



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



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**City Council Meeting**

**January 07, 2013**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Monday, January 07, 2013 at 6:00 P.M. at Swainsboro City Hall

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

**Members Absent:**

**Prayer of Invocation:** Rev. Tim Nary, First Church of the Nazarene

Motion to accept minutes from the previous meeting was made.

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

Council Elected Johnny Ray Stafford for the 2013 Mayor Pro Tem  
Mayor Schwabe made committee assignments as follows:

**WATER :** Cleve Edenfield, Chair  
Johnny Ray Stafford  
John Parker

**PUBLIC WORKS:** John Parker, Chair  
Sandra Stroud  
Cleve Edenfield

**POLICE DEPT:** Johnny Ray Stafford, Chair  
Rita Faulkner  
Cleve Edenfield

**FIRE DEPT:** Bobbie Collins, Chair  
Johnny Ray Stafford  
John Parker

**RECREATION:** Rita Faulkner, Chair  
Sandra Stroud  
Bobbie Collins

**FINANCE/ADM:** Sandra Stroud, Chair  
Rita Faulkner  
Bobbie Collins

Mayor Schwabe appointed a new Board of Censors/ Ethic Committee

Sylvetta Young  
Dr. Kemp Jones  
Gene Ragesdale

**A. Consensus Business**

1. Council heard the grant request from the NAACP/Martin Luther King Parade Committee for the 2013 MLK Parade. The request was for \$1000.00. (\$900.00 budgeted & \$100.00 Mayor) Motion was made to grant the request.

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

**B. New Business**

1. Council heard a request from Adm. Lawson to consider a resolution allowing the city to apply for a 2013 Community Development Block Grant. The grant would be used to improve the water and sewage lines in the Lake Luck area. The grant would also include the paving of the roads in that area. The resolution was presented as follows:

# RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION by the Mayor and Council Members of the City of Swainsboro, Georgia, to authorize submission of a 2013 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for funding under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council Members of the City of Swainsboro, Georgia, found that the program is necessary and desirable in order to improve the living conditions of low and moderate income persons living in the City of Swainsboro, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council Members of the City of Swainsboro, Georgia, desire that the 2013 CDBG application be submitted to the Georgia DCA for funding under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Mayor and Council Members of the City of Swainsboro, Georgia, that:

The Mayor of the City of Swainsboro, or his/her successor, is hereby authorized to submit to the 2013 Georgia Department of Community Affairs a Community Development Block Grant application and such supporting and collateral material as shall be necessary.

READ, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council Members of the City of Swainsboro, Georgia on a motion made by Councilperson Stafford, seconded by Councilperson Edenfield, and adopted on this 7th day of January, 2012.

Motion was made to accept resolution and submit the application.

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

## C. Old Business

None

## D. Committee Reports

**Police:** Chief Ellison had no report

**Executive:** Councilperson Stroud had no report.

**Public Works:** Councilperson Parker presented bids for the following equipment:

Bush Hog:	6'	7'
Emanuel Tractor	\$2,650.00	\$3,820.00
Blanchard Equip.	\$3,900.00	\$4,900.00

Motion was made to purchase the 6' Bush Hog at the low bid

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

Councilperson Parker ask council to submit any roads that needed repairs in their district. He suggested East Pine St., Mitchell St. and Coleman St.

He asked if there was an ordinance about abandoned tires in the city.

Councilperson Parker asked if the Game Room Ordinance could be brought back up. Mayor Schwabe ask Adm. Lawson to provide a copy of the ordinance to each member for studying.

**Fire:** Councilperson Stafford had no report.

**Recreation:** Councilperson Collins reported everything is routine. She announced the Recreation Authority had met and hired Tony Mangieri as the new Recreation Director.

**Airport:** Adm. Lawson reported that the Airport Authority had applied for a grant for a crack and seal project for the runway. The grant is in the amount of \$206,585.10 and the city match would be \$5164.00 split with the 50/50 with the county. Motion was made to accept the grant and proceed with the project.

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

**Water & WW:** Councilperson Edenfield presented bids on a new water locating wand. The bids were as follows:

P & H Supply	\$3,873.00
Ridgid	\$4,458.75
JetVac Sewage Co.	\$4,779.76

Motion was made to purchase the Wand at the low bid

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

Adm. Lawson presented a change order to council as prepared by GBT Eng. The change order was in the amount of \$1,216,881.00 to build a new basin at the waste water treatment plant. In accepting this change order the project would then run over budget \$185,749.31. This money could come from the water and sewage portion of the SPLOST. Motion was made to execute this change order using SPLOST funds to fund the difference.

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

**Downtown Development:** No report

**Administrative:** Councilperson Stroud reported that the online pay system is down and is being worked on by Invoice Cloud.

**Building Inspection:** No report

**Mayor :** Mayor Schwabe gave a year end report.

Mayor Schwabe set some goals for the 2013 year

1. Construct a new community Hanger at the airport.
2. Construct a new SPLASH pad water park
3. Construct a new city/county Fire Dept.
4. Resurface 10 city streets
5. Complete Waste Water Facility upgrades
6. Proposed tax credit for:
  - a) Any person who Repairs or Renovates vacant commercial buildings, employs two or more employees, and obtains a business license
  - b) a) Any person who Repairs or Renovates vacant commercial buildings in the Downtown Historic District
7. Start-up assistance to any new business who provides a workable business plan and employs a specified minimum number of employees.
8. Proposing a project to identify, maintain, and coordinate, un-employed citizens with marketable skills and match this labor pool with local employment opportunities. A market bulletin board maintained by the city to match up people with jobs.
9. Stronger efforts to combat street drugs.
10. A program to lower city taxes for the 2014 budget through decreases of non-essential programs and vendor negotiations.
11. A planning retreat for 2013

Councilperson Faulkner asked about a golf cart ordinance in the city. This will be looked at and studied.

Meeting was adjourned.

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