



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

**City Council Meeting**

**February 04, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Monday, February 04, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. at Swainsboro City Hall.

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

**Members Absent:**

**Prayer of Invocation:** Rev. Tim Nary

Mayor Schwabe introduced Dean Gowen as the Our Home Town Hero for February 2019. Dean went far beyond the call the duty to save a life at the East Georgia Regional Airport when back in August of 2018 a plane crashed. Many friends and family were present for the presentation. Mayor Schwabe called him a true hero who risked his life to save the life of the only survivor. The survivor, a resident of Statesboro, was present to join in the congratulations.

Motion to accept minutes from the previous meeting was made.

**Motion: by Sconyers    Seconded: by Stafford    6-0**

**A. Consensus Business**

None

Motion was made to amend the agenda to allow the two alcoholic beverage applications which came in after the agenda deadline.

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

**B. New Business**

1. Council heard the alcoholic beverage application of Mitchell Nobles dba Bird's Sports Bar and Lounge Inc. located at 229 West Main St., for advertisement only, for mixed drink consumption on the premise. Motion was made to advertise the application.

**Motion: by Stafford    Seconded: by Sconyers    6-0**

2. Council heard the alcoholic beverage application of Vipula Patel dba Northside Beverage located at 332 North Main St., for advertisement only, for liquor package only. Motion was made to advertise the application.

**Motion: by Sconyers    Seconded: by Stafford    6-0**

**C. Old Business**

1. Council heard the amendment ordinance to the Refuse, Weeds, and Junk Ordinance as presented at the December council meeting. Councilperson Bragg stated this was not the ordinance she wanted and was not legal with the city code. Mayor Schwabe stated that this Amendment had been reviewed by the City Attorney and he had no issues with the legality of the ordinance. Councilperson Faulkner informed council she had been working with the Building Inspection and two houses per month would be identified and targeted for clean up. She also reported that the Police Department was identifying abandon cars and they were being removed. Councilperson Parker asked about the cost of the cleanup. This is not a budgeted item and who would be paying for the un-budgeted expense. No solution was offered. Motion was then made to adopt the amendment.

**Motion: by Faulkner    Seconded: by Stafford    3-3 Mayor for passed 4-3  
Parker, Bragg, & Collins against**

2. Council considered the inter-governmental agreement with the County of Emanuel to provide election services for the city. Adm. Lawson gave the explanation provided by County Administrator Guy Singletary on the breakdown of expenses. Motion was made to accept the proposed agreement.

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

#### **D. Committee Reports**

**Recreation:** Councilperson Bragg presented the Recreation report.

Councilperson Bragg reported that the Recreation Dept. has been busy with basketball and will host the 10 and under region tournament February 15 to 18 at the Recreation complex.

**Water and Waste Water:** Councilperson Sconyers reported everything routine..

**Police:** Councilperson Faulkner reported Officer Daniel Gay had turned in his resignation. The city would be advertising to fill that position.

**Fire:** Councilperson Parker reported everything routine. He reported the new Fire Engine has been equipped and is now in service.

Councilperson Parker reported the Fire Department is seeking applications to replace Fire Fighter Davis and will be interviewing candidates soon. He asked council to allow a phone poll after the process to ratify the selection. Motion was made to allow the poll.

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

**Administrative:** Councilperson Collins reported everything routine.

Adm. Lawson gave council an expense report of all non-budgeted expenditures.

**Public Works:** Councilperson Parker gave the report from Jacobs.

He reported the roof is being repaired at the Public Works Building.

Councilperson Parker reported the city would be burning the debris from Hurricane Michael at our holding site north of town.

Mayor Schwabe suggested a city wide clean up day to be scheduled in April.

Councilperson Bragg stated that members from her district were coming to a council meeting with their concerns of the unsightly conditions in the highway 80 East area. This is not sending a good message to visitors interested in coming to Swainsboro. Mayor Schwabe stated it will take the actions of this council and the citizens help to get this situation solved. Councilperson Faulkner stated as Chairperson of the Police Department this would be a priority.

**Airport:** No Report

**Executive:** No Report

**Downtown Development:** No Report

**Building Inspection:** No Report

**Mayor:** Mayor Schwabe had no report.

Councilperson Faulkner reported that Councilperson Sconyers and herself had met about the audit the council voted on in 2018. The council has a proposed RFP to consider. Mayor Schwabe suggested the council meet just for the purpose of finalizing what the proposal will request. The workshop was set for Tuesday February 19, 2019, 6:00pm at city hall.

Mathew Bright was present to address the council with his concerns. Mayor Schwabe stated this would also be discussed at the February 19<sup>th</sup> workshop and he would be getting back with Mr. Bright.

Submitted: Al L. Lawson, City Adm.