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**Swainsboro**  
*Crossroads of the Great South*



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**City Council Meeting**

**February 01, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Monday, February 01, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. at Swainsboro City Hall.

**Members Present:** Stafford, Sconyers, Bragg, Collins, Parker, & Faulkner

**Members Absent:**

**Prayer of Invocation:** Rev. Mark Hardin

Motion to accept minutes from the previous meeting was made.

**Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Stafford 6-0**

**A. Consensus Business**

**B. New Business**

1. Adm. Lawson read a Resolution congratulating GCCMA on 60 years of service for the state of Georgia. Motion was made to adopt the Resolution as read.

**Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Faulkner 6-0**

2. Gary Wilson asked to speak to council but was not present.

3. Mr. Kenny Griffin and Beau Gunn, representing the Emanuel Arts Council was present to introduce the new Emanuel Arts Council Director, Jackie Brasher. Mrs. Brasher will be taking over the directorship moving forward. She informed council they will be operating at East Georgia College, and all of the functions will be held there until a permanent home is established.

4. Council heard a request letter from Mrs. Erma Jenkins, representing the Relay for Life Committee, requesting the closure of Green St. on March 12, 2016 from 8:00am to 11:00am. Motion was made to grant the request.

**Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Bragg 6-0**

**D. Committee Reports**

**Police:** Police Chief Ellison reminded everyone of the Police Banquet on February 19, 2016. Councilperson Bragg requested a list of all of the inventory of the Police Department and of all of the seized property.

**Public Works:** Councilperson Faulkner reported she had met with CH2M and established a priority list of projects. Robin Rd, pot holes, and road clippings were on this list.

She reported that the Public Works Department had purchased a low boy trailer and was hunting a box blade.

Councilperson Faulkner reported the city is applying for an LMIG grant from the DOT to assist with road striping and signage. This does not apply to pot holes or resurfacing.

Mike Connolly introduced Garland Peebles as the superintendent of the Public Works Department of CH2M.

Mayor Pro Tem Parker made note Mitchell St. residences requesting their road be paved.

**Fire:** Councilperson Bragg stated she has an inventory of the Fire Department.

She reported that Chief Strobridge has obtained some information on a Mini Pumper and she would be getting together with the Fire Committee to discuss the options and bring a presentation back to council in March.

Councilperson Bragg reported the Fire Department was in need of new turn out gear. The cost of the gear is \$2500 per unit and she reported they need 20 sets. Council discussed this at length and the Mayor asked this to be postponed so it could be studied.

**Recreation:** Councilperson Parker gave council a report on the Recreation Department. He made reference to a study on a Dog Park and the Skate Park.

Mayor Schwabe stated we need to look into activities for Senior Adults.

**Airport:** No Report

**Executive:** No Report

**Water & WW:** Councilperson Sconyers reported the water billing process will be changing on April 01, 2016. The customers will now have until the 1<sup>st</sup> of the next month to pay their bills. Councilperson explained that this will delay sending out the bills until the 5<sup>th</sup> of each month. The city will be running a newspaper article explaining the changes.

**Downtown Development:** No Report

**Administrative:** Councilperson Collins reported that city hall was working on the changes implemented in the water bill process.

**Building Inspection:** No Report

**Mayor:** Mayor Schwabe asked council to respect the protocol by going to the council member of the department if you have an issue with that department.

Mayor Schwabe introduced Trey Gavin from the engineering firm Carter and Sloope. Trey will be the engineer for the 2016 CDBG application. Mayor Schwabe also presented Sara Davis with Associates in Local Government, Inc. who will be the grant writer for the 2016 CDBG. They will be meeting with Administrator Lawson on Friday to come up with a target area, which will be presented to council for approval.

**Meeting was adjourned.**

**Submitted: Al L Lawson, City Administrator**