



CITY OF
Swainsboro
Crossroads of the Great South



City Council Meeting

November 01, 2010

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

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

Members Absent: Parker

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 November Home Town Hero to Mr. Moses “Pete” Archie Jr. Mr. Archie has worked with the senior citizens in the area for over 44 years. Someone made the comment, “Pete is the only person some of these people see all day and he is always friendly and shares with them all.” Council Member Faulkner stated that he is always giving and never wants anything in return.

Motion to accept minutes from the previous meeting was made.

Motion: by Stroud Seconded: by Faulkner 5-0

A. Consensus Business

None

B. New Business

1. Lynn Brinson the DDA Director reported to council about the 2010 Christmas Parade and requested the closure of Roger Shaw St. from Green St. to South Main St. from 4:00pm to 9:00pm Motion was made to honor the request.

Motion: by Stafford Seconded: by Edenfield 5-0

2. Council heard a request in the form of a letter for Mutual Aid from East Georgia President Dr. John Black. This Mutual Aid agreement will be between the City of Swainsboro and the University System of Georgia to assist in providing police and fire protection to East Georgia College when necessary.

Motion: by Edenfield Seconded: by Stroud 5-0

3. Adm. Lawson reported to the council that in order for the city of Swainsboro to be designated a Georgia Municipal City of Ethics, the city must pass a resolution every five years reiterating the city’s commitment to ethics. This resolution will be sent to the Georgia Municipal Association who grant the distinction “City of Ethics”. Swainsboro has been a City of Ethics for the past 10 years.

Motion was made to accept the Resolution as presented.

Motion: by Faulkner Seconded: by Stroud 5-0

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Board of Directors of the Georgia Municipal Association has established a Certified City of Ethics program; and,

WHEREAS the City of Swainsboro, wishes to be certified as a Certified City of Ethics under the GMA Program; and,

WHEREAS part of the certification process requires the Mayor and Council to subscribe to the ethics principles approved by the GMA Board;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the governing authority of the City of Swainsboro, Georgia, that as a group and as individuals, the governing authority subscribes to the following ethics principles and pledges to conduct its affairs accordingly:

- * Serve Others, Not Ourselves
- * Use Resources With Efficiency and Economy
- * Treat All People Fairly
- * Use The Power Of Our Position For The Well Being Of Our Constituents
- * Create An Environment Of Honesty, Openness And Integrity

RESOLVED this 1st day of November, 2010.

Mayor

Councilmember

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C. Old Business

1. Council heard an ordinance change request presented by waste water treatment operator Opie Hall to correct a typo in the pretreatment ordinance. This is the second reading of this ordinance change.

2. Council heard an ordinance change request presented by Police Chief Ellison dealing with the hours of operation for consumption on the premises licence holders. This is the second reading of this ordinance change.

D. Committee Reports

Police: Councilperson Stafford presented the Police Report.

Police Chief Ellison reported that Officer Hall is recovering nicely.

Police Chief Ellison reported on August 29, 2010 he and other officers were working a shooting at Janice's Place on Williams St. when they observed many containers of alcoholic beverages. After a complete investigation it was found that this establishment was selling alcohol illegally. He stated that the owner of the business had been found guilty in criminal court and he was bringing the state of the license to the council to make a decision on the future of the business license. Council discussed the license and then set a fine of \$500.00 and revocation of the license for the remainder on the license period. This fine must be paid before the license can be reinstated.

Motion: by Stroud Seconded: by Faulkner 5-0

Mayor Schwabe asked Police Chief Ellison to look into the fine schedule for the city to see if it needed upgrading.

Executive: No Report

Public Works: Councilperson Collins reported everything routine.

Recycle: Councilperson Collins had no report.

Fire : Mayor Pro-Tem Parker was not present.

Mayor Schwabe acknowledged Spenser Wood for his recognition by the Environmental Protection Division for a job well done on the fuel spill in Twin City.

Councilperson Edenfield asked if anyone has heard of a project called Code Red. An early detection system to warn of tornados and inclement weather.

Recreation: Councilperson Stroud reported everything routine.

Airport: Mayor Schwabe had no report.

Water & WW: Councilperson Edenfield reported everything routine.

Downtown Development: Lynn updated council on the following activities; She reported that the Farmers Markets will run through the end of this month. She informed council the Ultimate Yard Sale will be this Saturday.

Administrative: Adm. Lawson had no report.

Mayor : Mayor Schwabe reported on the downtown sidewalk project.

Mayor Schwabe appointed Council members Edenfield, Faulkner and Stafford to work on the upcoming proposed SPLOST referendum.

Council Adjourned

Submitted: A L Lawson, City Administrator