



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



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**City Council Meeting**

**February 04, 2013**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Monday, February 04, 2013 at 6:00 P.M. at Swainsboro City Hall

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

**Members Absent:**

**Prayer of Invocation:** Apostle Linda Travett, of The Temple of Grace Holiness Church

Motion to accept minutes from the previous meeting was made.

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

Mayor Schwabe presented the Our Town Hero award for the month of February 2013 to Retired Recreation Director Ronnie Womack. Mayor Schwabe complimented Mr. Womack on his dedication and “going beyond the call of duty” for thirty eight years. Many of the recreation employees, friends, and family were present for the presentation.

**A. Consensus Business**

None

**B. New Business**

1. Council heard the application request, for advertisement only, by Nicholas Beasley dba Jr’s Place 112 Central St., for beer and wine consumption on the premises. Motion was made to advertise the application.

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

2. Richard Claxton, representing the American Legion, and Henry Thompson, representing the Sons of the American Legion, invited council to a Veterans Forum.

**C. Old Business**

None

**D. Committee Reports**

**Police:** Councilperson Stafford reported that the Police Personnel Committee had met and interviewed three potential certified officers to replace Officer Hall who had resigned. He recommended Thomas Ogden for the position. Motion was made to take the recommendation of the committee and hire Thomas Ogden.

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

Police Chief reported that the NLBJ Corporation located at 519 South Main St. Swainsboro had been cited for a second violation of illegal gambling within two months. This second violation, by ordinance, has to be reported to the council for consideration of licence violation. Council considered the options and motion was made to revoke the license.

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

Council then discussed the game room license and decided to continue the suspension of any further issuance of the license at this time.

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

Zero Turn lawn mower	
A to Z - GRA Pro Turn 152	\$6639.20
Emanuel Tractor ZS221 Diesel	\$9200.00
Emanuel Tractor ZG227 Gas	\$7700.00
Blanchard Equipment Z920M	\$7120.00

Motion was made to purchase the low bid if at the same specifications.

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

**Fire:** Councilperson Collins reported that the Fire Dept was in need of upgrading their computers and more information would be forthcoming.

Chief Mike Strobridge reported to council that the Swainsboro Fire Department has been awarded a 2013 Haz Mat Grant for \$10,000. This grant from Homeland Security will be used to purchase additional equipment for the Swainsboro Haz Mat unit.

Chief Strobridge reported that he has four firefighters at the Fire Academy in Forsyth in the Haz Mat training school.

**Recreation:** Councilperson Faulkner reported she and Mayor Schwabe had met with the Recreation Authority and the Recreation Oversight Committee to give them an update on the proposed Splash Pad Project. Tony Mangieri, the new Recreation Director, was present for the council to meet.

Councilperson Faulkner reminded everyone about the reception for Ronnie Womack at the Recreation Center on February 10, 2013 at two o'clock.

**Airport:** No Report

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

**Water & WW:** Councilperson Edenfield asked Danny Wilkerson with Ch2MHill to give an update on the progress at the waste water facility. Mr. Wilkerson stated that the building of the new basin has been approved and work will start in two weeks. This addition should take from 6 to 8 months.

**Downtown Development:** No report

**Administrative:** Councilperson Stroud reported the software at city hall has been a lot of problems and needed updating. Adm. Lawson stated it was 14 years old and was giving some inconsistencies in the last few months. The problems can never seem to be solved without causing other problems. He stated he had received some quotes from some other software vendors. He stated the all of he employees at city hall had seen the presentations and had narrowed it down to two vendors. (QS1 and CSI/Harris) Adm. Lawson stated he had called other cities who are running each of the companies software and both companies were recommended. He presented quotes and options from both companies and council agreed to go with an offsite monthly lease product from QS1. This would cost the city \$1480.00 per month. The council also allocated \$25,000 designated in the 2011 SLPOST funds for City Hall computer improvements. Motion was made to go with the QS1 product and upgrade computers as presented.

**Motion: by Stroud Seconded: by Parker 5-0 Edenfield Abstained**

**Building Inspection:** No report

**Mayor :** Mayor Schwabe asked council to schedule a day for a city retreat. Council agreed to meet on February 25<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 7:00 to discuss future plans of the city.

An Executive Session was called by councilperson Stroud to discuss a personnel issue. Motion was made to enter into Executive Session.

**Motion: by Stroud Seconded: by Parker All voting yes by called vote**

## 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 4th day of February, 2013.

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 4th day of February 2013, which was closed for the purpose of personnel discussion requested by Councilperson Rita Faulkner 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.

This 4th day of February, 2013

Meeting was adjourned.

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