



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

**City Council Meeting**

**February 02, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Monday, February 02, 2009, at 6:00 P.M. at Swainsboro City Hall.

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

**Members Absent:**

**Prayer of Invocation:** Councilperson Faulkner

Motion to accept previous minutes as presented.

**Motion : by Stafford Seconded : by Stroud      Passed : 5-0**  
**Collins - Absent**

**A. New Business**

1. Administrator Lawson presented a Hotel/Motel Grant application request from Bobbie Daughtry representing the Emanuel Arts Council for \$10,414.50 to assist with the Emanuel Arts Center. Adm. Lawson stated this is a budgeted item and could be considered for adoption that night Motion to grant was made.

**Motion by Parker seconded : by Edenfield      Passed : 6-0**

2. A large group of citizens gathered in the council chamber to address council concerning the discussed development on the southside of the city. Mr. Otis Smith addressed council and spoke on behalf of the group. He stated his concerns of the development and the possibility of the devaluing of the surrounding property. He also stated that the area was a quiet community with a large majority of the population senior citizens. He asked the council to oppose any development in that area.

Mayor Schwabe told the group that the city has been approached about a development in that area and that the council will not take any action without gathering more information. He assured the committee he would keep them informed of any future actions or applications to the city involving this project.

Councilperson Stafford stated he felt the city has enough places in Swainsboro for rent.

3. Mayor Schwabe informed council that the city had been offered a gift of some property located on Green St. The property could be used by the city for any purpose. Council discussed the issue and motion was made to postpone the item until next council meeting .

**Motion: by Collins      Seconded : by Edenfield      Passed : 5-1**  
**Parker - against**

**B. Old Business**

1. Council heard the alcoholic beverage request, of Bharatkumar Patel dba Mikes Food Mart 505 North Main St. for beer and wine package only. Motion was made to grant.

**Motion : by Stafford Seconded : by Stroud      Passed : 4-2**  
**Faulkner & Parker opposed**

## C. Committee Reports

**Police:** Councilperson Stafford presented the Police Report for review of council.

**Building and Safety:** Councilperson Faulkner had no report .

**Executive:** No Report

**Public Works:** Councilperson Collins reported everything routine.

**Recycle:** Councilperson Collins reported there has been some efforts from the school system to recycle. Mr. Anderson stated this has helped the volume a little at the center.

**Fire :** Councilperson Parker reported everything routine. Councilperson Parker reported that the Fire Personnel Committee had interviewed for a new Fire Fighter position and had selected Robert Stewart for recommendation to the council for hire. He then offered a motion to hire Robert Stewart for that position.

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

**Recreation:** Councilperson Stroud reported everything routine.

**Airport:** Routine

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

**Downtown Development** - Anthony Faris had no report.

**Administrative:** Administrator Lawson had no report.

**Mayor :** Mayor Schwabe asked council to consider the following resolution of support for East Georgia College as follows:

Be it resolved that the, City Council of the City of Swainsboro, Georgia does hereby make known its most fervent and sincere support of East Georgia College, its academic excellence, its exceptional contributions to this community and its unparalleled record of growth.

Be it further resolved that, this body and the citizenry its represents considers any change to East Georgia College involving merger, or consolidation to be detrimental to the future of this institution and the educational climate of this community.

Motion was made to adopt said resolution as read.

**Motion:    by Stafford    Seconded : by Edenfield    Passed : 6-0**

Mayor Schwabe asked council to consider the purchase of a larger bulldozer for the Public Works Department. He asked council to give Councilperson Collins, Adm Lawson, and himself permission to research the cost and the need and report back to council at the next meeting. No one objected.

Mayor Schwabe announced a new program for the city call "Our Home Town Hero". Details will be forthcoming.

Mayor Schwabe reported that the meeting with the existing industries were being set up and would begin soon.

Adm. Lawson stated that the city had requested bid on the concrete products for 2009 and he opened and presented the bids.

Motion was made to accept the low bid from D, M & N Trucking for the 2009 year.

**Motion:    by Stafford    Seconded : by Edenfield    Passed : 6-0**

Council Adjourned