



CITY OF
Swainsboro GEORGIA
Crossroads of the Great South

City Council Meeting

October 01, 2018

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Monday, October 01, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. at Swainsboro City Hall.

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

Members Absent:

Prayer of Invocation: Elder Bertha Jones

Motion to accept minutes from the previous meeting was made.

Motion: by Sconyers Seconded: by Bragg 5-0
Collins Absent

A. Consensus Business

None

B. New Business

1. Mayor Schwabe asked council to consider the adoption of the proposed 2019 general fund budget. He announced this was a Public Hearing. Adm. Lawson reported all the changes council wanted had been made and the final version had been advertised. Motion was made to reduce the milage rate from 19.499 to 19.428 and accept the budget as presented.

Motion: by Stafford Seconded: by Sconyers Defeated 2-4
Parker, Bragg, Faulkner, and Collins - opposed

2. Mayor Schwabe then asked council to consider the 2019 water budget as presented. This would be no increase in the base rate with an increase in water and sewage for all other areas.

Motion: by Faulkner Seconded: by Bragg 5-1
Collins Opposed

3. DDA Director Lynn Brinson presented road closures on Oct 16, 2018 for the Fall Festival and Dec. 6, 2018 for the Christmas Parade. She requested to close Roger Shaw St. and Green St. from 4:30 to 9:00pm. Motion was made to allow the closures as requested.

Motion: by Sconyers Seconded: by Faulkner 6-0

Councilperson Bragg suggested the city run a shuttle from the college so the college students who did not have transportation could get to the Fall Festival. Motion was made for the city to provide a shuttle.

Motion: by Bragg Seconded: by Faulkner 6-0

C. Old Business

Mayor Schwabe stated he had met with Jacobs and was ready to sign the contract. They are providing some corrections to the contract. Councilperson Parker asked if these changes would alter the contract and representatives from Jacobs were present to explain these were clarifications and would not change the contract.

D. Committee Reports

Recreation: Councilperson Bragg reported two events in DeAlva Park.

She informed council the restrooms in DeAlva Park are still not complete and Jacobs would be installing the water and sewage lines to the new bathrooms. A completion date is un-sure.

Water and Waste Water: Councilperson Faulkner reported everything routine.

Police: Councilperson Stafford reported everyone had the committee reports, and he had

nothing new to report.

Mayor Schwabe reported he had met with representatives from the Humane Society and plans for a new shelter were discussed. A site is being sought but is about a year and a half away from any action being taken.

Fire: Councilperson Sconyers reported lightening had hit the generator at the Fire Department. Claims are being filed and repairs will be made.

Administrative: Councilperson Collins reported everything routine at city hall.

Adm. Lawson reported the 2019 LMIG for re-surfacing streets is due in two weeks and he asked council to submit one road from each district they would like to see re-surfaced. He would compile the list and submit the roads to the DOT for approval.

Council also asked to submit a grant for the re-striping of some of the city streets.

Public Works: Councilperson Parker reported he had signed some P. O.'s for parts for equipment.

Don Dobson reported that the inmate work detail had been missing a lot of days and very rarely brought a full crew.

Don Dobson gave council a report on the meeting he had with Mr. Bright to discuss his drainage issues.

Council reported to Jacobs they had received a lot of complaints on the condition of the City Cemetery.

Council discussed the Blight Property Ordinance that was passed by council in May. Mayor Schwabe appointed Building Inspector Kirby to be the Blight Enforcement Officer to inspect and site the violators of this ordinance. Councilperson Bragg stated this would not work because he did not have arrest power. She stated it needed to be someone from the Police Department. Chief Ellison was present and informed council he had read the ordinance and his department could not be the enforcement agency because the ordinance was written for a civil penalty not a criminal penalty. Council then instructed Chief Ellison to get with Inspector Kirby and re-write the ordinance so it would carry criminal penalties and could be enforced by the Swainsboro Police Department. These changes would then be brought back to council for adoption.

Airport: No Report

Executive: No Report

Downtown Development: No Report

Building Inspection: No Report

Mayor: Mayor Schwabe reported the Food Pantry will be moving in November to the BOE lunchroom located on Lewis St.

Motion was made to adopt the 2019 Budget as presented earlier in the meeting including the reductions of the 2019 milage rate from 19.499 to 19.428. Motion was made by Councilperson Parker who earlier in the meeting voted against the first motion.

Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Faulkner 6-0

Submitted: Al L. Lawson, City Adm.