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City Council Meeting

July 02, 2012

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Monday, July 02, 2012, at 6:00 P.M. at Swainsboro City Hall.

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

Members Absent:

Prayer of Invocation: Rev. Bill Woodson

Mayor Schwabe presented the “Our Home Town Hero” Award to the 1958 Emanuel County Elementary & High School State Champion Girls Basketball Team. These girls won the state championship but was not recorded in the records. After research this was brought to light. The team is now getting the recognition they deserve. Assisting with the presentation was Mayor Pro Tem Rita Faulkner. Present were team members; Christine Quarterman Moore, Martha Lawrence, Betty Wadley, and Mary Lawrence.

Motion to accept minutes from the previous meeting was made.

Motion: by Stroud Seconded: by Parker 6-0

A. Consensus Business

None

B. New Business

1. Mr. Bill Curry and Mr. Ron Hill was present to give council an invitation to the upcoming HAMfest they are planning. Mr. Hill explained their local Southeast Amateur Radio Association would be hosting a HAMfest. They were expecting a crowd of more than 300 people. The event will be held at the Varner 4-H Center on August 25th from 9:00am to 4:00pm.

C. Old Business

1. Council heard the application of Michael Dorminey dba Swainsboro Sunoco 350 East Main St., for beer and wine package only. Mayor Schwabe announced this was a Public Hearing for this application and asked if anyone was present for or against the application. No one opposed. Motion was made to grant.

Motion: by Edenfield Seconded: by Stroud 6-0

D. Committee Reports

Police: Councilperson Faulkner complemented the new Police Color Guard on doing a good job.

Police Chief Ellison reported on the 4 establishments that were shut down for illegal gambling.

Mayor Schwabe congratulated the Department on doing a good job.

Executive: Councilperson Stroud had no report.

Public Works: Councilperson Parker reported everything routine.

Councilperson Parker reported on the roads and stated he was waiting on the results on the TE-SPLOST.

He shared his concerns about big trucks in the neighborhoods and what can be done. Council discussed the subject and explained this problem had been brought to a previous council and no action was taken because this would be a hardship on many truckers.

Mayor Schwabe talked about the upcoming TE-SPLOST and what it meant to the future of road paving in Swainsboro. He stated this was an important referendum in securing funds to improve our roads for the next 10 years. He also stated a portion of this money could be used to lower operating cost in the public works department. A motion was made by council to support the referendum.

Motion: by Edenfield Seconded: by Parker 6-0

Fire: Councilperson Stafford reported everything routine.

Mayor Schwabe informed council that the City/County joint fire station agreement had been signed by the county and asked council to allow him to advertise to hire an architect for the design of the building. Motion was made to allow the Mayor to proceed.

Motion: by Stafford Seconded: by Stroud 6-0

Recreation: Councilperson Collins reported that new play ground equipment had been installed at Harmon Park, the Recreation Complex, and the softball fields.

She reported on the following upcoming events;

July 14th John Connolly Concert

July 19th Bloodmobile

July 28th Miss SE/Emanuel Co. Little Pageants

Estimates are being obtained on the splash pad facility.

Councilperson Parker asked about the progress of the old gym.

Airport: No report

Water & WW: Councilperson Edenfield reported on the progress of the USDA project and the GEFA project. He reminded everyone that the city still has to follow the Georgia Water Stewardship Act mandated by the State of Georgia.

Downtown Development: Lynn had no report.

Administrative: No report

Building Inspection: No report

Mayor : Mayor Schwabe reported it was time to start considering the 2013 budget. He asked for a special work session on July 23rd to plan the upcoming budget.

Mayor Schwabe reported money had been placed in the 2011 SPLOST to redo the windows in City Hall. He asked permission from council to seek bids for this project. No one objected.

Councilperson Stafford called for an Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.

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 2nd day of July, 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 persons 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 2nd day of July 2012, which was closed for the purpose of personnel issue requested by Councilperson Johnny Ray Stafford 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.

This 2nd day of July, 2012

Council re-entered regular session with council taking no action.

Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted: Al L Lawson, City Administrator