING SYSTEM

Public Works Director Bobby Colson requested the purchase of two additional Koni Lifts in the amount of \$15,000.00. The 16,000 lb lift does not mix and match with the 18,000 lb lift without an adapter kit, which is expensive. He said the two added lifts would enable the fleet maintenance to hoist heavy duty vehicles such as the ladder fire truck that has three axles.

Mayor Pro Tem Brannen asked if this sole source would match what he currently has. Mr. Colson said yes.

Councilman Morris made a motion, seconded by Councilman Britt to authorize the purchase of two additional Koni Lifts to match the current lifts in the amount of \$15,000. Councilmen Britt, Blich, Lewis and Morris voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE REIMBURSEMENT TO MSO WATER SYSTEMS OF \$3,980.60 FOR THE DIFFERENCE IN AN 8” WATER LINE TO SERVE THE PROPERTY AT THE CORNER OF US 301 N. AND VETERANS MEMORIAL PARKWAY, AND A 12” WATER LINE REQUIRED AS PART OF THE CITY’S MASTER PLAN FOR THE WATER SYSTEM

City Manager George Wood stated we have previously done this on Chandler Road, Myrtle Crossing and Whispering Pines. He said we look at what the developer needs to service his area. There are certain areas where the City has as a master plan for water and sewer lines. They are designed to service larger areas, and it is not fair for the developer to pay for this when he is not the only one benefiting from it. He stated the policy says the city will pay the difference between what it will cost to service his area and a much larger area. In this instance, it is the difference between a 12” line and an 8” line which is a total of \$3,980.60.

Councilman Blich made a motion, seconded by Councilman Morris to authorize the reimbursement to MSO Water Systems of \$3,980.60 for the difference between a 12” line and an 8” line. Councilmen Blich, Lewis, Morris and Britt voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A STANDARD WATER/SEWER AGREEMENT WITH LINDSEY MARTIN

City Manager George Wood stated this is the standard Water/Sewer Agreement. Mr. Martin has completed the convenience store at US 301 North and the Parkway and is asking to have services turned on.

Councilman Morris made a motion, seconded by Councilman Britt, to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the standard Water/Sewer Agreement with Lindsay Martin. Councilmen Britt, Blich, Lewis and Morris voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE FROM DAVCO OF 6 CONTROL PANELS FOR THE DAVCO TRAVELING BRIDGE FILTERS AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Director of Water/Wastewater Wayne Johnson stated these panels are in need of replacement. He said the new upgraded control panels offer additional operational control features from outside the cabinets which should increase the efficiency of the entire filtering process. They are a manufacturer specific item which can only be purchased from US Filter Davco Products. He said they are a sole source provider and they quoted a price of \$71,670.00

Councilman Morris asked how often are these replaced. Mr. Johnson said this is the control panels, but the filters were purchased in 1993. He said we purchased the equipment and did the installation ourselves. At that time it cost \$1.7 million, but we should not have to upgrade for another twelve or fifteen years.

Councilman Morris made a motion, seconded by Councilman Britt, to authorize the sole source purchase from Davco for six Control Panels in the amount of \$71,670.00. Councilman Blicht, Britt, Morris and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

MOTION TO NAME THE UNNAMED STREET CONNECTING FROM US 80 EAST (NORTHSIDE DRIVE) AND BRANNEN STREET, NEAR THE REAR OF LOWE'S

City Manager George Wood stated City of Statesboro Engineer Maz Elihaj had spoken with Bernard Olliff and said his name had been mentioned . He said if we did use his name, he preferred it to be named Bernard Lane.

Councilman Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Morris, to name the street Bernard Lane. Councilmen Britt, Blicht, Lewis and Morris voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE PROBATION SERVICES CONTRACT FEE INCREASE PROPOSAL FROM SENTINEL

City Manager George Wood said there has not been an increase in approximately eleven years. This monthly fee would be provided by persons on probation with the Municipal Court. He said it will go from \$30 to \$35 which is a 16.7% increase. Mr. Wood continued to say this will not come out of the City's revenue. The monthly fee is to defer the cost for Sentinel to keep them in the system and see they pay in a timely manner and, to keep up with what the court requires them to do.

Mayor Pro Tem Brannen asked Mr. Wood if we need a motion to execute the agreement. Mr. Wood said yes.

Councilman Morris made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis, on the Probation Services Contract fee increase from Sentinel. Councilmen Morris, Lewis, Britt and Blicht voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

MOTION TO AWARD A BID IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,870 TO MELTON PAINTING COMPANY FOR THE INTERIOR PAINTING OF A PORTION OF CITY HALL

City Manager George Wood stated we split this amount into three years. We are paying \$12,000 and getting more done for this amount than expected. They will go into the second floor also. He said we have been at this location for ten years and the first floor gets the most traffic and is in need of repainting.

Councilman Blich made a motion, seconded by Councilman Britt, to award a bid to Melton Painting Company in the amount of \$11,870 to paint a portion of the interior of City Hall. Councilmen Blich, Britt, Morris and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

STAFF REPORTS:

City Manager-Community Retreat

City Manager George Wood reminded everyone of the Community Retreat sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce to be held on February 24/25, 2006.

Director of Finance & Administration- Overhead projector

Mrs. McCorkle brought to the attention of Council the new overhead projector recently installed in the Council Chambers.

EXECUTIVE SESSION-PERSONNEL

Councilman Morris made a motion, seconded by Councilman Blich, to enter into an executive session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter. Councilmen Blich, Lewis, Morris and Britt voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An Executive Session of the Statesboro City Council was held on Tuesday, February 21, 2006 to discuss a personnel matter. Present were Council members Gary Lewis, Tommy Blich, Will Britt John Morris and Mayor Pro Tem Joe Brannen. Mayor William Hatcher was absent. Also present were City Manager George Wood, City Engineer Maz Elhaj, Director of Finance and Administration Judy McCorkle, and City Attorney Sam Brannen.

REGULAR MEETING RECONVENED

Mayor Pro Tem Brannen stated the Council had been in executive session to discuss a personnel matter and no action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Blich, to adjourn the meeting. Councilmen Britt, Blich Lewis and Morris were in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Being of no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.