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Swainsboro GEORGIA
Crossroads of the Great South

City Council Meeting

October 07, 2019

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Monday, October 07, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. at Swainsboro City Hall.

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

Members Absent:

Prayer of Invocation: Rev. Brad McKenzie

Motion to accept minutes from the previous meeting.

Motion: by Sconyers Seconded: by Stafford 6-0

Mayor Schwabe read a thank you note from Imogene Buckley thanking the city for their participation in former Mayor Buckley's funeral.

A. Consensus Business

None

B. New Business

1. Mayor Schwabe announced this was a Public Hearing for the setting of the 2020 milage rate. Was anyone here to speak for or against the proposed milage change. Hearing none, a motion was made to lower the milage rate from 19.428 to 19.353 for the 2020 tax year.

Motion: by Stafford Seconded: by Sconyers 6-0

2. Eileenna Dray Dixon representing Nine Weeks Check in Celebration requested that Jackson St. be closed on October 19th from 12:00pm until 6:00pm for the celebration. 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

None

D. Committee Reports

Recreation: Councilperson Bragg reported everything routine.

Councilperson Bragg asked Administrator Lawson to get a list of properties owned by the city in Ward 1. She had spoken to Recreation Director Mangieri about building a park in that area.

Water and Waste Water: Councilperson Sconyers reported that Jacobs had found a leak in one of the basins at the waste water treatment plant. There also was an electrical problem with the one of the treatment basins and needed to be fixed. Bids were sought and the low bidder was Ponce Electric and Wilson Electric with a total cost of \$59,855.00. Councilperson Sconyers stated he had talked with Jacobs and they would use the \$45,000 rebate Jacobs put in the contract back to the city. Councilperson Sconyers stated it would now only cost the city \$14,855.00. Motion was to accept the recommendation and make the repairs at a cost of \$14,855.00.

Motion: by Sconyers Seconded: by Faulkner 6-0

Police: Councilperson Faulkner reported everything routine.

Fire: Councilperson Parker reported everything routine.

Administrative: Councilperson Collins reported Cindy Gray had resigned as Administrative Assistant and Renee Price had been promoted to fill that position. The city will be advertising to hire an addition counter clerk.

Public Works: Councilperson Stafford gave the report from Jacobs.

The storm water pipe on Lewis St. has been replaced and the road has been repaired.

Jacobs has been disposing of tires that have been collected around the city. This is a cost of approximately \$550.00 per load and 2 loads have already gone and 2 to 3 more expected.

Airport: No Report

Executive: No Report

Downtown Development: No Report

Building Inspection: No Report

Mayor: Mayor Schwabe gave an update on the progress of the delapidated church building on Gumlog St.

Mayor Schwabe informed council of the letter that had been sent to the owner of Latitude 105 about the nuisance complaints. He stated management had changed and things are getting better.

Mayor Schwabe informed council that the city was still seeking a detainee group from Emanuel Detention Center. The warden stated it would be about 6 more weeks.

Submitted: Al L. Lawson, City Adm.