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City Council Meeting

The Mayor and City Council meeting was held on **Monday, June 10, 2024**, at 6:00 P.M. at Swainsboro Fire Department Headquarters.

Members Present: Mayor Bennett, Council member Quarterman, Council member Davis, Council member Stafford, Council member Collins, Council member Sconyers and Council member Foster (Absent)

Prayer of Invocation: Rev. Brad McKenzie, Jesus Saves

Pledge of Allegiance

Proclamation and a moment of silence for John E. Parker

Minutes from the regular council meeting of May 06, 2024, were presented. Council member Sconyers made a motion to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion: Sconyers

Seconded by: Stafford

Vote: 5 - 0

A. Old Business:

1. Council discussed the pension ordinance. Council member Davis made a motion to table.

Motion: Davis

Seconded by: Sconyers

Vote: 4 – 1

For: Davis, Sconyers, Stafford, Collins

Against: Quarterman

B. New Business:

1. Council discussed the recipient of the 2024 Clearwater Solutions Scholarship. Chris Morton, Project Manager, Clearwater Solution presented the 2024 Swainsboro High School's Clearwater Scholarship of \$1,000 to Quintus Williams. Quintus will be attending college in Augusta in the fall.
2. Council heard the Georgia Association of Water Professionals (GAWP) Wastewater Gold Award Presentation. Gary McCoy, District 5 Director and the Vice President for Georgia Association of Water Professionals awarded the City of Swainsboro the Gold Award in recognition of the second complete calendar year of perfect compliance. This award is given to the City of Swainsboro on behalf of the excellent wastewater services rendered

by Chris Morton, Project Manager of CWS, and his wastewater crew, Wade Holcomb, Perry Johnson, and Will Hutcheson.

3. Council considered the reappropriation of ARPA funds. No Action Taken
4. Council considered the hiring of a part-time counter clerk. Council member Stafford made a motion to hire Zykia Archie as the part time counter clerk at city hall.
Motion: Stafford Seconded by: Davis Vote: 5 - 0

C. Consent Agenda:

1. Council considered the Allgreens trash services increase proposal.
2. Council considered the alcohol application for Krishnaben Patel (Aadhya 0827 LLC) dba Naksh Food Mart located at 202 East Main Street.
3. Council considered the library board appointments.
4. Council considered the selection of a city engineer.
5. Council considered replacing a metal door at the auditorium.
6. Council considered the NPDES Permit Renewal for City of Swainsboro.
7. Council considered the game room license application from Loan Bui, dba 111 Game Room LLC for a license to operate coin operated machines located at 111 South Central Street.
8. Council considered adopting the Main Street District as the Downtown District.
9. Council considered a new hire for the Fire Department.
10. Council considered entering into an agreement with Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police for the recruitment and hiring of a new Police Chief.
11. Council considered a local agreement between the Georgia Department of Transportation and the City of Swainsboro.

Council member Sconyers made a motion to approve items 1 – 11, effective June 1, 2024.

Motion: Sconyers Seconded by: Davis Vote: 5 – 0

12. Council considered the Lift Station 5 Pump Replacement. Council member Davis made a motion to approve the purchase of 2 new pumps in an amount not to exceed \$22,490.00 for lift station 5 pump.

Motion: Davis Seconded by: Sconyers Vote: 5 - 0

13. Council considered the game room license application for Atul Y Pandya doing business as Jack's Food Mart at 227 West Main Street. Council member Sconyers made a motion

to approve the game room license application Atul Y Pandya doing business as Jack's Food Mart at 227 West Main Street.

Motion: Sconyers

Seconded by: Quarterman

Vote: 5 – 0

14. Council considered the hiring of Officer Gregory Dylan Lowery of Adrian for the vacant full-time police officer position. Council member Sconyers made a motion to approve the hiring of Officer Gregory Dylan Lowery for the vacant full time police officer position.

Motion: Sconyers

Seconded by: Davis

Vote: 5 - 0

Council member Davis made a motion to amend the agenda.

Motion: Davis

Seconded by: Quarterman

Vote: 5 – 0

Council member Collins asked the status of Council member Foster. Attorney Levis stated that a letter had been sent to the Governor's office asking for an appointment and they had not received the letter at this time. When we hear back from the Governor on how to proceed, we will have more information at that time.

Council member Davis made a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Davis

Seconded by: Sconyers

Vote: 5 – 0

D. Committee Reports:

None

E. Executive Session:

None

Submitted: ***Herman Middlebrooks***, City Administrator