

City Council Meeting
May 05, 2008



The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Monday,
April 07, 2008, at 6:00 P.M. at Swainsboro City Hall

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

Members Absent:

Prayer of Invocation: Councilperson Stafford

Mayor Schwabe presented a proclamation to the President of Swainsboro Technical College, Larry Calhoun, to recognize Goal Week at Swainsboro Tech. Audrey Perkins is the Swainsboro Tech 2008 Goal Winner. Mr. Johnny Paynes, Mrs Cindy Beasley, Mr. Pete Snell, Dr Richard Thornton, and Mrs. Diane Claxton were present for the presentation.

Mayor Schwabe presented a proclamation in support of Child Support Services Month.

Mayor Schwabe presented the "If I Were Mayor" essay contest winners. The winners were present to receive their awards. The winners read their essays to a large crowd in attendance. The winners were as follows:

Caley Cavannah	- First Place	\$100.00 Winner
Hannah Gray	- Second Place	\$ 75.00 Winner
Xashia Sutton	- Third Place	\$ 50.00 Winner

Motion was made to adopt the minutes from the previous meeting as written

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

A. New Business

1. Patsy Youmans, representing the **Downtown Development Authority** request assistance for the June 7, 2008 Ultimate Yard Sale. She ask council to close Roger Shaw St., from Main St. to Central St. This is the normal closing for a downtown activity . Motion was made to grant the road closing request.

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

2. Adm. Lawson read a request from the Swainsboro Shrine Club requesting a grant from the city in the amount of \$500 in support of the Shriner Golf Tournament. Council discussed this and Adm Lawson reported \$500 was budgeted. Motion was made to grant the \$500 request.

Motion : by Parker Seconded : by Faulkner Passed : 5-0 Edenfield - Abstained

3. Building Inspector, Bruce Kirby, updated council on the changes in the building fees. He also updated council on policy changes in the Building Department.

4. Building Inspector, Bruce Kirby, presented a recommendation for the Planning Commission to change the zoning on some specified areas of the city to be more conformative to the surrounding zoning. The recommended areas for change were as follows:

1. Industrial Way on the East side from the Colgrove Drive, North to East Main, from Light Industry M-2 to Residential R-8.
2. Market Street from City property on the East Side, North to Stevens Street, from Light Industry M-2 to Residential R-5.
3. North Green Street on West side from McCloud Bridge Road, North to half of the block, from Commercial C-8 to Residential R-8.
4. Gumlog Street from McCleod's Bridge Road to Oliphant Street on the West side and to West M.L.K. Street on the East side from Commercial C-8 to Residential R-8
5. Kite Road on the East Side from West Church Street to the Northern lot line of the Swainsboro Tech property from Residential R-1 to Professional.

He stated that the changes have been duly advertised and a public hearing was held and no one came in opposition to the changes.

Motion was made to adopt the recommendations of the Planning Commission.

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

6. Building Inspector, Bruce Kirby, presented a recommendation for the Planning Commission to amend the zoning code. The recommended areas for change were as follows:

Section 9-10 AUTOMOBILE SERVICE CENTER/CONVENIENCE GAS STATION:

Section (g.) be amended to read as follow:

Not more than twelve (12) inoperable vehicles shall be stored on the premises unless stored entirely within a building.

Inspector Kirby reported this would be a change from 2 to 12. . He stated that the changes have been duly advertised and a public hearing was held and no one came in opposition to the change.

Motion was made to adopt the recommendations of the Planning Commission.

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

7. Building Inspector, Bruce Kirby, presented a recommendation for the Planning Commission to change the zoning on a parcel of land known as out-parcel #1 on Thigpin Drive from R3 to R8. He stated that the changes have been duly advertised and a public hearing was held and no one came in opposition to the change.

Motion was made to adopt the recommendations of the Planning Commission.

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

8. Mayor Schwabe then explained that a developer from North Carolina has approached the Planning Commission with a proposed new apartment complex for the this area. He gave council an overview of the project and Inspector Bruce Kirby showed pictures of the complex. He stated that the project would be off of the main road and Adm. Lawson explained that the Planning Commission had required the developer to buy at least two additional acreage for green space. Mayor Schwabe explained that the new complex would be similar to Jordan Estates and would be for middle income families. The developer is asking for a resolution of support for this project from the City Council. Council ask what this support would be. Mayor Schwabe stated the city would work with the developer to help him get his paper work through DCA. This would not be a financial commitment from the city to assist the developer. Motion was made to pass a resolution of support for this project.

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

9. Councilperson Collins ask consideration to revise the milage reimbursement for the city to match that of the state. No one objected and a motion was made to revise the reimbursement for mileage to equal that of the State of Georgia.

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

B. Old Business

1. Council heard the proposal of an ordinance to regulate the use of tobacco products in city building and vehicles. This ordinance prohibits the use of tobacco and tobacco products in city building and vehicles. Motion was made to adopt the ordinance as written.

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

2. Council heard the second reading of a tree ordinance presented at the last council meeting.

C. Committee Reports

Police: Councilperson Stafford presented the Police Report. He reported that the DOT was holding up the paving and moving into the new building. The Police Department should be moved within 30 days.

Building and Safety: Councilperson Faulkner had no report .

Executive: No Report

Public Works: Councilperson Collins reported everything routine.

Recycle: Councilperson Collins reported operations normal .

Fire : Councilperson Parker reported the Fire Department Committee had met and would like to recommend the purchase of five containers for the Fire Department. Chief Strobridge explained that the containers would be used for training. They would build a training faculty out of the containers. The county has agreed to pay for half of the container. He also stated that he is seeking grant to help offset the cost. The cost of the project is approximately \$12,000. Motion was made to for the city to pay for half of the cost up to and not to exceed \$6,000.

Motion : by Faulkner Seconded : by Stroud Passed : 6-0

Recreation: Councilperson Stroud reported that there will no activities at the Recreation Department after Wednesday because of the Pine Tree Festival. Everything will be back to normal on Monday May 12, 2008.

Airport: Councilperson Edenfield had no report.

Water & WW: Councilperson Edenfield reported that the Mayor, Adm. Lawson and himself had met with EPD in Atlanta about the update to the waste water treatment plant. Mayor Schwabe informed council that some upgrades to the plant was necessary and with be coming down the pipe. Council asked what the cost would be and Mayor Schwabe stated it was to early to give an accurate estimate. He stated the city is working to come up with some answers and cost estimates.

Administrative: Administrator Lawson routine.

Mayor: Mayor Schwabe reported that the Georgia State Patrol is investigating the building of a new facility and has asked the city to help with the process.

Mayor Schwabe informed the council the Senior Center is requesting assistance to purchase a new van for the Senior Center. Mayor Schwabe suggested that they look into the possibility of purchasing a used one with low milage and this would save the center some money. The center is asking the city to assist in the purchase of the vehicle. He stated that the county, the city and the center would each pay one-third of the cost of the vehicle. Motion was made to fund one-third of the cost of the vehicle up to \$5,000.00 max.

Motion : by Edenfield Seconded : by Collins Passed : 6-0

Mayor Schwabe invited everyone to the 10:00 ceremony at the square on Saturday. He also informed council that Governor Sonny Purdue will be in Swainsboro on Thursday May 8, 2008 at 4:30 for the signing of a law on timber.

Council Adjourned

Submitted: *Al L Lawson* , City Administrator