



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



GEORGIA

**City Council Meeting**

**January 03, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Tuesday, January 03, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. at Swainsboro City Hall.

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

**Members Absent:**

**Prayer of Invocation:** Mrs. Rene Price, New Beginnings Worship Center

Motion to accept minutes from the previous meeting was made.

**Motion: by Stafford      Seconded: by Bragg      5-0**  
Collins Absent

**A. Consensus Business**

None

**B. New Business**

1. Council considered the 2017 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax #6 as proposed by the Emanuel County Commissioners, and after a long discussion a motion was made to join the county in calling the referendum as presented.

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

2. Administrator Lawson presented an application for a game room license from Mr. Roger Richards. Mr. Richards was present and requested the application be pulled. No action was taken on the request.

3. Building Inspector, Bruce Kirby, presented a zoning change request from Mr. Andy Dixon for property located on Hwy 56 North. Mr. Kirby showed a plat of the property to council and stated the request had been heard by the Planning and Zoning Commission and approved. The request was to re-zone the property from R3 residential to C8 commercial. After a discussion, a motion was made to accept the recommendation of the zoning commission and re-zone said property from R3 to C8.

**Motion: by Bragg      Seconded: by Parker      5-1**  
**Sconyers Opposed**

4. Council heard a request from AllGreen Service, the city garbage provider, to increase fees due to an increase in county landfill services. Will Sullivan presented a request to council asking for an increase in garbage collection. He showed council Emanuel County has raised the transfer station rate from \$41.80 to \$44.50 per ton and an increase is necessary to cover the increase. He offered council three proposals to increase residential and commercial rates. After a long discussion on the best way for the citizens, council decided to accept the proposal which increased commercial dumpster rate by \$.70 per cubic yard. This increase would still keep the cost competitive with other cities. This would also not be an increase on the residential users.

Motion was made to accept the proposal to increase commercial rates and not residential rates.

**Motion: by Faulkner      Seconded: by Stafford      4-2**  
**Parker & Bragg Against**

### **C. Old Business**

1. Council heard the alcoholic beverage application of Jing Di Lin dba Dragon Loco, 537 South Main St., for Mixed Drink Consumption on premises. Motion was made to grant the application.

**Motion: by Sconyers                      Seconded: by Bragg                      6-0**

### **D. Committee Reports**

**Recreation:** Councilperson Parker reported that the Recreation Center has purchased some new tables and chairs.

**Water and Waste Water:** Councilperson Sconyers reported everything routine.

**Police:** Councilperson Stafford reported everything routine.

**Public Works:** Councilperson Faulkner asked the council to get more aggressive in 2017 on the removing of delapidated houses identified in 2016.

**Administrative:** Councilperson Collins reported everything routine.

**Fire:** Councilperson Bragg reported everything routine.

**Airport:** No Report

**Executive:** No Report

**Downtown Development:** No Report

**Building Inspection:** Presented earlier

**Mayor:** Mayor Schwabe asked council to elect a new Mayor Pro Tem.

Bobbie Collins was nominated and no one objected.

Councilperson Collins will serve as Mayor Pro-Tem for the 2017 year.

Mayor Schwabe announced that all of the standing Committees and Chairs would remain for the 2017 year.

Mayor Schwabe invited all council members to participate in the Martin Luther King Jr. Parade and ceremony on January 16, 2017.

Councilperson Bragg asked to consider looking into hiring a new City Attorney. There was not a second to the suggestion.

Meeting was Adjourned

**Submitted: Al L Lawson, City Administrator**