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Swainsboro
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GEORGIA

City Council Meeting

September 10, 2013

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Monday, September 10, 2013 at 6:00 P.M. at Swainsboro City Hall

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

Members Absent: Parker

Prayer of Invocation: Rev. Scott Brenton, First United Methodist Church

Meeting opened by Mayor Pro-Tem Stafford

Motion to accept minutes from the previous meeting was made.

Motion: by Stroud Seconded: by Faulkner 4-0

Mayor Schwabe presented the September Our Town Hero to Mrs. Dot West. Mrs. West is a retired member of our community who is still very active. She assists others who can't do for themselves. Mayor Schwabe stated she is part of what makes this city great. That is why she is a perfect choice for Our Town Hero.

Adm. Lawson presented a check for \$500,00.00 representing the 2013 CDBG the city received to improve the water, wastewater, and streets in the Lake Luck area. This grant was awarded to the city by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.

A. Consensus Business

None

B. New Business

1. Dr. Mark Haddock ask permission from city council to use the city parking lot located on North Green St. for a Blood Drive on December 4, 2013. Motion was made to grant request.

Motion: by Edenfield Seconded: by Stroud 4-0

C. Old Business

1. Council heard the reading of the proposed amendment to the Game Room Ordinance. Councilperson Stroud ask about the new state law governing the coin operated machines and would it effect this ordinance. Mayor Schwabe explained that Attorney Shepherd has been looking into this and will have an option shortly. In leu of this Councilperson Stroud asked that the passage of the ordinance be tabled to a later date. Motion to table was made.

Motion: by Stroud Seconded: by Stafford 5-0

2. Adm. Lawson presented the 2014 proposed budget. Mayor Schwabe announced this was a Public Hearing and asked if any one was present to speak for or against the 2014 proposed Budget. Council then agreed to adopt the proposed budget as presented. This budget includes **no increase in tax milage and no increase in water rates**. Motion was made to accept the 2014 Budget as presented.

Motion: by Edenfield Seconded: by Stroud 5-0

D. Committee Reports

Police: Councilperson Stafford gave the August Police Report.
Police Chief Randy Ellison reported on the resent bank robbery.

Public Works: Councilperson Faulkner reported the ditches behind Gillies' on Gumlog Rd. needed attention.

Councilperson Faulkner ask the Public Works Department to look at the ditch behind Robin Rd. and see what can be done to help a bad situation.

Fire: Councilperson Collins presented the August Fire reports.

Councilperson Collins stated the Fire Station is in need of a new computer and presented the following bids for consideration.

Dell Inspiron 660	- \$758.98
HP	- \$788.98
Dell XPS 8700	- \$1018.98

Motion was made to accept the low bid and purchase the computer.

Motion: by Collins Seconded: by Faulkner 5-0

Recreation: Councilperson Faulkner reported the Splash Pad project is under construction, but due to rain delays will not be open this year.

Airport: Adm. Lawson reported the city was been awarded a \$187,996.00 grant for the continuation of the fencing at the airport. The grant contains \$169,186.00 Federal Funding, \$9400.00 Sate Funding with a Local match of \$9,400 split between the city and the county. Motion was made to accept the grant and authorize the city portion of \$4,700.00.

Motion: by Edenfield Seconded: by Stroud 5-0

Executive: No report.

Water & WW: Councilperson Edenfield reported everything routine.

Adm. Lawson informed council the city, with the help of CH2MHill, has been awarded a grant from the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority to help identify water leaks in the city. This grant is fully funded by GEFA and will not cost the city any money. The city will be receiving 30 miles of free work to identify leaks in the water system. This will help reduce the water loss for the city. Motion was made to accept the grant from GEFA.

Motion: by Edenfield Seconded: by Faulkner 5-0

Downtown Development: DDA Director Lynn Brinson reported on the Open House the city will be having on Thursday September 12, 2013 for potential new businesses locating in the downtown area.

Administrative: Adm. Lawson reported that in the last qualifier for election none of the incumbents drew opposition. He presented a request from Director of Elections, Beau Gunn, to cancel the Nov. 5th election as it was not needed. Motion to cancel the election was made.

Motion: by Edenfield Seconded: by Stroud 5-0

Adm. Lawson informed council he would be holding interviews with each of the city employees. These interviews would give employees the opportunity to share ideas to make our city run better and more efficiently.

Building Inspection: Building Inspector Kirby was present to present four properties for council consideration in adoption of a resolution to abatement as a nuisance.

Property #1 located at 407 South St. owned by Annie R. Washington c/o R D Wimberly;

Motion was made to pass a resolution abating said property as a nuisance.

Motion: by Faulkner Seconded: by Edenfield 4-0

Property #2 located at 412 Race Track St. owned by Heath James Estate c/o Everline Lester;

Motion was made to pass a resolution abating said property as a nuisance.

Motion: by Faulkner Seconded: by Stroud 4-0

Property #3 located at Calhoun St. owned by Kathryn Boston;

Motion was made to pass a resolution abating said property as a nuisance.

Motion: by Faulkner Seconded: by Stroud 4-0

Property #4 located at 716 Church St. owned by Gary Wilson;

Motion was made to pass a resolution abating said property as a nuisance.

Motion: by Faulkner Seconded: by Stafford 5-0

Mayor : Mayor Schwabe had no report.

An Executive session was requested by Mayor Schwabe for a land acquisition matter. Roll call vote was taken and all were in favor.



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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 day of September 09, 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 9th day of September, 2013, which was closed for the purpose of land acquisition requested by Mayor Charles Schwabe 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. §50-14-4(b) that such an affidavit be executed.

Adm Lawson presented a letter sent to the city of Swainsboro from Bill and Jim Karrh. They stated the Karrh family would like to donate the building located on North Green St. (Old Dixie Theater Building) to the city with the intention of revitalizing the theater and added an arts center at that location. Council was very receptive of the generous offer. Motion was made to accept the Karrh's offer and seek grants to begin the procedure of restoring the Dixie Theater.

Motion: by Faulkner Seconded: by Stroud 5-0

Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted: Al L Lawson, City Administrator