



CITY OF
Swainsboro GEORGIA
Crossroads of the Great South

City Council Meeting

September 23, 2019

The special called meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Monday, September 23, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. at Swainsboro City Hall.

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

Members Absent:

Prayer of Invocation: Mayor Schwabe

Mayor Schwabe offered a moment of silence in honor of the recent passing of former Mayor James Buckley.

Motion was made to adopt the minutes from the previous meeting as presented.

Motion: Stafford Seconded - Sconyers 6-0

A. Agenda Items

Council discussed the proposed 2020 budget. All department heads were present to answer any questions about their proposed budget. Adm. Lawson gave a brief description of the highlights of the budget as follows;

1. All M & O budgets were formulated by the Adm. and the Department Heads. A separate capital improvement budget was submitted for \$100,000 and will be funded and approved by council as needed.

2. There is a 3% cost of living increase for all city employees.

3. The milage rate will be decreased from 19.428 to 19.353 as require by the rollback.

4. No suggested increase in water rates.

5. This proposed 2020 budget is balanced as required by law.

Mayor Schwabe then ask council if anyone had any question about the budget.

Councilperson Parker questioned the mayor's salary as opposed to the council member salary. Administrator Lawson explained this was set over 30 years ago and has not changed in the 29 years he has been a member of the city council of administrator.

Councilperson Bragg question the education line of the council member budget and stated this might not be enough because of recent mandates that council member had to NEMS certified.

Council had no questions for the Department Heads.

Motion was made to adopt the 2020 proposed budget as presented.

Motion: Sconyers Seconded - Stafford 6-0

Mayor Schwabe then stated the city had taken proposal for the Public Defenders position.

The Police Chief presented proposal for council to consider. Marnique Oliver proposal for \$600.00 per month was accepted by council.

Motion was made to enter into a contract with Marnique Oliver Attorney at Law.

Motion: Parker Seconded - Faulkner 6-0

Submitted: Al L. Lawson, City Administrator