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City Council Meeting

May 07, 2012

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Monday, May 07, 2012, at 6:00 P.M. at Swainsboro City Hall.

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

Members Absent: Stroud

Prayer of Invocation: Rev. Bob Blankenship

Mayor Schwabe presented the “Our Home Town Hero” Award to Sid Shepherd. He is the longest serving Municipal Attorney in the State of Georgia. He has served the city of Swainsboro for over 50 years. He has also served his community in many other rolls over his lifetime. Sid Shepherd is a true asset to our city and a perfect “Our Home Town Hero”.

Motion to accept minutes from the previous meeting was made.

Motion: by Stafford Seconded: by Faulkner 5-0

A. Consensus Business

None

B. New Business

1. Mr. Mikell Clifton, representing the Swainsboro Jaycees spoke to council about the upcoming 4th of July fireworks display. He explained that funding for the event comes from their flag project. The Jaycees spend about \$8,000 on the fireworks. He noted that \$5,000 comes from the flag project and the other \$3,000 from the city. Mayor Schwabe explained that due to budget cuts the \$3,000 grant from the city had been cut out. Mayor Schwabe explained the city would help in any way and see if money could be found to support the project.

C. Old Business

1. Council considered the sell of the property located at 501 Rentz St. which had been surplus by the city. Two bids were given as follows;

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| 1. Keep It Moving | \$1,000.00 |
| 2. Trinity Missionary Baptist Church | \$700.00 |

Motion was made to accept the bid of Trinity Baptist Church of \$700.00

Motion: by Faulkner Seconded: by Parker 3-2 Motion Passed
Edenfield , Stafford - opposed

D. Committee Reports

Police: Councilperson Faulkner stated that interviews for Police Officer were held and no one was recommended from the interviewed applicants. We will re-advertise for that position.

Police Chief Ellison reported that the new Swainsboro Color Guard was up and training and would be ready for Memorial Day.

Executive: Councilperson Stroud had no report.

Public Works: Councilperson Parker reported that the cylinders on one of the boom trash trucks needed rebuilding . The cost to rebuild the cylinders were \$1800.00 and the cost of new cylinders were \$2,651.32. Danny Wilkerson with OMI stated the rebuild cylinders only lasted about one year, the new ones hold up a lot longer. Motion was made to purchase the new cylinders for the boom truck.

Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Stafford 5-0

Councilperson Parker then reported that the mud hog was also in need of repair. To rebuild the pump the cost would be \$400.00. To buy a new one, the cost would be \$2500.00. Danny Wilkerson reported he thought a repair on the pump would be adequate. Motion was made to repair the pump.

Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Stafford 5-0

Councilperson Faulkner asked that the speed bumps on Central St. be painted.

Mayor Schwabe reported that the 2011 SPLOST money should coming in the near future and the city could start re-paving some of these badly needed roads.

Fire: Councilperson Stafford reported that the Fire Personnel Committee had interviewed for a new Fire Fighters position and recommended the hiring of Chris Headrick. He is currently on the volunteers. Motion was made to hire Chris Headrick as the new Fire Fighter.

Motion: by Stafford Seconded: by Edenfield 5-0

Councilperson Stafford reported that the Fire Dept, has been without a full time secretary and asked to advertise for that position. No one objected.

Recreation: Councilperson Collins reported on all of the events at the Rec. Department.

Airport: No report

Water & WW: Councilperson Edenfield reported on the progress of the USDA project and the GEFA project.

He also reported that the water line break on Kite Hwy. has been repaired by OMI last Sunday night.

Downtown Development: Lynn had no report.

Administrative: No report

Building Inspection: Building Inspector Bruce Kirby gave a safety class to council explaining different ways the city and it's citizens could be kept safe. He gave out literature including;

10 tips to remember for green and sustainable buildings

10 tips to remember for disaster safety and mitigation

10 tips to remember for fire safety and awareness

10 tips to remember for backyard safety

Mayor : Mayor Schwabe thanked the Police, Fire, OMI, Brad and Danny for all of the help with the Pine Tree Festival. He also thanked the Swainsboro Jaycees for giving manpower assistance.

Mayor Schwabe wished Councilperson Stroud a speedy recovery from her recent health issue.

An Executive Session was called for the discussion of a land acquisition 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 7th day of May, 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 person 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 7th day of May 2012, which was closed for the purpose of land acquisition requested by Mayor Charles Schwabe 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 7th day of May, 2012

Council re-entered regular session

Motion was made to enter into a joint agreement with Emanuel County to build a joint Swainsboro/Emanuel County Fire Station furnishing two-thirds of the funding up to \$400,000.

Motion: by Stafford Seconded: by Parker 5-0

Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted: AL L Lawson, City Administrator