



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



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**City Council Meeting**

**February 06, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Monday, February 06, 2012, at 6:00 P.M. at Swainsboro City Hall.

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

**Members Absent:**

**Prayer of Invocation:** Reverend Paul Leigh

Motion to accept minutes from the previous meeting was made.

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

Councilperson Parker made issue that the council was accepting two sets of minutes and requested a verbatim copy of the January council meeting. Adm. Lawson stated the minutes are records and a recorded copy could be provided.

**A. Consensus Business**

None

**B. New Business**

1. Mr Ken Warnock, Chairman of the Southeast Regional Airport Committee, gave council an update on the progress at the airport. He gave council a detailed report on the progress of the new community hanger. He also informed council on how the projects were funded and where the funds were coming from. He explained how the joint city/county funding for the new hanger would work with reimbursement coming from the federal entitlement program.

Three projects were discussed:

- 1) Community Hanger \$750,000
- 2) Crack & Seal Project \$100,000
- 3) Finish Exterior Fencing \$100,000

Mr. Warnock explained this would take about six months to complete.

Mr. Warnock reported that an ADSB Automated Data Service Beta system has been located at the airport at no cost to the city or county and will be very beneficial to all who fly.

He updated council on the Air Force Bulldog MOA project explaining with Senator Isakson and Senator Chambliss' help this situation had been worked out.

2. Council heard the application (for advertisement only) of Bharatkomer Patel dba Emanuel Discount 119 South Central St. for beer and wine package only. Motion was made to advertise.

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

3. Council heard the application (for advertisement only) of Betsy Estrada dba Las Lomas Mexican Restaurant 686 South Main St. for mixed drink consumption. Motion was made to advertise.

**Motion: by Stafford Seconded: by Stroud 5-1  
Faulkner Opposed**

4. Mr. Henry Thompson, Commander of Sons of the American Legion Post 103, addressed council requesting the Sons of American Legion Post 103 be allowed to install a flagpole at the new Pine Brook Park. The cost of the flagpole would be donated by the Sons of the American Legion but ask for assistance in installing it and lighting it. Adm. Lawson reported he had spoke with Kenny Griffen of Georgia Power and a light could be installed on the pole in the park. Motion was made to allow the Sons of American Legion to install the flagpole.

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

Richard Claxton representing the Red Cross Blood Drive informed council of the upcoming Blood Drive on March 22, 2012.

Richard Claxton representing the American Legion and the VFW presented Mayor Schwabe a plaque of appreciation for all the assistance the city has given to the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

5. Adm. Lawson presented a resolution to submit an application for the 2012 Community Development Block Grant as follows:

## ***CITY OF SWAINSBORO*** **RESOLUTION**

A RESOLUTION by the Mayor and Council members of the City of Swainsboro, Georgia, to authorize submission of a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for funding under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council members of the City of Swainsboro, Georgia, found that the program is necessary and desirable in order to improve the living conditions of low and moderate income persons living in the City of Swainsboro, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council members of the City of Swainsboro, Georgia, desire that the CDBG application be submitted to the Georgia DCA for funding under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Mayor and Council members of the City of Swainsboro, Georgia, that:

The Mayor of the City of Swainsboro, or his/her successor, is hereby authorized to submit to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs a Community Development Block Grant application and such supporting and collateral material as shall be necessary.

READ, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council members of the City of Swainsboro, Georgia on a motion made by Stafford, seconded by Edenfield, and adopted on this 6th day of February, 2012.

Motion to adopt resolution as presented.

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

7. Ms. Jen Meadows, Director of Emanuel Arts Council, gave council a report on the upcoming African American Arts and Culture Event on March 3, 2012. She asked that Roger Shaw St. and Green St. be closed from 11am to 9pm for the festival. She stated there would be entertainment, arts and crafts, and food all day long.

Motion to grant the request of the street closures was made.

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

### **C. Old Business**

None

### **D. Committee Reports**

**Police:** Councilperson Faulkner reported the Police Department was routine.

Police Chief Ellison reminded everyone about the Police Banquet on February 16, 2012 at the Cadle Barn.

Police Chief Ellison reported that some progress had been made at the Animal Shelter with the stray dogs in the area.

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

**Public Works:** Councilperson Parker requested the purchase of two mower deck for OMI as follows:

1. X Marte Mower Deck \$2,601.34
2. Kabota Mower Deck \$2,342.00

Motion was made to purchase the items as requested.

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

Councilperson Parker reported that the doors at the Recycle Center need some attention. Estimate for the repairs will be obtained. He also reported that the refrigerator was in need of cleaning.

Councilperson Parker talked about the tires being thrown out side of the roads littering the city.

Councilperson Collins reported that the Clean UP Committee would be meeting some to look at new projects.

Councilperson Collins reported that she had received a request from the citizens of Central St. to install speed bumps on their street to help control the speed of the traffic. She presented petition from the residence in that area. Motion was made to honor the request.

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

**Fire:** Councilperson Stafford reported on the January fire calls.

Councilperson Stafford stated that the back roll up doors to Fire Station #1 were in need of repair and estimates have been received. A bid from Georgia Door and Gate for \$2,272.10 was presented for the replacement of the door panels. Motion was made to accept the bid and repair the doors.

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

Councilperson Stafford reported that the Fire Department was in need of radio equipment to be in compliance with the 2013 narrow band requirement from the FCC. He presented an estimate from Motorola in the amount of \$14,506.12 for the equipment. This would provide new pagers and radios for the Fire Department. Councilperson Stafford stated this equipment could be paid for out of the extra SPLOST money received from the previous SPLOST. Chief Strobridge stated these pagers and radios should last the department for the next ten years. Motion was made to purchase the equipment.

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

Councilperson Stafford reported that Emanuel County was interested in purchasing the 1981 Fire Engine. Chief Strobridge reported he has called some equipment dealers and found out the truck was worth about \$5,000.00. Motion was made to sell the truck to the county for \$5,000.00.

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

**Recreation:** Councilperson Collins reported everything routine. She reported that the Rec. Dept. is presently repairing the Gym on Church St.

**Airport:** Reported earlier by Chairman Warnock.

**Water & WW:** Councilperson Edenfield ask Danny with OMI to give council an update on the sewage projects.

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

**Administrative:** Councilperson Stroud reported that City Hall is now on line for Utility Billing. You can see your water bills online. She stated that next week we will be able to take credit cards over the counter.

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

Mayor Schwabe asked that all Council Members remain in the same position as last year for Committee Chairs.

Mayor Schwabe asked Councilperson Stroud to serve on the Tree Committee as an appointee from the council.

Mayor Schwabe ask all council members to set goals for their departments.

Mayor Schwabe ask all citizens to take ownership and be good stewards to help make Swainsboro the best city in the state. He asked for all citizens to feel the responsibility and take pride in your town and work together to accomplish that goal.

Councilperson Faulkner requested an executive session to discuss a personnel issue. Motion was made and roll call vote all in favor.

#### 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 6th day of February, 2012.**

**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 6th day of February, 2012, which was closed for the purpose of personnel issue requested by Councilperson Rita 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 6th day of February, 2012

Council reentered regular session.

No Action taken.

Meeting was adjourned.

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