



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



**City Council Meeting**

**May 06, 2013**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Monday, May 06, 2013 at 6:00 P.M. at Swainsboro City Hall

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

**Members Absent:**

**Prayer of Invocation:** Rev. Jim Harrell

Motion to accept minutes from the previous meeting was made.

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

Mayor Schwabe presented the Our Town Hero award for the month of May 2013 to the East Georgia State College Basketball Team. Coach Neil Bailey was present to accept the award. Mayor Schwabe congratulated the team on a great season but he stated the award was given because the team have become true ambassadors for our community. Their sportsmanship and service to Swainsboro explained why they were nominated to be the May 2013 Our Town Hero.

**A. Consensus Business**

Council approved the following budget grants

Relay for Life - \$500.00

Pine Tree Festival - \$2500.00

**B. New Business**

None

**C. Old Business**

1. Council heard the reading of the Public Indecency Ordinance. Mayor Schwabe announced this was a Public Hearing and asked if anyone was present to speak for or against the ordinance. No one was present. Motion was then made to adopt the ordinance.

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

Councilperson Faulkner suggested to send a copy to the Board of Education.

**D. Committee Reports**

**Police:** Councilperson Stafford gave the May Police Report. Council discussed that the Police Department would be changing style of vehicles because the Ford Crown Vic was no longer made.

**Public Works:** Councilperson Parker reported one of the boom trucks is down and the repairs cost \$1500.00.

**Fire:** Councilperson Collins presented the May Fire reports.

Councilperson Collins presented bids on repairs to Station II;

Craig Griner - \$650.00

Reese Construction - \$1000.00

Motion was made to accept the low bid.

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

**Recreation:** Councilperson Faulkner stated softball and adult softball has started. The Splash Pad project will be starting on Thursday. Georgia Power is moving a transformer and the equipment has been ordered.

**Airport:** Councilperson Edenfield had no report.

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

**Water & WW:** Councilperson Edenfield asked Tim Nary with CH2MHill to give an update on the new basin project.

**Downtown Development:** No report

**Administrative:** Councilperson Stroud reported the computer change over went live today. The internet pay system should be back online in June or July.

**Building Inspection:** No report

**Mayor :** Mayor Schwabe thanked all of the city employees and CH2MHill employees for a job well done on the Pine Tree Festival.

He again asked council to meet with their respective Department Heads to see what could be cut out of the budget.

He informed council he has been talking with a new insurance provider about saving some money on health insurance.

Mayor Schwabe asked council to consider some changes to the 3 bid \$500.00 minimum policy. He stated in some cases there is only one vendor who can supply a specific product. He gave an example of buying jet fuel at the airport. There is only one supplier of jet fuel in the area. Adm. Lawson informed council on how much time was being spent trying to locate vendors to obtain 3 competitive bids for purchases over \$500.00. This was tying up department heads and the financial officer many hours a day. Council had a long discussion about the policy and decided to amend the policy with the following motion.

Motion was made if a letter was presented from the department head certifying that there is only a single source supplier, the letter would serve as an exemption to the, three bid \$500.00 minimum threshold requirement. The letter would be good for that fiscal year.

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

Meeting was adjourned.

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