



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

**City Council Meeting**

**September 10, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Monday, September 10, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. at Swainsboro City Hall.

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

**Members Absent:**

**Prayer of Invocation:** Renee Price

Motion to accept minutes from the previous meeting was made.

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

**A. Consensus Business**

None

**B. New Business**

1. Mayor Schwabe asked council to amend the agenda to allow Cherry Carruth representing CARE to speak about childhood cancer. Motion was made to allow the change.

Mrs. Carruth spoke about the awareness of childhood cancer and asked council to help spread the word. She explained that they would be selling gold ribbons to raise money to help with awareness. CARE is an organization who promotes childhood cancer awareness. On September 21, 2018 the group will have a fund raiser at the ECI football game and the proceeds will go to Jaylynn Chalker. Mayor Schwabe thanked the group for what they are doing and pledged the city's support.

2. Matthew Bright addressed council with his concerned about a drainage issue on his property on Brown St. He stated no one from the city has done anything to correct this in twenty years. Johnny Mills of Jacobs stated they had cleaned the ditch in certain areas. Mayor Schwabe asked Don Dobson with Jacobs to meet with Mr. Bright to look at the issue. The meeting was set for Monday September 17 at 245 Brown St.

**C. Old Business**

1. Adm. Lawson then informed council about the 2019 estimated water budget. He informed council the estimated revenues for the 2019 budget would fall short of the estimated expenses by \$698,750.21. This consisted of a previous loan of \$335,000.00 and a short fall of revenue. Council then discussed ways to solve the issue. Administrator Lawson presented an increase in the water multiplier to increase the revenue. This would keep the minimum rate the same and increase rates as usage went up. He stated the \$335,000.00 would also have to be renewed as this solution would only cover the revenue shortfall. Motion was made to implement these increases as suggested.

**Motion: by Sconyers      Seconded: by Stafford      2-4 Defeated  
Collins, Faulkner, Parker, & Bragg      Against**

After a long discussion motion was made to implement this change for only six months and re-consider the increase after six months.

**Motion: by Bragg      Died for lack of a Second**

Mayor Schwabe then asked each council member what was their suggestions to solve this short fall. No others solutions were offered.

Motion was then made to adjourn. No one objected

**D. Committee Reports**

No Committee reports were given.

Submitted: Al L. Lawson, City Adm.