



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



**City Council Meeting**

**May 02, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Monday, May 02, 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 Edenfield

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 May Home Town Hero to Mae Goddard. Mrs. Goddard is the director of the Swainsboro Food Pantry. She and her volunteers work constantly to provide food for the needy. Mayor Schwabe recognized her for faithful hard work. Mrs. Goddard was very appreciative and stated this was in memory of her mother.

Motion to accept minutes from the previous meeting was made.

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

**A. Consensus Business**

Consensus items presented as follows;

1. American Red Cross Grant      Grant      \$500.00

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

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

Denese Register was present representing the American Red Cross and asking permission for their volunteers to hold a bucket drive on June 12<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of June 26<sup>th</sup>. She requested the drive be held at Main and Main, Main and Moring, and the four -way stop at Moring and Tyson Streets. The drive will be held from 10:00 until 2:00.

Motion was made to allow the bucket drive as requested.

Councilperson Edenfield stated that he appreciated the Red Cross getting permission in the proper manner and stated he has received complaints of unauthorized charitable solicitations. He was examining the city's ordinance allowing charitable solicitations and stated it needed to be changed. He suggested that permission be requested from the city council and a written permit be at the location of the solicitation. Council discussed this and asked Administrator Lawson to prepare an ordinance with the suggested changes for presentation at the next council meeting.

**B. New Business**

1. Council heard the request for alcoholic beverage application from James Mathew Glisson dba C J's located at 112 Central St. for advertisement only, for beer and wine consumption on the premises.

2. Council heard the request from Mayor Schwabe to return some property to East Georgia College that was supposed to be used by the city for a road but was never constructed. No one objected to returning the property.

Motion was made to return the property to East Georgia College as presented.

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

### C. Old Business

1. Council heard the request for alcoholic beverage application from Mengzia Lui dba New Great Wall 537 South Main St. for beer and wine consumption on the premises.

Motion was made to grant application pending final inspection.

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

2. Administrator Lawson explained that when contacting the Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority about council approving the funds for the replacement of the water tower on South Circle Drive at the previous meeting, they had added an additional condition to the loan after the meeting. He presented the terms of the loan as follows:

The city of Swainsboro will receive from the State Drinking Water SRF fund a loan of \$500,000 at 0% interest along with a \$500,000 subsidy making the total \$1,000,000 for 20 years. The approved money is contingent upon the following special conditions.

1. The city of Swainsboro shall increase the water and sewage revenue funds sufficient to generate \$40,000 in additional annual revenue. The increase shall be effective no later than December 1, 2011 along with a resolution pursuant to the increase.

2. The city of Swainsboro shall establish a debt service reserve account on or before the loan amortization commencement date in an amount equal to \$275,000 to secure all loans made by funds held by GEFA.

Motion was made to accept the conditions and move forward with the execution of the loan/grant.

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

3. Council heard the second reading of the "Community Redevelopment Tax Incentive Program". This program is designed to tax blighted property at an increased rate. Mayor Schwabe pointed out that a couple of changes had been made since the original presentation. The changes are included in the proposed ordinance as follows. This will be the first reading of the ordinance.

### D. Committee Reports

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

**Building and Safety:** Bruce Kirby gave council an update on the abandoned houses that he was working on. He stated that he would be sending about 6 or 8 to the next court session.

**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. She commended the Rec. Dept on the good job that was done for the Pine Tree Festival and activities.

Councilperson Collins praised the Rec. Dept for the good job they did with the kids at the State Track Meet in Carrollton.

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

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

Bruce gave a report on the grease trap that had been inspected.

Councilperson Edenfield reported on a 12" sewage line that had ruptured on South Main.

**Downtown Development:** Lynn had no report.

**Administrative:** Administrator Lawson reported that the paving contract for portions of Empire Expressway had been awarded and the work will commence within the next few weeks.

**Mayor :** Mayor Schwabe thanked all of the Pine Tree Festival Committee for a job well done.

Council Adjourned

Submitted: **AIL Lawson** , City Administrator