



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

City Council Meeting

March 02, 2020

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Monday, March 02, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. at Swainsboro City Hall.

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

Members Absent:

Prayer of Invocation: Rev. Mark Harden

Councilperson Stevens updated the citizens about the Tier 3 paving project. He stated the project was suppose to be bid in the 4th quarter of 2019 and due to delays by the GDOT the project was just advertised for bids last week. He assured the citizens the roads in this project will be paved sometime in the near future.

A. Consensus Business

None

B. New Business

1. Councilperson Stevens brought up a suggestion about the delapidated houses and vacant cars in the city. He stated that the city should look into the possibility of hiring a part time Marshall that would issue citations to citizens who violate our trash and nuisance ordinances. This person could work part time and work with the Building Department and the Police Department to identify delapidated houses and vacant cars and situations that are identified as a nuisance and issue citations to the violators. Councilperson Faulkner stated a committee needed to be appointed to hear appeals of the violators receiving citations. Mayor Schwabe suggested a committee to look into the possibility of streamlining the process. Motion was made to form a committee to review the ordinances, procedures, cost, handling of nuisance situations.

Motion: Stevens Seconded: Faulkner 4-2
Parker, Collins against

2. Police Chief Randy Ellison asked council to consider the possibility of employees selling back un-taken vacation time at the end of the year. Employees are allowed to carry over 30 days vacation time. In some case employees don't take the vacation accrued in a year. Council then decided employees could sell a maximum of 5 days back to the city if they have reached their maximum carryover days at the end of the year.

Motion: Stevens Seconded: Stafford 6-0

C. Old Business

None

D. Department Requests

1. Administrative	-	New Copier	\$6,795.00	Approved
2. Water Dept.	-	Well #4 Repairs	\$4,680.00	Approved
3. Water Dept.	-	Water Meter Repairs	\$6,700.00	Approved
4. Waste Water Dept		Filter Replacement	\$25,756.00	Approved
5. Waste Water Dept		Replace Lift Station Pump	\$18,103.00	Approved

Councilperson Stevens asked that items 4 & 5 be tabled until next meeting. This died of lack of second.

Administrator Lawson brought a recommendation from the Airport Committee to hire Goodwyn Mills Cawood Engineering firm to be the Engineers of record for the East Georgia Regional Airport. This would satisfy a state requirement to have a certified airport firm on record. Motion was made to accept the recommendation of the Airport Committee and hire the firm to be the Engineer of record.

Motion: Stevens Seconded: Sconyers 6-0

Administrator Lawson informed council he had written a Striping Grant request for the city. He informed council the city has received the grant for \$20,000 from the Georgia Department of Transportation. This grant can be used to stripe non-DOT streets. The city sent a request for proposal for 19 streets and received 2 bids.

1. Peek Paving	\$30,764.40
2. NPR South	\$42,623.44

Motion was made to accept the low bid and pay the local portion of \$10,764.40 from street repairs.

Motion: Stevens Seconded: Sconyers 6-0

Administrator Lawson brought council up to date on the Robin Road Project.

Motion was made to enter into executive session.

Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Stevens 6-0
Vote by show of hands

AFFIDAVIT

Personally appeared before the undersigned attesting officer, duly authorized to administer oaths, Charles Schwabe, who, after being duly sworn, deposes and on oath states the following:

I was the presiding officer of a meeting of the Swainsboro City Council held on the day of March 02, 2020 .

That it is my understanding that O.C.G.A §50-14-4(b) provides as follows:

When any meeting of an agency is closed to the public pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section, the chairperson or other person presiding over such meeting shall execute and file with the official minutes of the meeting a notarized affidavit stating under oath that the subject matter of the meeting or the closed portion thereof was devoted to matters within the exceptions provided by law and identifying the specific relevant exception. The subject matter of the closed meeting or closed portion of the meeting held on the 2nd day of March, 2020, which was closed for the purpose of real-estate and legal issue requested by Mayor Schwabe as allowed by O.C.G.A., Title 50, Chapter 14, was devoted to matters within those exceptions and as provided by law.

This affidavit is being executed for the purpose of complying with the mandate of O.C.G.A. S50-14-4(b) that such an affidavit be executed.

This 2nd day of March, 2020

Council re-enter regular Session.

Motion was made to accept a gift of a piece of real estate S41 063 being given to the City of Swainsboro.

Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Faulkner 6-0

Motion was made to accept a bid from Brown Chapel Center Of Deliverance on a parcel of land S22 135 for \$2005.00 with the stipulation that the new owner clean up and maintain the property.

Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Faulkner 6-0

Motion was then made to authorize Mayor Schwabe to send a letter to Jacobs informing them on the legal advice the city had received on the most recent contract.

Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Stevens 6-0

Submitted: Al L. Lawson, City Adm.