



CITY OF GEORGIA **Swainsboro**

Crossroads of the Great South

City Council Meeting

April 01, 2019

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Monday, April 01, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. at Swainsboro City Hall.

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

Members Absent:

Prayer of Invocation: Rev. Chad Kennison

Motion to accept minutes from the previous meeting.

Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Stafford 6-0

A. Consensus Business

B. New Business

1. Randell Snellgrove addressed council about an irrigation meter he had installed 6 years earlier. He has received a bill and he has paid the water rate for the entire time. His complaint was he had never come in and told them to turn it on thus not using any water. He stated the city owed him \$411.07. Adm. Lawson asked if he had requested the water to be turned off and he stated it had never been turned on. Adm. Lawson explained the water service policies state that it is the customer's responsibility to have it turned off if they no longer wanted the service. Councilperson Parker suggested because he had used no water we should give him his money back. Motion was made to refund Mr. Snellgrove \$411.07.

Motion: Parker Seconded by: Bragg 6-0

2. David Morgan approached council with questions on why the city was doing two audits. He asked the Mayor to explain why it was necessary to do two audits in a year. He explained he had done the audits for the city in years past and thought this was not necessary. Mayor Schwabe referred the question to the council members calling for a second audit. Councilperson Bragg stated they wanted a more intense and expanded audit. Mr. Morgan then asked if council had questions, why they did not ask the current auditor to expand the scope. It would be a cost savings. Councilperson Bragg stated it was voted to do another audit and it would be done.

C. Old Business

1. Council heard the alcoholic beverage application, of De G Zheng dba Dragon Loco located at 537 South Main St., for beer and wine consumption on the premises. Mayor Schwabe stated this would constitute a Public Hearing and was anyone present to speak for or against the application. No one spoke.

Motion was made to grant the application.

Motion: by Faulkner Seconded: by Sconyers 6-0

D. Committee Reports

Recreation: Councilperson Bragg reported the Recreation Department had been hosting tournaments and have been very busy.

They purchased a new truck from Daniels Chevrolet.

Councilperson Collins asked why was there not a sign in DeAvla Park naming the park? Councilperson Bragg stated she would check into that and bring it up at the next Recreation meeting.

Water and Waste Water: Councilperson Sconyers reported that they had experienced a collapse of a sewerage line on Morning St., this would be an expensive fix and Jacobs and the Eng. Firm was working on a solution. Motion was made to find the most economical solution and proceed with the repairs.

Motion: by Sconyers Seconded: by Stafford 6-0

Police: Councilperson Faulkner reported the Police Department is working on a plan to combat the most recent shooting.

Fire: Councilperson Parker reported everything routine. Councilperson Parker reported everything was good with standards and training.

He reported ISO would be checking Swainsboro in 2020 and we were working toward a 2 classification.

Councilperson Parker reported that they had received bids on the Southside station renovation of \$6,603.00. This is over the \$5,000.00 budgeted for this project but it was approved by the Fire Committee.

Administrative: Councilperson Collins reported everything routine.

Councilperson Collins brought up a proposal to change all of the lights in city hall from florescent to LEDs. She then called on Adm. Lawson to share the proposal. Adm Lawson stated he had done a cost analysis on the cost saving to install LED lighting in the place of florescent. The installation cost would be approximately \$1900.00 for the initial installation. The electrical cost saving would be around \$1300.00 per year. This would save the city approximately \$11,128.00 of the life of the lamp. Motion was made to proceed with the change.

Motion: by Stafford Seconded: by Sconyers 6-0

Public Works: Councilperson Stafford gave the report from Jacobs.

He reported that there were four streets in the city that have recently been paved with LMIG Grant. These streets did not have striping in the grant and needed to be striped. A bid of \$4,808.04 was presented to stripe these streets. Motion was made to accept bid.

Motion: by Stafford Seconded: by Sconyers 6-0

Councilperson Faulkner asked why the houses that were targeted for removal had not been done. Don Dodson with Jacobs stated they had 9 to do and only 1 had been done. They would try to get another one next week.

Adm. Lawson presented a bid on the Island Maintenance contract for the city. One bid was submitted by Southern Landscape Management for \$14,885.00 per year. Motion was made to accept the bid.

Motion: by Bragg Seconded: by Parker 6-0

Airport: No Report

Executive: No Report

Downtown Development: No Report

Building Inspection: No Report

Mayor: No Report

Councilperson Parker asked council to close Rentz St. from Williams to Wadley St. on Saturday, April 6, 2019 from 1:00 to 6:00 for a Party in honor of Bell Jones. No one objected.

An Executive Session was called for by Councilperson Parker to discuss a personnel issue.

Motion was made to enter into Executive Session

Motion: by Stafford Seconded: by Bragg 5-0

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 April 01, 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 1st day of April, 2019, which was closed for the purpose of personnel requested by Council Member Parker 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 1st day of April, 2019

Council re-entered regular session.

No action taken

Submitted: Al L. Lawson, City Adm.