



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



**City Council Meeting**

**June 07, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Monday, June 07, 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 Stroud

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 June Home Town Hero to Charles Doster. Mr. Doster is a retired music director for many age groups in our community. Mayor Schwabe commented before coming to Swainsboro Mr. Doster performed with Leonard Bernstein. Adm. Lawson praised Mr. Doster for the number of lives he has touched in our community. He spoke of how he was very thankful that Mr. Doster had given him the love of music. A large crowd was in attendance in support of Mr. Doster.

Motion to accept minutes from the previous meeting was made.

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

**A. Consensus Business**

None

**B. New Business**

1. Council heard the alcoholic beverage application, of Samuel Mendez dba Sam and T, 502 North Main St. for advertisement only, for beer and wine package only.

Motion to advertise was made.

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

2. Council heard the alcoholic beverage application, of Bharatkumar S. Patel dba D & J Food Mart, 334 North Main St. for advertisement only, for beer and wine package only.

Motion to advertise was made.

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

3. Council heard the alcoholic beverage application, of Virendrabhai Patel dba ABC Food Mart 208 North Main St., for advertisement only, for beer and wine package only.

Motion to advertise was made.

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

4. Mr. Walt Youmans addressed council with a proposal of a new housing apartment complex located on Pine St. This development would be an apartment complex with 48 units. Mr. Youmans asked support from the council. He stated that the support from the council would help him get the necessary points needed to get funding from the Georgia DCA. Council asked Mr. Youmans many questions. Mr. Youmans stated this was about a \$7.5 million dollar project. Motion was made to table this until council had a chance to study it.

5. Mrs. Joan Dunn, representing the Emanuel Arts Festival Committee, addressed council about the upcoming 2010 Arts Festival. She stated the festival would be September 25, 2010 from 10:00am until 4:00pm. She asked that Roger Shaw and Green St. be closed off during these hours of the festival. She also asked for support of the Swainsboro Police Department and OMI. Mrs. Dunn thanked Councilperson Faulkner for agreeing to serve on the Arts Council Board.

Motion was made to grant the request and support the festival

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

Mrs. Dunn invited the council to the next Arts Council Board meeting at East Georgia College.

6. Council heard the reading of 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. This was the first reading of the proposed ordinance change. Motion was made to approve the ordinance for consideration.

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

7. Mr. Robbie Addaway, representing AllGreen Services, presented a proposal to council to take over the Swainsboro Recycle Center. Council had many questions on the proposal and wanted more time to study the options. Mayor Schwabe formed a committee of Councilperson Collins, Chair, Councilperson Edenfield, Mayor Pro Tem Parker, and himself to study the proposal and bring council some options on the center.

8. Adm. Lawson presented the Emanuel County Work Detail renewal contract for the 2011 year. He stated that the contract was the same as the 2010 contract and this was the detail that the city and OMI shared. He reported that he had spoken with Mike Connolly with OMI and they are in favor of renewing the contract.

Motion was made to renew the contract for the 2011 year.

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

9. Adm. Lawson presented the Treutlen County Work Detail contract for the 2011 year. He stated that the contract was the same as the 2010 contract. This was the detail that was at the Recycle Center. Mayor Schwabe stated that the volume of material at the Recycle Center has fallen off to the point that it was not economically feasible to fund this detail any more. He stated that the detail was helpful in many areas to the city but the city had to cut back on some things and this could be one of those areas.

Motion was made not to renew the contract.

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

Mayor Schwabe then reminded the recycle committee they had to come up with some other way to run the recycle center now.

### **C. Old Business**

1. Council heard the request for alcoholic beverage application from James Matthew Glisson dba C J's located at 112 Central St. for beer and wine consumption on the premises. Motion was made to grant application.

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

2. Council heard the second reading of the "Community Redevelopment Tax Incentive Program". This program is designed to tax blighted property at an increased rate.

### **D. Committee Reports**

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

Councilperson Faulkner asked Police Chief Ellison if he was aware of the events of July Forth. She stated they usually have a car show at the Omega Club and block the streets so traffic can not flow through that area. He stated he will bring this to the attention of the department and they will be ready.

**Building and Safety:** No Report.

**Executive:** No Report

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

**Recycle:** Councilperson Collins reported everything was covered in the meeting.

**Fire :** Mayor Pro-Tem Parker reported everything routine.

He reported that the SPLASH Program would be forth coming and he would report a schedule to the council at the next meeting.

**Recreation:** Councilperson Stroud reported everything routine.

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

**Water & WW:** Councilperson Edenfield reported everything routine.

Adm. Lawson reported on the emergency repair on South Main of the busted sewage line. He stated he has worked with Turnipseed Eng. and they had received approval from the USDA to include the repairs in the \$13M grant/loan the city has received for sewage improvement. He reported the work can be done and reimbursed from the USDA for the project. He stated that bids were taken and the low bid was from Shockley Plumbing for \$93000.00. This amount would be included in the USDA project for reimbursement later on.

**Downtown Development:** Lynn reported to council that the DDA was hosting an Ultimate Yard Sale on June 12, 2010 and asked council to close Roger Shaw St from 7:00 until 12:00. She stated the response has been very good.

Motion to honor the DDA request and support the project.

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

Lynn reported that the committee was working on the policies and guidelines for the new antique mall and would be visiting others to get some ideas.

**Administrative:** Administrator Lawson reported that the city had taken bids on the 2005 DOT T-Project. The bids were as follows:

R. J Haynie	\$506,614.39
L-J Inc	\$578,345.25
Foskey & Sons	\$622,674.70
John Lavender & Assoc.	\$632,442.20
Y-Delta Inc	\$680,625.77
Woodard Co.	\$692,432.00
Baggett Const.	\$723,849.50
Construction Perfected	\$726,963.45
JHC Corp.	\$745,766.00

Motion was made to award the contract to R. J. Haynie.

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

**Mayor :** Mayor Schwabe stated he had met with some concerned groups of citizens to help organize a Safe Neighborhood Movement. He stated this group was very concerned about the safety of certain areas of the city.

Mayor Schwabe asked Councilperson Faulkner, who is over Administrative, to work with Administrator Lawson on updating the city personnel manual.

Mayor Schwabe stated he is working with Police Chief Ellison to get a community service work detail back on the streets to help clean up the city.

Mayor Schwabe asked Chief Ellison to look into the nuisance ordinance relating to the number of complaints to a certain address and what action the city can take.

Mayor Schwabe reported that the Boy Scouts and himself had placed flags on the graves of veterans in the city cemetery on Memorial Day.

Mayor Schwabe reported about the new flag that was being placed in the city cemetery by a private donation. He reminded everyone about the dedication on Flag Day June 14, 2010 at 2:00pm.

Mayor Schwabe stated that the Swainsboro Jaycees have sent in a grant application for the Fourth of July Fireworks display for \$4,000. This is an increase over the previous year because their funding has been cut. Council ask what was budgeted. Adm. Lawson stated that \$3,000 was the budgeted amount in the 2010 budget. Motion was made to fund the \$3,000 budgeted amount was made.

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

Mayor Schwabe stated that he has had numerous requests for speed bumps on Project St. He asked Councilperson Faulkner what she thought as this was located in her district. She stated she was not a fan of speed bumps but the safety of the children in that area comes first. A motion was made to install speed bumps as needed on Project St.

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

Councilperson Faulkner asked Adm. Lawson to find out what the cost of a water park would be. She stated there are some small parks in Augusta and she would like to know what the cost of one similar to them would be.

Council Adjourned

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