



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



**City Council Meeting**

**September 12, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Tuesday, September 12, 2011, at 6:00 P.M. at Swainsboro City Hall.

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

**Members Absent:**

**Prayer of Invocation:** Mayor Schwabe

Mayor Schwabe presented the Our Home Town Hero Award to Mr. David Morgan. Mr. Morgan has been a volunteer at the Franklin Memorial Library for many years. He has served on the Library Board since 1993 and served as chairman for 12 years. Administrator Lawson praised Mr. Morgan for being a positive role model in our community and his support of our city. Mr. Morgan is a true asset to our community and a perfect "Our Home Town Hero".

Motion to accept minutes from the previous meeting was made.

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

**A. Consensus Business**

1) Grant for Emanuel County Historical Society Grant \$4000.00

Motion to approve consent agenda as presented.

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

**B. New Business**

1. Administrator Lawson presented the proposals for the Administration of the EIP application for the Nordson Project. The city received two proposals. One from Bob Roberson and one from Associates in Local Government Assistance. Adm. Lawson reported that both proposals had been reviewed and the committee made a recommendation to council to hire Associates in Local Government Assistance for grant administrator for the EIP application. Motion was made to accept the recommendation and hire Associates in Local Government Assistance.

**Motion: by Stafford Seconded: by Faulkner 5-0**

**Edenfield Abstained**

2. Downtown Development Director Lynn Brinson addressed the council with a request to close roads for the upcoming Ultimate Yard Sale on November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Mrs. Brinson presented information on what was requested. Motion was made to grant the closure as requested.

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

3. Members of The Community Action for Youth Organization were present to address council. Spokesman Rev. Eugene Davis ask council to consider the organization giving the old gym located on Gumlog Road to the city. He explained that the Youth Organization had contacted the state of Georgia and they would be assisting with the renovation of this project but in order for them to assist it must be city or county property. A quick claim deed could be issued to the city for this property with no liability to the city. This also would not cost the city any money.

Motion to accept the property with no cost or liability from the Youth Organization was made.

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

**C. Old Business**

1. Council heard the application of Samir Patel dba Shraddha Sai Inc., Kwik Trip, 350 East Main St. for beer and wine package only. Mayor Schwabe announced this was a public hearing and was anyone present to speak for or against the application. No one was present. Motion was made to grant the request.

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

2. Mrs. Christy Wilson was present to give council a report on the East Main Property cited for clean up by city council. She reported that a lot of progress has been made but as of Friday September 9, 2011 she was no longer in charge of Gary Wilson's affairs and that he would have to continue the cleanup. Council thanked Mrs. Wilson for the job she had done and the progress she had made in the clean up efforts.

Building Inspector Bruce Kirby reported he is working with Rodney Wilson to clean up his property on East Main and asked for 30 days to work with Mr. Wilson on that property. Council granted the request.

3. Council considered a \$500.00 grant request from the American Legion Post 103 with assistance for the "A Day to Remember Celebration" held on September 10, 2011. This celebration was for all of the firefighters, law enforcement officers, and first responders in the area to thank them for their continued service to our community. There was food, entertainment, and rides for the kids. Approximately 370 participants were involved with the event according to Henry Thompson who organized the day. Councilperson Edenfield stated he had looked at the budget and noticed that the council had budgeted for a Ladies Association Golf Tournament this year. He had contacted the organizers of the event and they were not planning the event for this year. He then made a motion that the money set a side for this event be changed and given to support the American Legion Celebration. Motion was made to move the funds.

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

4. Mayor Schwabe presented the 2012 Budget for consideration. He announced this was a public hearing and was any one present to speak for or against the proposed budget. No one spoke. Mayor Schwabe reminded every one that this budget was very lean and included **no tax increase**. He also reminded the citizens of Swainsboro that some of the services that they had been use to getting could be cut back. Some of the grants that the city had given in the past have been eliminated. He ask all citizens to help the city keep everything running as smooth as possible. Motion was then made to adopt the 2012 budget as presented.

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

#### **D.    Committee Reports**

**Police:** Councilperson Faulkner reported the Police Department was routine. She stated that the city had accepted the resignation of Paul Jordan. She stated the Police Personnel Committee had met and recommended the hiring of Matt Davis. Motion was made to accept the recommendation of the committee and hire Matt Davis.

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

**Executive:** Councilperson Stroud had no report.

**Public Works:** Councilperson Parker reported as follows;

- One Boom Truck was down 4 days in August
  - o Reason: Had to replace a hydraulic cylinder which cost \$ 1,360.00 and repaired a hydraulic cylinder for \$400.00-> Same Truck
  - o The other truck is on its last leg, replacement of the boom component is eminent.

Desires **2** buckets for the boom trucks, but request that we purchase at least one bucket for the boom trucks. The buckets have been repaired numerous times.

- o Cost \$5,000.00 each

Council concluded that the bucket truck must have the cylinders replaced and repaired and the buckets could hold off until the next budget year.

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

Still need the 9 poly carts for collection of various recycled items

- - o Al is working with Will Sullivan from **AIIGreen** to get these. Hopefully, this will be complete by the end of the month.
- Refrigerator that was requested earlier is okay for the time being. Depends upon weather. (Possible

■ Replacement by April/May 2012)

Air Conditioner: Unsure of current condition, but was requested to be replaced several months ago.

■ (Replace or Add Freon by April 2012)

**Fire:** Councilperson Stafford reported everything routine. Fire Chief Strobridge was present and thanked the council for the purchase of Ladder Truck #7. He informed council he had contacted ISO and they would be looking at the city's insurance rating before the end of the year. He stated that the Fire Department had set the truck up on Roger Shaw St. for council's examination after the meeting.

**Recreation:** Councilperson Collins everything routine. She reported that tonight was the first night of football the participation was up this year.

**Airport:** No Report

**Water & WW:** Councilperson Edenfield gave a report on all of the work going on in the Water Department. He reported all the contractors were on schedule and expected to finish by the February 2012 deadline.

**Downtown Development:** Lynn updated council on all of the activities going on with the DDA. She invited everyone to the first annual Hispanic Festival this weekend. The festival will be September 17, 2011 from 10:00am until 2:00pm. She stated this will be a good cultural experience for Swainsboro.

**Administrative:** Administrator Lawson reported that the credit card system should be installed this month at city hall and up and running by Oct. 01, 2011.

**Mayor :** Mayor Schwabe stated as part of the EIP application, the city needs to negotiate an agreement with Nordson to assist with the application. He asked council to allow him to enter into this agreement with Nordson. Council gave full support to the Mayor to proceed with the agreement. Motion was then made to enter in an agreement with Nordson to support the EIP application.

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

Mayor Schwabe reappointed Alton W. Lawson to the Housing Authority for another 4 year term.

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 12th day of September, 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 12th day of September, 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 12th day of September, 2011

Council re-entered regular session.

No Action Taken

Meeting was adjourned.

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