



CITY OF
Swainsboro GEORGIA
Crossroads of the Great South

City Council Meeting

August 05, 2019

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Monday, August 05, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. at Swainsboro City Hall.

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

Members Absent:

Prayer of Invocation: Rev. Tim Nary

Motion to accept minutes from the previous meeting.

Motion: by Faulkner Seconded: by Bragg 6-0

A. Consensus Business

None

B. New Business

1. Mr. Jerome Bynes spoke to council about the possibility of taking over the Recycle Center. Council asked Mr. Bynes to bring a business model of how this would work and the responsibility for both parties. Deanna Ryan spoke in favor of keeping the Recycle Center open. Mayor Schwabe explained it was a money losing operation and the council had to be responsible for the spending of tax dollars. The council discussed keeping the center closed until a permanent decision was made. Councilperson Bragg spoke to keep it open until a permanent solution was reached. Councilperson Bragg made a motion to keep the center open and hire two temporary employees to operate the center until permanent solution was reached.

**Motion: by Bragg Seconded: by parker 2-4 Motion defeated
Sconyers, Stafford, Faulkner, and Collins, against**

2. Mayor Schwabe informed council that it was time for the voters to renew the one cent TIA tax. This had be presented to the TIA committee by Oct 15, 2019. He asked council to get any roads in their district that needed resurfacing to Administrator Lawson by October 01, 2019 so they could be considered for the TIA request list.

3. Administrator Lawson presented to council a resolution renewing the loan on the airport community hanger. This is the loan that was taken out to build the hanger. The principal of the loan has been reduced from \$1,000,000.00 to \$783,333.00. Motion was made to renew the loan.

Motion: by Sconyers Seconded: by Stafford 6-0

4. Councilperson Bragg brought up the audit the council had voted to have done. She stated she had one bid for \$28,000. All City Council members stated they had not seen the new proposal or had a chance to review it. Council also questioned why the bids were not opened at the council meeting as this was a sealed bid request for proposal. There were also questions about what type of audit was bid and it was determined this was not a forensic audit. Councilperson Bragg made a motion to accept the one bid. Mayor Schwabe then deemed the bid unacceptable and the motion out of order.

C. Old Business

None

D. Committee Reports

Recreation: Councilperson Bragg reported everything routine.

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

Water and Waste Water: Councilperson Sconyers reported everything routine.

Police: Councilperson Faulkner reported everything routine.

Councilperson Faulkner reported that the GBI investigation requested on the excessive force case had been completed and the GBI found our officers acted in a normal procedure and no charges were filed. The GBI reported no findings to substantiate the claims of excessive force.

Fire: Councilperson Parker reported everything routine.

Administrative: Councilperson Collins reported everything routine.

Public Works: Councilperson Stafford gave the report from Jacobs.

He stated the city has received many complaints about the condition of the cemetery and he is addressing the situation with Jacobs.

Council discussed the garbage that is put side of the road for city to pick up. Councilperson Parker read examples how other cities handle this issue. This will be discussed and a recommendation will come forth from the Public Works Committee.

Council discussed the demolition of delapidated houses and the cost to the city. The council reached no decision of how to handle the situation.

Airport: No Report

Executive: No Report

Downtown Development: No Report

Building Inspection: No Report

Mayor: No Report

Submitted: Al L. Lawson, City Adm.