

**City Council Meeting
February 04, 2008**



The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Monday,
February 04, 2008, at 6:00 P.M. at Swainsboro City Hall

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

Members Absent:

Prayer of Invocation: Councilperson Parker

Mayor Schwabe presented a Proclamation to proclaim the Week of February 10-17 as FBLA Week in the city of Swainsboro. FBLA Members Becky Golden, Rachel McNeely and Marielle Williams were present to receive the Proclamation.

Mayor Schwabe presented a Proclamation to proclaim the Week of February 10-17 as FCCLA Week in the city of Swainsboro. FCCLA members Whitney Calhoun and Jordan Thompson were present to receive the Proclamation.

Motion was made to adopt the minutes from the previous meeting as written

Motion : by Parker Seconded : by Stroud Passed : 6-0

A. New Business

1. Adm. Lawson presented grant request as follows;

Emanuel Historic Perseveration Society	\$5,000.00
Emanuel Arts Council	\$10,414.50
Relay for Life American Cancer Society	\$1,000.00
Access Emanuel	\$5,000.00

Adm. Lawson reported these were budget items. Motion was made to award the grants as requested.

Motion : by Parker Seconded : by Stafford Passed : 6-0

2. Council considered a request from Attorney John Thompson representing Mr. Sammy Anderson owner of the Omega Club requesting a business licences for a private club. At present time the city does not have a business license for a private club. The council asked Adm. Lawson to research this and see what other cities did and also check with the city attorney on the legal aspects of this request.

3. Council considered the adoption of a Resolution to allow the city to seek a 2008 Community Development Block Grant from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs as follows:

**CITY OF SWAINSBORO
RESOLUTION**

A RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SWAINSBORO, GEORGIA, TO AUTHORIZE SUBMISSION OF A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) APPLICATION TO THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (DCA) FOR FUNDING UNDER TITLE I OF THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974, AS AMENDED.

WHEREAS, THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SWAINSBORO, GEORGIA, FOUND THAT THE PROGRAM IS NECESSARY AND DESIRABLE IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THE LIVING CONDITIONS OF LOW AND MODERATE INCOME PERSONS LIVING IN SWAINSBORO, GEORGIA; AND

WHEREAS, THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SWAINSBORO, GEORGIA, DESIRE THAT THE CDBG APPLICATION BE SUBMITTED TO THE GEORGIA DCA FOR FUNDING UNDER TITLE I OF THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974, AS AMENDED;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SWAINSBORO, GEORGIA, THAT:

THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SWAINSBORO, OR HIS SUCCESSOR, IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT TO THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION AND SUCH SUPPORTING AND COLLATERAL MATERIAL AS SHALL BE NECESSARY.

READ, APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SWAINSBORO, GEORGIA ON A MOTION MADE BY PARKER, SECONDED BY _STROUD, AND ADOPTED ON THIS 4TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2008.

Motion was made to adopt the resolution.

Motion : by Parker Seconded : by Stroud Passed : 6-0

4. Downtown Development Director, Anthony Faris, asked council to consider allowing the Swainsboro DDA to revitalize and market the property on West Main formally know as the Christian Youth Center and Food Pantry. He stated they had some ideas for this area and would be seeking grants to improve it. Motion was made to accept the request and allow the Swainsboro DDA to proceed.

Motion : by Parker Seconded : by Stroud Passed : 6-0

5. Council discussed the possibility of enacting a no tobacco policy for city building and vehicles. Motion was made for Adm. Lawson to research an ordinance for consideration.

Motion : by Edenfield Seconded : by Parker Passed : 6-0

B. Old Business

1. Council heard the second reading of an ordinance to amend the Hotel/Motel Excise Tax Ordinance to add the language recommended by the Department of Community Affairs. This would not effect or change the ordinance . This would add an additional clause suggested by DCA. No one objected.

2. Council heard the second reading of an ordinance for the regulation of wreckers and wrecker services. This would get a uniform set of rules for all wrecker services to adhere to. No one objected.

C. Committee Reports

Police: Councilperson Stafford reported that the Police personnel committee had met and interviewed for a new detective in the Police Department and the committee recommends David Way for hire to fill that position. Motion was made to accept the recommendation of the committee and hire David Way.

Motion : by Stafford Seconded : by Stroud Passed : 6-0

Councilperson Stafford reported that the Chief of Police has reported that since the new entrance to the college has been moved the traffic in that area and the speeds of the vehicles have increased. The problems is that a portion of Lambs Bridge Rd. is not in the city. Council asked Adm. Lawson to contact the county to see if they would allow the city to annex that portion of the road.

Building and Safety: Councilperson Faulkner had no report .

Executive: No Report

Public Works: Councilperson Collins reported everything routine.

Recycle: Councilperson Collins reported operations normal .

Fire : Councilperson Parker reported the Fire Department personnel committee had met and interviewed for a new Fire Fighter. Councilperson Parker recommended James Ward for that position. Motion was made to hire James Ward in the Fire Department.

Motion : by Parker Seconded : by Stroud Passed : 6-0

Councilperson Parker presented the Fire report for the 2007 year.

Recreation: Councilperson Stroud reported everything routine.

Airport: Councilperson Edenfield had no report.

Water & WW: Councilperson Edenfield reported that pump station #4 had gone down over the weekend and the pumps needed replacing. Randy Scarboro with OMI had obtained a bid to replace the pumps. The estimate for the material to replace the pumps was \$25,536.00. OMI would furnish the labor to replace the pumps. Motion was to accept the estimate and proceed with the work.

Motion: by Edenfield Seconded by: Parker Passed 6-0

Administrative: Administrator Lawson reported some of the state auditing requirement have changed and the city is having to send in more details about grants . In keeping with this practice the city is requesting more information for the grant that they are granting. Adm. Lawson passed around a form that would be sent to all grantees from the city requesting additional information about the expenditures of the grants that were being issued.. No one objected.

Adm. Lawson presented quotes on a new copier as follows:

IKON	\$5950.00
Southeastern	\$5844.00
Wilkes	\$5995.00

Adm. Lawson stated the old copier is 8 years old and that there was a new copier budgeted in the 2008 budget. Motion was made to accept the low bid.

Motion : by Edenfield Seconded : by Stafford Passed : 6-0

Adm Lawson presented quotes for concrete and concrete related materials. The quotes were considered and motion was made to accept the low bid from Buddy's Ready Mix.

Motion : by Stafford Seconded : by Stroud Passed : 6-0

Mayor: Mayor Schwabe asked the council for input and what role the city council should play dealing with city departments in the upcoming year. Councilperson Stroud stated it probably would be easier if the Department Head had one person to go to. Councilperson Parker stated he enjoyed his position over the Fire Department. Councilperson Faulkner stated there are no guidelines for the council on how to handle their roles over the departments. The council then decided that council members should be liaisons between the departments and the full council. Mayor Schwabe then thanked council for their input and reminded them that committee appointments was a responsibility of the Mayor and he would getting a letter out within a week to inform them on their new assignments.

Mayor Schwabe then charged the council to come up with one thing they would like to see the city accomplish this year. He asked them to be realistic about what they would suggest.

Council congratulated Mayor Schwabe on being named "The Man of The Year" by the Swainsboro/Emanuel Chamber of Commerce.

Council Adjourned

Submitted: *Al L Lawson* , City Administrator