



CITY OF
Swainsboro
Crossroads of the Great South



GEORGIA

City Council Meeting

November 07, 2016

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Monday, November 07, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. at Swainsboro City Hall.

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

Members Absent:

Prayer of Invocation: Rev. Chad Kennison

Motion to accept minutes from the previous meeting was made.

Motion: by Faulkner Seconded: by Bragg 6-0

A. Consensus Business

None

B. New Business

1. DDA Director Lynn Brinson asked council to consider the closure of Roger Shaw St. for the Christmas Parade on Dec. 01, 2016 from 4:00 to 7:00pm. Motion was made to honor the request.

Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Faulkner 6-0

C. Old Business

1. Council heard the second reading of the social hosting ordinance.

D. Committee Reports

Recreation: Mayor Pro-Tem Parker handed out the minutes from the Recreation Department Board Meeting. He reported the Circus would be at the Rec. Center on Dec. 02, 2016. Mayor Pro-Tem Parker thanked all the Recreation employees for all of their hard work during the Hurricane Matthew time.

Water and Waste Water: Councilperson Sconyers everything routine.

Police: Councilperson Stafford presented the Police Report.

Public Works: Councilperson Faulkner reported the public works department had been very busy after the storm.

Administrative: Councilperson Collins reported everything routine.

Adm. Lawson reported that the city has entered into an agreement with Georgia Power to change all of the Georgia Power owned street lights to LEDs. This would be at no cost to the city and would increase the street monthly bill by \$94.00. Council had no objections.

Adm. Lawson reported the city is participating in a LED rebate program with Georgia Power and the city received it's first rebate check for \$967.00. He reported he would also be changing more of the post lights in the downtown area to LEDs. This would also qualify for the rebate program and save the city on their power bill.

Fire: Councilperson Bragg reported the Fire Dept. is checking into the Child Safety Seat Grant Program. They are working with Emanuel Medical to get a grant to start the program.

Chief Strobridge informed council there will be an extradition course taught in Swainsboro at the end of the month. This course would be no charge to the city.

Chief Strobridge reported that during Hurricane Matthew the city hosted more than 1100 evacuees for four days. Chief Strobridge thanked all of the local churches and volunteers that helped with the process.

Chief Strobridge reported that the city has received the annual insurance reimbursement check and this year because the ISO rating has been lowered to a 3 the check was \$453,938.00 a big increase over last year.

Airport: No Report

Executive: No Report

Downtown Development: Previously reported.

Building Inspection: No Report

Mayor: Mayor Schwabe asked the council to consider the surplus of three vehicles from the Police Department. 1) Grand Marquee 2) Grand Marquee & 3) Truck Motion was made to surplus these items.

Motion: by Sconyers Seconded: by Stafford 6-0

Mayor Schwabe asked council to consider the changing of the business license fees and proposing some sign and other requirements for businesses.

Mayor Schwabe asked council to look into an ordinance that would govern the appearances of business and residences that deteriorate the neighborhood.

Councilperson Sconyers made a presentation to DDA Director Lynn Brinson from the Swainsboro High School Class of 1966 of a \$500.00 donation to the Dixie Theater Project. Mayor Schwabe thanked the class for their donation.

An executive session was called by Mayor Schwabe to discuss a personnel issue.

Motion made to enter into Executive Session.

Motion: by Faulkner Seconded: by Stafford show of hands all yes

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 November, 2016. 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 November 2016, which was closed for the purpose of personnel discussion 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. S50-14-4(b) that such an affidavit be executed.

No action taken.

Meeting was Adjourned

Submitted: Al L Lawson, City Administrator