



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



**City Council Meeting**

**August 02, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Monday, August 02, 2010, at 6:00 P.M. at Swainsboro City Hall.

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

**Members Absent:** None

**Prayer of Invocation:** Councilperson Collins

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. Mayor Schwabe presented the August Home Town Hero to Mrs. Shari Watt. Mrs. Watt is a volunteer worker at the Swainsboro Animal Shelter. She has volunteered for 18 years. She spends many hours making sure that our animals are adopted and have good homes.

Mayor Schwabe presented a Proclamation declaring August 8<sup>th</sup> through 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010 as Heath Care Week in Swainsboro. BethAnn Patrick was present to accept the proclamation.

Motion to accept minutes from the previous meeting was made.

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

**A. Consensus Business**

None

**B. New Business**

1. Mayor Schwabe discussed with council about section 62-9 of the Ordinances of the city of Swainsboro giving the Mayor the authority to invoke a curfew if necessary. He stated that he thought a curfew should be established and wanted to know council’s input on the subject. After a long discussion no council member objected to the Mayor establishing a curfew for juveniles. The details of the curfew would be laid out by the Mayor and the curfew will become effective on August 11, 2010. The city will advertise the details of the curfew. Chief Ellison stated this will give him the authority to question youth who are out past the curfew hour. Penalties for violation of the curfew were discussed. The first offense would be a warning, the second offense would be a discussion with the parents, the third and future offenses would be a fine of \$300.00.

2. Administrator Lawson asked council to consider the acceptance of a Federal Entitlement Grant in the amount of \$150,000 for the Swainsboro/Emanuel Co. Airport. This is a 5% matching grant and would be split with the county. Motion was made to accept the grant as presented.

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

**C. Old Business**

1. Administrator Lawson presented the proposed Flood Ordinance for a second reading.

2. Council considered an amendment to the City Ordinances Section 62 Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions to require a permit to solicit funds on the public streets of Swainsboro. Mayor Schwabe announced that this was a Public Hearing for this ordinance and asked if anyone was present to speak for or against the ordinance. No one was present to speak for or against the ordinance. Motion was made to adopt the ordinance as presented.

**Motion: by Parker Secoded: by Stafford 6-0**

Fines for the violation of this ordinance were discussed and set as follows;

First Offense - Warning issued

Second Offense - Fine of \$100.00

Motion to accept the fine as presented was made.

**Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Stafford Passed 4-2  
Edenfield, Stroud - Objected**

3. Administrator Lawson presented the 2011 Budget for consideration. This budget would have no increase in the milage rate or no increase in the water rate. Mayor Schwabe announced that this would be Public Hearing for the 2011 Budget. All Department Heads for the city were in attendance to answer any questions that may occur. No one was present to speak for or against the budget. Motion was made to accept the 2011 budget as presented.

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

#### **D. Committee Reports**

**Police:** Councilperson Stafford presented the Police Report.

**Building and Safety:** No Report

**Executive:** No Report

**Public Works:** Councilperson Collins reported everything routine.

**Recycle:** Councilperson Collins reported that her committee had met and recommended Craige Johnson to fill the position vacated by the retirement of Mr. Barnell Anderson. Motion was made to accept the recommendation to hire Mr. Johnson.

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

**Fire :** Mayor Pro-Tem Parker reported the resignation of Firefighter Tommy Lester and asked permission to advertise for a new Firefighter position. No one objected.

**Recreation:** Councilperson Stroud reported everything routine. Ronnie Womack Director of the Recreation Department reported that the Rec. Dept. was now taking applications for fall football and soccer. He stated that the 11 & 12 year old softball team had competed at state and represented the city very well.

**Airport:** Mayor Schwabe had no report.

**Water & WW:** Councilperson Edenfield reported that after some investigation into the water usage situation, the Department of Natural Resources still has a water restriction on the State of Georgia and this will effect the future of the SPLASH Program.

**Downtown Development:** Lynn had no report.

**Administrative:** Councilperson Faulkner reported that her committee was looking at an updated personnel manual for city employees. Councilperson Faulkner stated she is looking into the possibility of building a splash pool for the kids in the city. This could be funded with the next SPLOST.

**Mayor :** Mayor Schwabe asked council to consider putting store hours on the sell of alcohol.

Council decided to move September meeting until September 13, 2010 because of the labor Day Holiday.

Council Adjourned

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