



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



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**City Council Meeting**

**July 06, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Monday, July 06, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. at Swainsboro City Hall

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

**Members Absent:**

**Prayer of Invocation:** Rev. Tim Nary

Motion to accept minutes from the previous meeting was made.

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

**A. Consensus Business**

None

**B. New Business**

1. Members of the Community Action for Youth Group were in attendance to address council. Spokesperson for the group was Mrs. Erma Jenkins. She informed council the non-profit group was seeking funding to restore the old gym located on Gumlog Rd. The group will be applying for a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$500,000. The group has to come up with \$10,000 local matching funds for the application. Mrs. Jenkins stated she had met with the Emanuel County Commissioners and they have agreed to give the group \$5,000 and she is requesting \$5,000 from the city. This money will be used for the matching portion of the grant application. The County will be the lead applicant on the grant for the group. After many questions from the council, motion was made to fund the \$5,000 request in the 2016 budget necessary for the match portion of the grant application.

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

2. Mrs. Christine Quaterman and a group of citizens from the Robin Rd. area were present to complain about the wet condition behind their houses. Council member Faulkner explained that the canal that runs through that area has not been properly maintained. Mike Connolly with Ch2Mhill stated it had been too wet to get in the area with any equipment. An engineer suggested drain tile be placed in the area but the weather has prohibited the work from being done. Mayor Schwabe assured the group this was a priority and would be addressed as soon as the weather cooperates.

3. Council heard the alcoholic beverage license application (for advertisement only) from Rajesh Patel dba Food Mart 502 North Main St., Swainsboro, Ga., for beer and wine package only. Motion was made to advertise the application.

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

4. Bro. Brad McKenzie, with Emanuel Christian Ministries, asked council's permission to hold a 5K run to raise money for a mission trip. This run would end at the Boneyard and he has requested that Green St. be closed on August 1, 2015 from 7:00am to 11:00am for safety reasons. Motion to grant permission for the run and the road closure was made.

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

5. Gary Wilson addressed council with some concerns he has.

**C. Old Business**

None

## **D. Committee Reports**

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

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

Councilperson Parker asked Administrator Lawson to check with Allgreen to see if they had some old trash receptacles that can be used at the Recycle Center.

**Fire:** Councilperson Collins presented the June Fire Report.

The City is advertising for a new Fire Fighter Position.

**Recreation:** Councilperson Faulkner reported everything routine. She reported the Splash in Sports is averaging 50 to 60 kids on the week ends.

More activities for senior citizens and a dog park were suggested.

Councilperson Faulkner asked council to consider the closure of Gumlog Rd. from Robin Rd. to Shearouse St. on August 01, 2015, from 12:00pm to 5:00pm for a community activity. Motion was made to grant the request.

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

**Airport:** No Report

**Executive:** No Report

**Water & WW:** Councilperson Edenfield reported that Ch2Mhill continues to repair water meters.

**Downtown Development:** No report

**Administrative:** No Report

**Building Inspection:** Councilperson Faulkner asked what could be done to speed up the process of eliminating delapidated houses. Mayor Schwabe asked her to head up a committee to look into the process.

**Mayor:** Mayor Schwabe announced that the city now has Code Red. This is an early warning system for its citizens to warn them of inclement weather approaching. Go to the cities web site to sign up.

Mayor Schwabe, along with Councilperson Edenfield, thanked the Swainsboro Jaycees for a great July Fourth Celebration. Mayor Schwabe also thanked the Twin City Fire Department for assisting with parking for the event.

Mayor Schwabe informed council an official letter from the city of Swainsboro had been sent to the Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, sending condolences for the recent tragedy.

**Meeting was adjourned.**

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