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City Council Meeting

November 07, 2011

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Monday, November 07, 2011, at 6:00 P.M. at Swainsboro City Hall.

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

Members Absent:

Prayer of Invocation: Councilperson Stroud

Mayor Schwabe presented the “Our Home Town Hero” Award to Dr. John Black. Mayor Schwabe expressed his appreciation for all Dr. Black has done for the community and East Georgia College. A large contingency from East Georgia College was on hand to support Dr. Black. Dr. Black 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 Parker 6-0

A. Consensus Business

None

B. New Business

1. DDA Director Lynn Brinson asked that the council consider closing Roger Shaw St. on Dec. 04, 2011 from 4:00pm to 9:00pm for the 4th annual Christmas Celebration. Motion to grant the request was made.

Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Faulkner 6-0

2. Mr. Jack Fordham addressed council stating he had talked with Adm. Lawson sometime back about a need in the city cemetery. He stated he was informed that the city did not have a listing of who was buried in the cemetery. He stated with Adm. Lawson’s help he obtained maps and areas in the cemetery. He then went to the cemetery and listed and categorized all of the graves in the cemetery. He then presented a city cemetery directory hardback copy and a digital copy of his findings. Mayor Schwabe and Adm. Lawson were very appreciative of his work. This will be a tremendous asset to our city and community.

3. Council heard a request from Michelle Hutchinson requesting a name change on the alcoholic beverage application for Walgreens Store #11708 390 South Main St. Swainsboro. This is a renewal application and is for advertisement only. Motion was made to advertise the application.

Motion: by Edenfield Seconded: by Stroud 6-0

4. Mr. Ulysess Leslie appeared before council and stated his lawyer told him not to say anything.

C. Old Business

None

D. Committee Reports

Police: Councilperson Faulkner reported the Police Department was routine. Chief Randy Ellison stated that injured officer Heidi Hall was present and would be returning to duty this week. The council gave Officer Hall a round of applause for hard work in her recovery.

Congratulations were extended by council to the Police, Fire, and Public Works Departments for their good work on the Calvary Methodist Church fire. The group plans to rebuild the church at it’s present location.

Executive: Councilperson Stroud had no report.

Public Works: Councilperson Parker reported as follows: on some of the operations of the Public Works Department. He stated after the new budget he would be looking at replacing some equipment.

Councilperson Parker stated that Councilperson Stroud had received a request from the neighborhood in the Hill St. area to install some speed bumps. He stated this is the back entrance to the college and a lot of kids live in the area. He then made a motion to grant the request and allow Councilperson Stroud, Police Chief Ellison, and PW Director Danny Wilkerson identify where they are needed and place them.

Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Faulkner 6-0

Adm. Lawson thanked OMI for the good job they did in clearing the pond near the Rec Center.

Mrs. Barbara Moore appeared before council and stated that there is a problem with the dumpster at the Omega Club. Adm. Lawson stated he would check into the problem and get it cleaned up.

Fire: Councilperson Stafford reported everything routine.

Recreation: Councilperson Collins reported everything routine. They are finishing up football and soccer and will be starting basketball.

She reported on all the events happening at the Rec. Center. She informed council about the VFW Veterans Day Celebration on Nov, 11, 2011.

Airport: No Report

Water & WW: Danny Wilkerson gave council an update of the projects going on in the Water Department.

Downtown Development: Lynn reported that the Ultimate Yard Sale and the Fall Festival had been a big success. She thanked the Arts Council and the Kiwanis Club for their help.

Lynn reported that the Market was now opened with extended hours until Christmas.

Administrative: Councilperson Stroud reported that we are still waiting on the credit card company in order for the city to take credit cards.

Mayor : Mayor Schwabe had no report.

Councilperson Edenfield thanked council for all of the cards, flowers, and prayers, for their family in the passing of his brother.

Meeting was adjourned.

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