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City Council Meeting

April 4, 2016

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Monday, April 04, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. at Swainsboro City Hall.

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

Members Absent: Bragg

Prayer of Invocation: Pastor Lenard Richards

Motion to accept minutes from the previous meeting was made.

Motion: by Faulkner Seconded: by Stafford 5-0

A. Consensus Business

1. Councilperson Parker made a motion that the city extend the budgeted grant of \$500.00 to the American Cancer Society. There were no objections.

Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Faulkner 5-0

B. New Business

1. Council heard the first reading of a proposed credit card policy for elected officials. Adm. Lawson explained that in January of 2016, the Georgia State Legislature passed a law stating all cities must adopt a credit card policy for elected officials. This is a model policy acquired from the GMA website. Council discussed the credit card policy. Councilperson Parker asked why was the Mayor the only elected official to have a credit card. The Mayor explained his usage of the card and why he had one. The council decided it had worked well in the past and should stay as it has always been. Motion was made to adopt the ordinance as presented for a first reading.

Motion: by Stafford Seconded: by Sconyers 5-0

2. Councilperson Sconyers asked the council to consider the closure of Central Street from West Main Street to Pine Street for Friday night, May 6, 2016 to allow the relocation of the Gospel Sing for the Pinetree Festival. No one objected.

Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Faulkner 5-0

C. Old Business

1. Adm. Lawson presented the second reading of the proposed Amendment to the Animal Control Ordinance. A Public Hearing will be held at the May 2, 2016 council meeting to adopt said ordinance.

D. Committee Reports

Recreation: A banquet was held in honor of the 11 and 12 year olds for winning the 2016 Georgia Recreation & Parks Association (GRPA) Class B Midget Boys State Championship.

Registration for T-Ball and Baseball has concluded and games will start on April 11th.

Recreation Director Tony Mangieri will be meeting with the Kiwanis Club April 13, at 10:00 o'clock. They will discuss the future of the park on South Main Street. This area has been proposed for a future dog park.

Water and Waste Water: Councilperson Sconyers reported the recently purchased Vac Truck by the city is now in operation. He asked if any councilperson would object to Swainsboro assisting other smaller cities to help with their sewer problems by contracting this service.. This would also be an additional source of revenue for the City of Swainsboro. Moreover, when the city provides this service, a hold harmless agreement would be signed in order to keep the City from any liability that may occur from said service.

Police: Councilperson Stafford presented a proposal for a new protective plexiglass partition that would be installed in the front office at the police department. The price from Rick's Glass Company was \$3730.00. A motion was made to accept the proposal and install.

Motion: by Sconyers

Seconded: by Parker 5-0

Police Chief Ellison explained to council how the 1033 surplus military equipment program worked. He gave full details on how the city was obtaining surplus military equipment that could be used to enhance police operations within the City of Swainsboro. He also explained when this equipment was not in use at the police department, it could be used for other operations to help the city.

Police Chief Ellison reported that two police officers have resigned. Anthony Dowd is going to the Sheriff's Department, and Weston Coleman is going to work at Verizon.

Public Works: Councilperson Faulkner gave the OMI monthly report.

She stated that there was a street light on Martin Luther King West that needs to be fixed.

Adm. Lawson reported the city had applied with the Georgia Department of Transportation for a local striping enhancement grant. This would be a non matching grant, funded 100% by the GDOT. This striping grant would upgrade inline, centerline, and crossbars along with replacing stop signs on 46 local streets.

Administrative: Councilperson Collins reported that the changes in the water bills have been well received.

Fire: Fire Chief Strobridge reported that two Civic Clubs have visited the new fire station. Councilperson Sconyers had been working with Fire Chief Strobridge in helping the Blood Mobile find a new location for their monthly visits, and the new fire sation is a possibility.

Airport: No Report

Executive: No Report

Downtown Development: No Report

Building Inspection: No Report

Mayor: No Report

Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted: Al L Lawson, City Administrator