



CITY OF
Swainsboro GEORGIA
Crossroads of the Great South

City Council Meeting

September 09, 2019

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Monday, September 09, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. at Swainsboro City Hall.

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

Members Absent:

Prayer of Invocation: Rev. Casey Shaw, First Baptist Church

Motion to accept minutes from the previous meeting.

Motion: by Stafford Seconded: by Sconyers 6-0

A. Consensus Business

None

B. New Business

1. Mr. Wade Williams spoke to council about a project he is putting together to raise money for Greg Waters. He stated that Coach Vince Dooley, former UGA football coach, will be here on Nov 13th to speak at a fund raiser for Greg Waters who is a double amputee and played football at UGA. The fund raiser will be banquet held at the Swainsboro Recreation Department Gym and all funds raised will go to meet the expenses of Greg. Tickets will be \$1,000 per ticket and \$5,000 per table. Mr. Williams can be contacted at 478-456-0112.

2. DDA Director Lynn Brinson requested that Roger Shaw and South Green St be closed on October 15th from 6:00pm until 8:00pm for the Swainsboro Fall Festival. This is the normal street closure request. No one objected. Motion was made to grant the request.

Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Faulkner 6-0

3. Administrator Lawson presented the proposed 2020 budget for the city. He explained that he had met with all of the department heads to formulate the budget. He summarized the proposed budget as follows:

- Presented a balanced 2020 budget
- 3% cost of living increase for all city employees
- 2020 millage rate will change from 19.428 to 19.353
- Council will approval all capita, projects as needed through the year
- Suggested No increase in water rates

After hearing the proposed budget council then decided to meet with all department heads to discuss each individual budget. A special called meeting was called for September 23 at 6:00pm so council could discuss and consider budget.

C. Old Business

1. Councilperson Bragg brought up the additional audit. She stated she had provided RFP copies to each of the council members. She then made a motion to re-advertise the same request for proposal with the date changed.

**Motion: by Bragg Seconded: by Parker passed 4-2
Sconyers and Stafford opposed**

2. Councilperson Bragg asked about the progress from EPD and other agencies on the property on East Main St. Mayor Schwabe informed her nothing in writing had been issued as of yet.

3. Councilperson Bragg ask about the \$45,000 in Jacobs contract. She stated it must be spent by Oct. 31.

D. Committee Reports

Recreation: Councilperson Bragg reported everything routine.

The SECRD is putting together a bid for the 2020 state softball tournament.

All Fall sports have started.

Mayor Schwabe asked that more adult recreation activities be looked into.

Water and Waste Water: Councilperson Sconyers reported everything routine.

Police: Councilperson Faulkner reported everything routine.

Council discussed the excessive amount of police calls that are being answered at Latitude 105.

Councilperson Faulkner made a recommendation to hire Eric Pruitt as a Police Officer. Motion was made to accept the recommendation.

Motion: by Faulkner Seconded: by Stafford 6-0

Councilperson Faulkner stated she had been called about a cat problem but the animal shelter does not accept cats.

Fire: Councilperson Parker reported everything routine.

Administrative: Councilperson Collins reported everything routine.

Public Works: Councilperson Stafford gave the report from Jacobs.

Mayor Schwabe handed out a expense report on the recycle center showing how much the city was loseing per year. The conclusion was to keep the center closed until a viable solution is reached.

Mayor Schwabe gave council a recommendation sheet from Jacob for the city clean up and beautification.

Adm. Lawson reported that the city had taken bids for the 2018/2019 LMIG projects and the low bid submitted by Sikes Paving from Metter was \$406,900.00. This was \$41,287.50 more than was available from the LMIG grants. Adm. Lawson asked council to consider the overage. He stated this was an eligible expense for SPLOST. Motion was then made to accept the low bid and take the overage from SPLOST funds.

Motion: by Sconyers Seconded: by Stafford 6-0

Airport: No Report

Executive: No Report

Downtown Development: No Report

Building Inspection: No Report

Mayor: No Report

Administrator Lawson presented a list of vehicles he is requesting to surplus and sold. There were no objections

An Executive Session was called for by Mayor Schwabe to discuss a real-estate matter .

Motion was made to enter into Executive Session

Motion: by Sconyers all in favor 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 September 09, 2019.

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 9th day of September, 2019, which was closed for the purpose of real-estate 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 9th day of September, 2019

Council re-entered regular session. No Action taken.

Submitted: Al L. Lawson, City Adm.