



CITY OF GEORGIA
Swainsboro
Crossroads of the Great South

City Council Meeting

October 05, 2009

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Monday, October 05, 2009, at 6:00 P.M. at Swainsboro City Hall.

Members Present: Parker, Collins, Stafford & Faulkner,

Members Absent: Edenfield & Stroud

Prayer of Invocation: Administrator Lawson

Mayor Schwabe presented the "Our Home 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 October was presented to Mr. Bobby Peacock for his efforts in supporting the city and the love for the community. Mayor Schwabe stated Mr. Peacock is always helping his fellow person and this was a real honor for him to present this award.

Motion to accept minutes from the previous meeting was made.

Motion: by Stafford Seconded: by Parker 4-0

A. Consensus Business

None

B. New Business

1. Council heard the request for an alcoholic beverage license, for advertisement only, from Sharon Shephard dba Lucky Beaver Sport Bar and Grill at 108 East Martin Luther King Blvd for retail beer and wine consumption. Motion was made to advertise the request for license.

Motion: by Stafford Seconded: by Parker 4-0

2. Council heard the request for an alcoholic beverage license, for advertisement only, from Rachel Scarborough dba JAS-GA., LLC as Walk the Line at West Main St. for mixed drink consumption. Motion was made to advertise the request for license.

Motion: by Faulkner Seconded: by Stafford 4-0

3. Administrator read a request from Miss Raven Hall, an advocate for Breast Cancer Awareness as follows;

In observance of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, October, I would like to head up and participate in several fund raisers and awareness events. I would like to turn the fountain in the center of town, pink for the entire month. I will provide the funds necessary to purchase the dye for the fountain. Through out the month I will also sell ribbons that will be placed in the park and hold a ceremony to honor and remember families that have been touched by breast cancer. Over the past few years my interest in Breast Cancer Awareness have grown, and I would enjoy being able to continue to promote the importance of early detection and awareness throughout the community. Thank you so much for your support.

Motion was made to allow Miss Hall to proceed with her plans.

Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Faulkner 4-0

4. Mr. David Barturam representing the Swainsboro Kiwanis Club was present and spoke to council about the upcoming plans to distribute candy on the Boneyard on Oct. 31, 2009. He also asked council for a \$250.00 grant to help with this project. Adm. Lawson informed council that this is a budget item for 2009. Motion was made to administer the grant as requested.

Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Stafford 4-0

C. Old Business

None

D. Committee Reports

Police: Councilperson Stafford presented the Police Report.

Building and Safety: Councilperson Faulkner had no report.

Executive: No Report

Public Works: Councilperson Collins reported everything routine.

Recycle: Councilperson Collins reported everything routine.

Fire : Councilperson Parker reported everything routine. He stated the Fire Department is working on the additional point for a Class 3 rating.

Recreation: Councilperson Stroud was absent.

Airport: Mayor Schwabe had no report.

Water & WW: Councilperson Edenfield was absent.

Downtown Development - Anthony Faris was in Atlanta for a conference.

Administrative: Administrator Lawson reported that the Mayor, Councilperson Faulkner, and himself will join DDA Director Anthony Faris in Atlanta on Thursday October 8, 2009, as the city will be receiving an award from the Georgia Downtown Authority on its Creative Marketplace Competition.

Mayor : Mayor Schwabe informed council the city is seeking bids on resurfacing some streets and should be ready for the November council meeting.

Mayor Schwabe stated the 2008 CDBG project is moving forward and he hopes it will be finished in the next few weeks.

Councilperson Stafford requested an executive session to discuss a personnel matter at the Police Department. Motion to enter Executive Session.

Motion: by Stafford Seconded: by Faulkner Roll Call all voted yea

AFFIDAVIT

Personally appeared before the undersigned attesting officer, duly authorized to administer oaths, Charles 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 5th day of October, 2009.

That it is my understanding that O.C.G.A §50-14-4(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 5th day of October, 2009, which was closed for the purpose of personnel discussion requested by Mayor Charles Schwabe 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. §50-14-4(b) that such an affidavit be executed.

Council re-entered regular session, no action was taken.

Council Adjourned

Submitted: **A I L Lawson**, City Administrator