



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



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**City Council Meeting**

**August 01, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Monday, August 01, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. at Swainsboro City Hall.

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

**Members Absent:**

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

Mayor asked DDA Director Lynn Brinson to present the Own Town Hero Award. Lynn announced that this month's recipients were selling lemonade on the square to raise money to buy water and Gatorade for local fire fighters, police, and emergency responders when they are working at a fire scene. They were also giving free lemonade to all local emergency and military personnel. The family members include; Hazel, Joshua and Lyndsi Deal, Stephanie and RJ Hatfield, and Jasmyne Hodges. Mayor Schwabe presented this family with the August Our Town Hero Award.

Motion to accept minutes from the previous meeting was made.

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

**A. Consensus Business**

None

**B. New Business**

1. Ms. Jolene Brown, an advocate for the American Foundation Suicide Prevention Organization spoke to council about a walk that was being organized to raise money in support of this organization. She informed council that on October 01, 2016 there would be a walk to raise money. She asked council to assist with some police assistance for the walkers and also ask for a monetary donation to the organization. She was informed by council a grant application would need to be filled out. An application could be picked up at City Hall.

2. Adm. Lawson presented to council a Federal Funding Assistance grant in the amount of \$280,500 that was being given to Southeast Georgia Regional Airport. This is a matching grant where the city and county would have to match the funds with \$11,958 local portion each. This grant will pay for the recently built community hanger. Motion was made to accept the grant.

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

**C. Old Business**

None

**D. Committee Reports**

**Recreation:** Councilperson Parker reported the Recreation Department has been working on locating funds for a dog park.

Councilperson Parker also reported he would be looking into more activity for senior citizens at the Recreation Department.

**Water and Waste Water:** Councilperson Sconyers reported a main water line break in the Deer Creek area. CH2M employee Johnny Mills reported that on August 09, 2016 there will be an interruption of water service from 10:00pm to 3:00am for the customers in that area because that line will need to be replaced.

**Police:** Councilperson Stafford presented the Police report.

Councilperson Stafford reported that the Police Personnel Committee had interviewed for a receptionist position at the Police Department and would like to recommend Ms. Katie Dennison for that position. Motion was made to accept the recommendation of the committee and hire Ms. Dennison for the position.

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

**Public Works:** Councilperson Faulkner reported that the city would be grinding mulch again and the cost would be approximately \$12,000 to \$15,000. This was submitted on a bid from M W Collins Inc. Motion to accept the bid was entered.

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

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

**Fire:** Councilperson Bragg reported approximately 80 people from Swainsboro and the Swainsboro Fire Department had attended the Atlanta Braves Game in support of the honoring of Ricky Thurman Day.

She reported that the air conditioner located at SouthSide Station is on it's last leg and the Chief had obtained bids to replace it. The bids were as follows

Quality Air	\$3899.00	2-ton high efficient unit
Sunbelt	\$3900.00	2-ton
Sweet Ga Air	\$3400.00	2-ton

Council discussed and decided that the high efficient unit would be more cost efficient and motion was made to purchase the high efficiency unit from Quality Air.

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

Councilperson Bragg reported that SPLASH Project had been operating and has had good attendance.

**Airport:** No Report

**Executive:** No Report

**Downtown Development:** No Report

**Building Inspection:** No Report

**Mayor:** Mayor Schwabe had no report.

CH2M was thanked by the council for recently building two handicap ramps for citizens in need.

The Schedule for the upcoming meeting will be as follows:

August 08, 2016	5:00 pm	-	Community observation tour by council and department heads
August 15, 2016	5:00 pm	-	2017 Budget Workshop
September 12, 2016	6:00 pm	-	Council Meeting
September 19, 2016	6:00pm	-	Workshop Meeting

An Executive Session was requested by Mayor Schwabe to discuss a property acquisition.

Motion was made to enter into Executive Session

**Motion by Parker                      Seconded by Bragg                      all in favor by show of hands**

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 August 01, 2016. 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 1st day of August , 2016, which was closed for the purpose of property 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. S50-14-4(b) that such an affidavit be executed.**

This 1st day of August, 2016  
MAYOR / CITY OF SWAINSBORO

Council re-enter regular session

Mayor Schwabe informed council that Don & Dorsey Flanders would like to donate the property known as the Food Basket located on Lewis St. to the city. There would be no stipulations on the use of the property. Motion to accept the donation was made.

**Motion by Parker      Seconded by Faulkner      Passed 4-2  
Sconyers & Stafford against**

**Meeting was Adjourned**

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