



CITY OF  
**Swainsboro** GEORGIA  
*Crossroads of the Great South*

**City Council Meeting**

**April 06, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Monday, April 06, 2009, at 6:00 P.M. at Swainsboro City Hall.

**Members Present:** Parker, Edenfield, Stroud, Collins, Stafford & Faulkner,

**Members Absent:**

**Prayer of Invocation:** Mayor Schwabe

Mayor Schwabe presented the “Our Town Hero” Award. He explained that the city would be giving this award each month to a citizen who displays an extra effort to make our town better. The Swainsboro “Our Town Hero” award for the month of April was presented to Mozelle Steely for her efforts in help cleaning up our city and her energy for caring for her neighborhood. A group of friends and neighbors was present to support Mrs. Steely. Mrs. Steely stated, “I was not looking to get anything out of this I just wanted to get things done.”

Downtown Development Director Anthony Faris presented a plaque to Dwight Watt for his service in establishing the first web site for the city. Mayor Schwabe and all of the council recognized Mr. Watt for his service to the city.

Motion to accept previous minutes as presented.

**Motion : by Stafford Seconded : by Stroud Passed : 6-0**

Council agreed to a new consensus portion of the agenda to include items that are budgeted and require no discussion. This will be included in the upcoming agenda as needed.

**A. Consensus Business**

Council voted to approve the following request.

1. Grant for Pine Tree Festival Committee - \$5,000.00 Budgeted Item
2. Grant for Swainsboro Shrine Club - \$500.00 Budgeted Item
3. Grant for Ga. Firefighters Burn Foundations - \$500.00 Budgeted Item
4. Grant for Relay for Life - \$1000.00 Budgeted Item

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

**B. New Business**

1. Miss Raven Hall, 2009 Miss Emanuel County, appeared before council informing them on a program she is sponsoring call “Denim Day”. This event will be a dress down day where everyone in the business sector pays \$5.00 to wear jeans on April 10, 2009. The money raised will go to support her Relay for Life Team and the American Cancer Society. She asked for the support of council and asked that the city participate in the event. Motion was made to support the event and the efforts of Miss Hall.

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

2. Council discussed the renewal of the Treutlen and Emanuel County Inmate detail contract. The cost of the details are \$39,500 the same as 2009. These will included in the 2010 budget. Motion was made to renew the contract for 2010.

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

### C. Old Business

None

### D. Committee Reports

**Police:** Councilperson Stafford presented the Police Report for review of council. Councilperson Stafford reported that the Swainsboro Police Department along with the Emanuel County Sheriff's Department would be receiving a Department of Justice JAG Byrne Grant in the amount of \$100,000. This will be a 50/50 split with the county.

Councilperson Stafford reported that Adm. Lawson has applied for a COPS Grant that will pay the salaries for five additional officers for three years. This grant is pending approval.

Chief Shuman gave council an update on the activities at the Police Department.

**Building and Safety:** Councilperson Faulkner presented the bids for a truck to replace the car that blew an engine. The city received one bid from Joe's Auto Sales on the truck for \$6,950.00. Motion was made to accept the bid if it met the specification submitted.

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

**Executive:** No Report

**Public Works:** Councilperson Collins reported everything routine.

**Recycle:** Councilperson Collins reported everything routine.

**Fire :** Councilperson Parker reported everything routine.

Chief Strobridge reported that ISO will be coming to town and making tow inspections. One on safety, water, fire, and paperwork the other on business inspection and survey the businesses for sprinkler systems.

**Recreation:** Councilperson Stroud reported everything routine.

**Airport:** Routine

**Water & WW:** Councilperson Edenfield reported everything routine.

**Downtown Development** - Anthony Faris introduced Teresa Ellison the newest member of the Downtown Development Authority. She is a local architect and will serve on the DDA.

Mr. Faris updated the council on the web site.

Council acknowledged Mr. Faris' hard work and the accomplishments that have been made since he has joined the city.

**Administrative:** Councilperson Faulkner reported the Adm. Personnel Committee will be interviewing for the Adm. Assistant position on Tuesday and she asked permission from council to inform the members of the recommendation by phone for approval. This needs to be done so the person can start immediately. Motion was made to allow this action.

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

**Mayor :** Mayor Schwabe announced the city has submitted many applications and grant request for assistance on many of the city projects. Mayor Schwabe thanked Adm. Lawson and acknowledged his hard work on trying to obtain the city's share of the stimulus money.

Mayor Schwabe congratulated the Swainsboro Fire Department on a successful Georgia Burn Pageant and the money they raised to support the Georgia Burn Foundation.

Mayor Schwabe explained that all money for road resurfacing had been cut out of the state's budget and it was up to the city to come up with the funds.

Mayor Schwabe asked for the citizens of Swainsboro to help in the 2010 census count. He explained the importance of everyone being counted.

Mayor Schwabe congratulated Councilperson Cleve Edenfield on being elected President of GMA District 9.

Council Adjourned

Submitted: *A / L Lawson*, City Administrator