

**COUNCIL MINUTES
MARCH 18, 2008**

A regular meeting of the Statesboro City Council was held on March 18, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were Mayor Pro-tem Joe Brannen, Council Members Tommy Blitch, Will Britt, Gary Lewis, and Travis Chance. Also present were Interim City Manager Chris Addleton, Director of Finance and Administration Judy McCorkle, and City Attorney Sam Brannen. Absent was Mayor William Hatcher.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MARCH 7, 2008.

Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Councilman Blitch, to approve the minutes of March 7, 2008. Councilman Blitch, Britt, Chance, and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

RECOGNITIONS:

Carrie Howard spoke on community issues regarding the expansion of the County Jail and the elderly citizens in the community. She wanted to know why the residents of her community were not notified about the expansion of the jail. She stated property values are going down but according to the taxes they're going up. She said there are a lot of elderly and disabled people who live on a fixed income that live in her community, yet taxes are tripled. She stated no one does a survey on how many elderly or disabled people live in Statesboro. She said in this new year the government should look at people getting old. She said if the taxes are too high and we can not pay, we may loose our home, and that is not right. She said she was at the County meeting this morning and is waiting for their answer and she would like an answer from the City. She said they would like a survey done on the elderly and disabled people in the City. Mayor Pro-tem Joe Brannen thanked Ms. Howard for her concerns and stated the Council will take it under consideration.

MOTION TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE.

Mayor Pro-tem Brannen requested this be tabled to the next council meeting. He stated there are a total of 24 applicants. He asked the Council members to go over the 24 names and select 12 people from the list and turn it into Planning Director Jim Shaw by this Friday. Councilman Blitch made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis, to table this item to the next Council Meeting. Councilman Blitch, Britt, Chance, and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION # 2008-12: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF STATESBORO AND THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONTRACT FOR FUNDING UNDER THE TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT FOR THE 21ST CENTURY.

Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Councilman Britt, to adopt Resolution 2008-12. Councilman Blitch, Britt, Chance, and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH DTSI FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATED TO THE COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES AND TAX LIEN SALES.

Interim City Manager Chris Addleton stated this is a renewal of a contract with DTSI. They have requested a fee increase from \$150.00 to \$165.00 for phase one and phase two collection letters. He said the fees our paid by the delinquent taxpayers. Councilman Blich made a motion, seconded by Councilman Britt, to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an agreement with DTSI. Councilman Blich, Britt, Chance, and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

MOTION TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #1 TO THE WILLIAMS STREET AREA SEWER REPAIRS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,666.82 TRUING UP THE ACTUAL QUANTITIES OF MATERIALS USED.

Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Councilman Blich, to Approve Change Order #1 to the William Street Sewer Project. Councilman Blich, Britt, Chance, and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

MOTION TO AWARD A CONTRACT PER THE ATTACHED FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF FIRE PUMPS, AERIAL SYSTEM AND RELATED COMPONENTS ON FIRE APPARATUS IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO G. DAVID MOOSE OF EVANS, GEORGIA FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR FROM THE DATE OF AWARD.

Interim City Manager Chris Addleton stated this is needed maintenance for the Fire Department for the fire pumps and aerial systems on the trucks. Councilman Lewis asked for the total amount. Fire Chief Dennis Merrifield gave a brief description on why this was needed and what it will be used on. Mayor Pro-tem Brannen asked the prevented maintenance is done every six months and G. Davis Moose will charge \$150.00 per truck totaling \$600.00 and he will do the maintenance at \$250.00 each time totaling \$500.00 which equals \$11,000.00 every six months? He asked if there is a problem that is another \$70.00 an hour. Chief Merrifield replied yes. Councilman Britt made a motion, seconded Councilman Chance, to award the contract to G. Davis Moose of Evans, Georgia. Councilman Blich, Britt, Chance, and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

MOTION TO AWARD A BID IN THE AMOUNT OF \$55,588.00 FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A DESICCANT DEHUMIDIFIER SYSTEM FOR CITY HALL TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE BIDDER, HAGAN & OLIVER SHEET METAL COMPANY.

