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City Council Meeting

August 08, 2011

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Tuesday, August 08, 2011, at 6:00 P.M. at Swainsboro City Hall.

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

Members Absent:

Prayer of Invocation: Administrator Lawson

Mayor Schwabe presented the Our Home Town Hero Award to Verdell Brinson for her service to the youth of our community. Mr Rodney Shumake was present to say a few kind words about Mrs. Brinson.

Motion to accept minutes from the previous meeting was made.

Motion: by Faulkner Seconded: by Stroud 6-0

A. Consensus Business

- 1) Grant to the Pi Hi Golf Assoc. for \$500.00 (Budgeted Item)
- 2) Grant to the Miss Emanuel County/ Miss Southeast Ga. Pageant Assoc. for \$500.00 (Budgeted Item)

Motion to approve consent agenda as presented.

Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Faulkner 6-0

B. New Business

1. Administrator Lawson presented the bids that were received for the Industrial West Nordson Sewage Project. The low bidder for Section 1 was Shockley Plumbing at \$182,887.00 and the low bidder for section 2 was Peach St. Utility at \$119,781.00. Adm. Lawson explained that the city bids were under the Engineers estimate and the city was applying for an EIP Grant with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. If received the grant would fund the majority of the project. Lawson explained that the council would need to pass a resolution accepting the low bids. Motion was made to pass a resolution accepting the low bids.

Motion: by Edenfield Seconded: by Stafford 6-0

2. Council heard the application, for advertisement only, of Samir Patel dba Shraddha Sai Inc., Kwik Trip, 350 East Main St. for beer and wine package only. Motion was made to advertise.

Motion: by Stafford Seconded: by Edenfield 6-0

3. Council heard a request from Scotty Nasworthy, Daniel Massa, and Henry Thompson representing the American Legion Post 103 for support for a day to remember celebration they are sponsoring. This will be a day recognizing all of the Firefighter and Law Enforcement officers in our area. He also invited all of the elected officials and Adm Lawson to join the celebration. They presented a grant request of \$500.00 to support the event. Mayor Schwabe explained that all non-budget request had to be carried over to the next council meeting and would be considered at the next meeting.

4. Ms. Jen Meadows representing the Emanuel Arts Council asked council to consider the closure of some city streets during the Hispanic Community Festival being held on September 17, 2011 in downtown. She asked that Roger Shaw St. be closed from 9:00am to 4:00 pm. Motion was made to grant the request.

Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Faulkner 6-0

5. Ms. Jen Meadows representing the Emanuel Arts Council asked council to consider the closure of some city streets during the Celebration of American Craft Week 7th Annual Arts Emanuel Festival being held on October 15, 2011 in downtown. She asked that Roger Shaw St. and

a portion of Green St. be closed for the festival. This would be for the safety of the vendors and attendants of the festival. Jerry Cadle, President of the DDA spoke in support of the festival.

Motion was made to grant the request.

Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Faulkner 6-0

6. Mrs. Christy Wilson representing Mr. Gary Wilson and Mr. Rodney Wilson asked to address council about their property on East Main St. She stated that property was in disarray and she pledged to council she would handle the situation. She asked for a little more time as the letter citing the ordinance violation only gave her 10 days. She stated her husband was not around and she has just got these problems and would need some time to correct them. Present was Beautification Committee members Gloria Mason, Jerry Cadle, Bill Rogers, and Bruce Kirby. Mr Cadle asked for the committee to meet with her in 2 weeks to see what progress had been made. Mayor Schwabe asked that Mrs. Wilson come back to council at the next meeting and give a report on the progress.

C. Old Business

None

D. Committee Reports

Police: Councilperson Faulkner reported the Police Department was routine.

Executive: Councilperson Stroud had no report.

Public Works: Councilperson Parker reported that OMI needed a bucket truck.

Recycle: Councilperson Parker reported everything routine.

Fire: Councilperson Stafford reported everything routine.

Recreation: Councilperson Collins everything routine.

Airport: No Report

Water & WW: Councilperson Edenfield gave a report on all of the work going on in the Water Department.

Downtown Development: Lynn updated council on all of the activities going on with the DDA.

Administrative: Administrator Lawson gave each council member a copy of the proposed 2012 budget. This budget would call for a decrease in the milage from 19.719 to 19.525. Mayor Schwabe thanked the Department Heads for making dramatic cuts in the budget in order not to raise taxes. He stated that some services would suffer from these cuts. Motion was made to advertise the 2012 budget as presented.

Motion: by Faulkner Seconded: by Stafford 6-0

Mayor : Mayor Schwabe had not report.

September Council meeting was set for Sept. 12, 2011 due to the Labor Day Holiday.

An Executive Session was requested by Councilperson Faulkner to discuss a personnel issue.

Motion was made to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel issue.

Motion : Faulkner Seconded : Stafford Passed 6-0 Roll Call all in Favor

AFFIDAVIT

Personally appeared before the undersigned attesting officer, duly authorized to administer oaths, Mayor Schwabe, who, after being duly sworn, deposes and on oath states the following:

I was the presiding officer of a meeting of the Swainsboro City Council held on the 8th day of August, 2011.

That it is my understanding that O.C.G.A S50-14-4(b) provides as follows:

When any meeting of an agency is closed to the public pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section, the chairperson or other person presiding over such meeting shall execute and file with the official minutes of the meeting a notarized affidavit stating under oath that the subject matter of the meeting or the closed portion thereof was devoted to matters within the exceptions provided by law and identifying the specific relevant exception.

The subject matter of the closed meeting or closed portion of the meeting held on the 8th day of August, 2011, which was closed for the purpose of personnel issue requested by Councilperson Faulkner as allowed by O.C.G.A., Title 50, Chapter 14, was devoted to matters within those exceptions and as provided by law.

This affidavit is being executed for the purpose of complying with the mandate of O.C.G.A. S50-14-4(b) that such an affidavit be executed.

This 8th day of August, 2011

Council re-entered regular session.

No Action Taken

Meeting was adjourned.

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