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City Council Meeting

March 01, 2010

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Monday, March 01, 2010, at 6:00 P.M. at Swainsboro City Hall.

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

Members Absent: None

Prayer of Invocation: Administrator Lawson

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 March Home Town Hero to Anthony Faris. Anthony is currently the Downtown Development Director but has resigned his position to further his education. Mayor Schwabe explained in the short time Anthony has been with the city he has accomplished a lot and his presence will be missed. Anthony stated that this award is about giving back to this community and he hoped he had accomplished that.

Mayor Schwabe presented a proclamation declaring March 2010 Red Cross Month in the City of Swainsboro. The proclamation was given to the local director Wally Gallian. Mr. Gallian was present to accept the proclamation. Mr. Gallian shared with the council all that the Red Cross does in Emanuel County and stated he would like to have a bucket drive to raise money for the 2010 year. This fund drive would be on April 17th from 10:00 until 2:00 at the intersections of Main and Main and Main and Moring. Motion was made to grant the request.

Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Collins 6-0

Mayor Schwabe welcomed the winners of the county Star Student Program. He congratulated the Emanuel County winner from David Emanuel Academy, Evan Simmons, the Swainsboro High School winner Miriam Durden who was present with her parents, and the ECI winner David Hodges.

Motion to accept minutes from the previous meeting was made.

Motion: by Stafford Seconded: by Stroud 6-0

A. Consensus Business

Motion was made to accept and approve the consensus agenda as presented.

Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Faulkner 6-0

B. New Business

1. Mayor Schwabe presented a working draft of the Job Training Incentive Program for council's consideration. This would encourage companies interested in locating in Swainsboro. The Job Training Program would help companies with the up front cost of locating. Council asked to have the opportunity to study this program before consideration. Councilperson Faulkner asked Administrator Lawson to check with other cities to see if they offered similar programs and see how they worked and if they were successful. Mayor Schwabe explained that there were three new businesses looking at Swainsboro at the present time and time was very important with their consideration of this proposal. Council agreed to meet back within two weeks to make a decision.

C. Old Business

1. Council heard the second reading on the C6-D Zoning change. Adm. Lawson reported that a Public Hearing was held at 5:30 on March 1, 2010 and members of the Downtown Development Authority were in attendance to support the change. No one was present in opposition to the change. The ordinance will appear on the next council agenda for consideration.

D. Committee Reports

Police: Councilperson Stafford presented the Police Report.

Police Chief Randy Ellison thanked OMI for the good job they are doing on the Police vehicles.

Building and Safety: Routine

Executive: No Report

Public Works: Councilperson Collins reported everything routine.

Recycle: Councilperson Collins reported everything routine.

Fire : Mayor Pro-Tem Parker reported everything routine.

Recreation: Councilperson Stroud reported everything routine.

Airport: Mayor Schwabe had no report.

Water & WW: Councilperson Edenfield reported everything routine.

Downtown Development: Anthony Faris reported the new “Shop Downtown” cards were a hit and he was ordering 1000 more. There are 26 businesses that are participating in the program.

Administrative: Administrator Lawson had no report.

Administrator Lawson opened sealed bids on the concrete products for the 2010 year.

Bids were received from: Evans Concrete, Twin City Concrete, and D M & N Trucking.

Motion was made to allow Chairperson Collins to study the bids and award the contract to the low bidder.

Motion: by Stafford Seconded: by Edenfield 6-0

Administrator Lawson opened sealed bids on the wrecker services for the 2010 year.

Bids were received from: Joe’s Amoco and Watkins BP

Motion was made to award the contract to Joe’s Amoco the lower bidder.

Motion: by Stafford Seconded: by Edenfield 6-0

Administrator Lawson reported that the Ga. DOT has approve the construction of the sidewalk T-project and as soon as the city gets the approval from Atlanta it will be up for bids.

Administrator Lawson reported that the Ga. DOT has approved the repairs on Empire Expressway and that project will be bid out and brought for council approval when the bids are received.

Mayor : Mayor Schwabe asked everyone to review a copy of blighted condition property ordinance. Mayor Schwabe announced he would be making the changes discussed and present them at the next meeting.

Mayor Schwabe reminded everyone about the importance of the 2010 Census. He asked all the city council to encourage everyone to participate. He thanked Councilperson Collins for the letters she had sent out reminding everyone about the Census.

Mayor Schwabe read a thank you letter to the council from Mrs. E. K. Miller.

Mayor Pro-Tem Parker invited everyone to the Swainsboro High School Gym on March 27th at 7:00 pm to see the former Harlem Globetrotters live.

Council Adjourned

Submitted: A L L Lawson , City Administrator