Building Official Chip Godbee stated Rodney Deal, Manager of **Statesboro** Municipal Gas Authority, knew a gentleman named John Fisher that designs a desiccant dehumidifier for schools and other governmental buildings that have humidity problems. He said the desiccant actually will remove the humidity out of the air and places a dryer air in the building. Mr. Addleton asked what kinds of problems does the City have because of the humidity. Mr. Godbee replied mold, books are wrinkling, and the air quality. Councilman Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis, to award the bid to Hagan & Oliver Sheet Metal Company. Councilman Blich, Britt, Chance, and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE A SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,100.000 FOR THE PURCHASE OF SENSUS WATER METERS FROM KENDALL SUPPLY.

Councilman Blich made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis, to authorize a sole source purchase for Sensus water meters from Kendall Supply. Councilman Blich, Britt, Chance, and

Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION # 2008-13: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN MUNICIPAL RECORDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CITY'S RECORDS RETENTION SCHEDULE.

Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Councilman Blicht, to adopt Resolution 2008-13. Councilman Blicht, Britt, Chance, and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION # 2008-14: A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN PROPERTY SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING ITS DISPOSAL.

Councilman Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis, to adopt Resolution 2008-14. Councilman Blicht, Britt, Chance, and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

REPORTS FROM STAFF:

INTERIM CITY MANAGER CHRIS ADDLETON: Mr. Addleton stated the City is making progress on the FY 2009 Budget and it should be ready for the workshop on April 4, 2008. 2) He reminded the Council of the workshop on March 21, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. is regarding the wireless grant. 3) He requested that any information the Council needs or wants to please go through the City Manager's Office.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION/CITY CLERK JUDY MCCORKLE:

Mrs. McCorkle stated the City received the loan documents for the GEFA Loan the Council approved on June 19, 2007. She said the GEFA loan was originally in the amount of three million dollars and it was determined later by the City's consultant that the amount should be broken into three separate projects. She stated of the three million \$620,000 was for the Cawana Road project which was approve on November 20, 2007. She said they are asking the City to execute the Resolution that authorizes the loan and agrees to the terms of the loan. Councilman Blicht made a motion, seconded by Councilman Britt, to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the agreement for the GEFA loan. Councilman Blicht, Britt, Chance, and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

PLANNING DIRECTOR JIM SHAW:

Mr. Shaw announced the following requests for the next Council meeting:

- 1) Mattie M. Lewis requests rezoning from R-4 (High Density Residential) to CR (Commercial Retail) and a special exception for a commercial storage facility for 204 Martin Luther King Drive.
- 2) Edward Curl, Jr. requests variances to reduce the building setback requirement from 60 feet to 52 feet and to reduce the parking area setback requirement from 20 feet to 7 feet along the north property line for property located at 801 South Main Street.

Statesboro Flea Market, LLC requests variances to eliminate the requirement to provide an asphalt or concrete surface for a parking lot, to reduce the required number of spaces from 250 to 225, and to eliminate the 20-foot parking area setback requirement for property located at 51 Highway 301 North.

OTHER BUSINESS FROM THE CITY COUNCIL:

Councilman Britt stated it has been brought to his attention by several people regarding Section 6- 162 of the Alcohol Ordinance regarding hours of operation. He said currently hours of operation are: Monday –Friday 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. and Saturday 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. He said he would like the Council to consider making that consistent across the board which is Monday –Saturday 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. He would like this item placed on the next Alcohol Board agenda.

Councilman Britt stated some members of Georgia Southern and others in the community asked him about televising the Council meetings. He was told Georgia Southern has offered to televise the meetings. Mr. Addleton stated he would look into it.

MOTION TO ADJOURN.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.