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Swainsboro
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GEORGIA

City Council Meeting

May 01, 2017

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Monday, May 01, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. at Swainsboro City Hall.

Members Present: Stafford, Sconyers, Collins, Parker, Faulkner & Bragg

Members Absent:

Prayer of Invocation: Renee' Price

Motion to accept minutes from the previous meeting was made.

Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Bragg 6-0

A workshop meeting was held at 5:00pm
Topics of discussion;

1. Food Pantry

Councilperson Bragg was given three options to offer the pantry to relocate.

- a. Old middle School Lunchroom (She would check with the BOE about availability.
- b. Old High School Gym- (Rec. Dept. she would be shown this location)
- c. Old Primary School - lunchroom (BOE has agreed to give the location to the city , roof repairs would need to be made)

2. Summer Programs for kids

- a. Transportation for kids (Coordinate with the Feed-A-Kid Program)
- b. Summer Basketball
- c. Basketball Camp
- d. Soccer Camp
- e. SPLASH in SPORTS
- f. SFD SPLASH Program

Mayor ask for a committee to get deeper into these activities.

3. Violence in the city

Police Chief Ellison spoke on guns and gangs.
More support from certain council members.

A. Consensus Business

None

B. New Business

1. Mr. Grant Mannion with Butler/Snow attorneys representing a group investing in Summerset Apts. made a brief presentation to mayor and council asking for support in the renovation of the these apartments. He explained that his client had purchased the complex and would be making a \$600,000 renovation of the property . In doing the renovation he would be seeking tax credit and this required a resolution of support from the council. Motion was made to execute the resolution of support for the project.

Motion: by Sconyers Seconded: by Stafford 6-0

2. Dr. James Mason addressed council about the violence in the city. Council discussed many of the issues and challenges.

3. Mr. Donald and Erma Jenkins spoke to council with concerns in their neighborhood.
Mr. Jenkins spoke on more police presence in the community.
Removal of some abandoned houses in the neighborhood.
Status of a Drug/gang task force?

Council assured the Jenkins their concerns had been heard and will be addressed.

C. Old Business

None

D. Committee Reports

Recreation: Councilperson Parker reported the dog park would be delayed a couple of months. SPLASH in SPORTS will open Memorial Day.

Water and Waste Water: Councilperson Sconyers reported everything routine.
Don Dobson with CH2M presented the city with a Gold Award that was awarded to the waste water treatment plant for the 2016 year. This award was given for being in compliance everyday of the year.

Police: Councilperson Stafford reported everything routine. He presented the monthly report.

Public Works: Councilperson Faulkner reported everything routine. Getting ready for the Pine Tree Festival.

CH2M employee Johnny Mills asked the council to take some action about citizens mixing trash with yard waste. The transfer station for inert materials can only take natural materials such as limbs, leaves, grass and straw. The trash in the pick up was causing a hardship and could not be taken to the transfer station. This material had to be taken to the county transfer station and that cost the city a lot of money. Council stated it would try to come up with some solutions.

Administrative: Councilperson Collins reported everything routine.

Fire: Councilperson Bragg reported everything routine.

Administrator Lawson explained to council that because Dykess Paving Co was in town working on the South US #1 project he had obtained a price on paving the Fire Department parking lot that ewewzxaVB mip'ngbo has not been paved. He reported to council the price to pave the lot would be \$23,678.00. This would include a thicker base for the fire trucks. Motion was made to proceed with the paving project.

Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Faulkner 6-0

Airport: No Report

Executive: No Report

Downtown Development: No Report

Building Inspection: No Report

Mayor: No Report

Submitted: AL L Lawson, City Administrator