



CITY OF
Swainsboro
Crossroads of the Great South



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City Council Meeting

December 04, 2017

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Monday, December 04, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. at Swainsboro City Hall.

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

Members Absent:

Prayer of Invocation: Rev. Arthur Conley, Orianna Baptist Church

Motion to accept minutes from the previous meeting was made.

Motion: by Stafford Seconded: by Sconyers 5-0 Collins absent

A. Consensus Business

None

B. New Business

1. Council heard the request for a grant from the Martin Luther King Parade Committee for \$1,000.00. This is a budgeted item in the 2018 budget for \$900.00. Motion was made to grant the budgeted amount of \$900.00.

Motion: by Bragg Seconded: by Stafford 5-0 Collins absent

2. Council heard the application, for advertisement only, from Tommy L. Richards, Jr. dba Luh Buddy's 406 North Coleman St., Swainsboro, for mixed drink consumption on the premiss. Motion was made to advertise.

Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Faulkner 5-0 Collins absent

3. Council heard a request from East Georgia St. College to annex 135 acre tract of land that was donated to the college. This land is adjacent to the city limits and the existing college. Motion was made to honor the request as presented.

Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Bragg 5-0 Collins absent

4. Councilperson Sconyers proposed an amendment to the Utility Usage Ordinance as follows. This is a first reading of the proposed amendment:

CITY OF SWAINSBORO
Utility Usage of City Services

Chapter 102

Article I In General

Sec. 102-2.1. Regulation requiring use of public utilities

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to place, deposit, or permit to be deposited in any unsanitary manner on public or private property within the city, or in any area under the jurisdiction of the city, any human or animal excrement, garbage or objectionable waste.

(b) It shall be unlawful to discharge to any natural outlet within the city, or in any area under the jurisdiction of the city, any sewage or other polluted waters, except where suitable treatment has been provided in accordance with subsequent provisions of this article.

(c) Except as hereinafter provided, it shall be unlawful to construct or maintain any privy, privy vault, septic tank, cesspool or other facility intended or used for the disposal of sewage, or any

other objectionable waste liquid or solid.

(d) The owner of all houses, buildings or properties used for human occupancy, employment, recreation, or other purposes, situated within the city and abutting on any street, alley or right-of-way in which there is now located or may in the future be located a public sanitary or combined sewer of the city, is hereby required at his expense to install suitable toilet facilities therein, and to connect such facilities directly with the proper public sewer in accordance with the provisions of this division, within ninety (90) days after date of official notice to do so, provided that the public sewer and/or water is within two hundred (200 ft) / (61 meters) of the existing structures.

Exception to rule 102-2.1(d): If the water usage is restricted to irrigation and will not impact the sewage flow, this section can be ignored and a water well may be installed with authorization from the Water Commissioner over the Swainsboro Water Department or said Mayor of the city.

ATTEST :

Charles Schwabe, Mayor

Al L. Lawson, City Administrator

1st Reading _____

2nd Reading _____

Public Hearing _____

APPROVED/DENIED _____

Motion was made to consider the ordinance as presented for a first reading.

Motion: by Sconyers Seconded: by Stafford 5-0 Collins absent

C. Old Business

1. Council heard the application, from Matthew David Clements dba Enmark Store #762, 103 Neal St., Swainsboro, for beer and wine package sales only. Mayor Schwabe announced this was a Public Hearing, was anyone present to speak for or against the application. No one spoke. Council then made the motion to accept the application.

Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Bragg 6-0

2. Council heard the application, from Matthew David Clements dba Enmark Store #530, 609 South Main St., Swainsboro, for beer and wine package sales only. Mayor Schwabe announced this was a Public Hearing, was anyone present to speak for or against the application. No one spoke. Council then made the motion to accept the application.

Motion: by Faulkner Seconded: by Sconyers 6-0

D. Committee Reports

Recreation: Councilperson Parker reported the Department had held it's annual coaches appreciation dinner. David Coleman and Mark Haddock were awarded the Coaches of the Year Award.

Councilperson Parker reported that the Recreation Committee would be advertising to fill a vacated position at the Recreation Department.

He reported that there will be a fee increase in activities in some areas in 2018.

Water and Waste Water: Councilperson Sconyers reported everything routine.

Police: Councilperson Stafford reported the Police Personnel Committee had met and interviewed to fill an officer's position. The committee recommended Melissa Palmquist a certified officer.

Motion was made to take the recommendation of the committee and hire officer Palmquest.

Motion: by Stafford Seconded: by Sconyers 5-1 Parker against

Mayor Schwabe informed council and the public the city had received a COPS Hiring Grant. This grant would allow the city to add 2 new officers to the staff. The grant is for \$250,000 over the next three years. This grant will fund the two new positions.

Public Works: Councilperson Faulkner reported everything routine.

Councilperson Faulkner reported she had met with CH2M about a tire clean up day. Council discussed the problem with tires being discarded all over the city. Council will look into a solution as to how to handle the problem.

Councilperson Faulkner also reported problems with the work detail not working as scheduled. She asked CH2M and Adm. Lawson to check into the situation and see what could be done about the work detail's lack of consistency in showing up.

Councilperson Faulkner asked Adm Lawson to contact the Housing Authority about some of the trash on their property. She asked the city to work with them to get it cleaned up.

Administrative: Councilperson Collins reported everything routine.

Fire: Councilperson Bragg reported everything routine.

Chief Strobridge reported that the department had been visited by Standards and Training and had received a 100% rating. This was good for two years. He also reported a record number of calls this year.

Mayor Schwabe congratulated one of our Firefighters, Logan Hall, who was recognized by the Chamber of Commerce and the Forest Blade as one of the 20 under 40 award recipients.

Airport: No report

Executive: No Report

Downtown Development: No Report

Building Inspection: No Report

Mayor: Mayor Schwabe re-appointed Donald Jenkins and Darrell Gray to the Franklin Memorial Library Board.

Mayor Schwabe stated he had been approached by a citizen telling him how much one of the city employees had helped him over the past months. He thanked Building Inspector, Bruce Kirby, for going beyond the call of duty. He suggested that council start recognizing employees, with an Employee of the Month Award, who do more than just their job.

The next regular Council meeting will be on January 08, 2018 due to the holiday falling on the first Monday.

Submitted: Al L Lawson, City Administrator