

City Council Meeting

December 07, 2015

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Tuesday, December 07, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. at Swainsboro City Hall.

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

Members Absent:

Prayer of Invocation: Rev. Jim Harrell

Motion to accept minutes from the previous meeting was made. Motion: by Stafford Seconded: by Faulkner 6-0

A. Consensus Business

Councilperson Faulkner asked council to grant the MLK Parade committee a \$900.00 grant to help with the expenses of the parade. This is a budgeted item and no one objected.

B. New Business

C. Old Business

1. Council considered the adoption of an amendment to help control derelict properties in Swainsboro. Mayor Schwabe announced this was a Public Hearing and asked if anyone was present to speak for or against the ordinance. No one spoke. Motion was made to accept the ordinance as presented.

Motion: by Stafford Seconded: by Faulkner 6-0

D. Committee Reports

Police: Police Chief Ellison reported everything routine.

Councilperson Stafford reported the Police Personnel Committee had met and interviewed for a receptionist position at the Police Department. Tammy Amerson was recommended for the job. She has many years of experience and will bring a wealth of knowledge to the position. Motion was made to accept the recommendation.

Motion: by Stafford Seconded: by Parker 6-0

Councilperson Stafford reported the Police Personnel Committee had met and interviewed for a part time animal control position at the Animal Shelter. Kelly Thompson was recommended for the job. Motion was made to accept the recommendation.

Motion: by Stafford Seconded: by Parker 6-0

Public Works: Councilperson Parker stated everything was routine.

Fire: Councilperson Collins reported everything routine.

Fire Chief Strobridge reported that the city had received over \$410,000 in Insurance Premium rebates to the city this year. This is an increase over last year due to the lowering of the ISO rating. This gives homeowners a break on their insurance premium.

He asked council to consider the purchase of some new turnout gear at a cost of \$10,000. Mayor Schwabe asked the chief to look into the possibility of cost saving to purchase the equipment. He also asked this to be considered at the next council meeting.

Recreation: Councilperson Faulkner reported everything routine.

Airport: No Report

Executive: No Report

Water & WW: Councilperson Edenfield reported everything routine.

Downtown Development: No Report

Administrative: Mayor Pro Tem Stroud reported everything routine.

Building Inspection: No Report

Mayor: Mayor Schwabe presented outgoing council members, Cleve Edenfield and Sandra Stroud, a clock from the city in appreciation of the many hours of service they have given to the city over the last twelve years. The knowledge they have brought will be truly missed.

Mayor Schwabe asked council to pass a motion of condolence in the passing of a former council member Artis Kelley. Motion was made. Motion: by Collins Seconded: by Edenfield 6-0

Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted: Al L Lawson, City Administrator