



CITY OF
Swainsboro GEORGIA
Crossroads of the Great South

City Council Meeting

August 20, 2018

The special called meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Monday, August 20, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. at Swainsboro City Hall.

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

Members Absent:

Prayer of Invocation: Rev. Bertha Jones

Councilperson Bragg stated the minutes needed to be changed to reflect that the Airport Grant approval was done by phone poll and not at the meeting. This correction will be made.

Motion to accept minutes as corrected was made.

Motion: by Faulkner Seconded: by Bragg 6-0

A. Consensus Business

None

B. New Business

Mayor Schwabe asked for council to consider amending the agenda to discuss council conduct issue. Motion was made to allow the discussion.

Motion: by Bragg Seconded : by Parker 6-0

1. Mayor Schwabe stated that there has been some discussion about a comment made at a previous workshop meeting and he asked if any member of council would like to make a statement. Legal council representing Councilperson Stafford read a prepared statement from Councilperson Stafford. Each Council member then made a statement about the incident. Mayor Schwabe then asked if anyone from the audience would like to address council. Greg Newsome, Ronald Moore, Rudolf Richards, Gary Hodges, Mrs. Ronald Moore, and Natalie Jordan, all spoke from the audience.

2. Administrator Lawson presented the proposed 2019 budget. Motion was made to study and discuss it on August 28, 2018. Councilperson Parker suggested that the city do a forensic audit. Motion was made to do a forensic audit.

Motion: by Parker Seconded : by Faulkner 4-2
Sconyers & Stafford - opposed

3. Councilperson Bragg asked council to consider renewing Jacobs contract for an additional 5 years. Council ask why now, and she stated they had offered a \$45,000 signing bonus. Motion was made to renew the contract for an additional 5 years. Motion died of lack of a second.

Motion was then made to postpone the issue to a later date.

Motion: by Sconyers Seconded : by Stafford 3-3 Mayor voted in favor of motion
Faulkner, Parker, Bragg - opposed

An executive session was called for by Councilperson Bragg to discuss a personnel issue.

Motion: by Faulkner Seconded: by Bragg all in favor by show of hands

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 20th day of August 2018.

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 20th day of August 2018, which was closed for the purpose of personnel discussion requested by Mayor Charles Schwabe 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. §50-14-4(b) that such an affidavit be executed.

This 20th day of August, 2018

Council re-entered regular session taking no action.

Next regular council meeting will be September 10th due to the holiday.

Submitted: Al L. Lawson, City Administrator