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City Council Meeting

February 05, 2018

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Monday, February 05, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. at Swainsboro City Hall.

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

Members Absent: Bragg

Prayer of Invocation: Rev. Keith McKinney

Motion to accept minutes from the previous meeting was made.

Motion: by Stafford Seconded: by Sconyers 4-0
Collins Absent

A. Consensus Business

None

B. New Business

1. A group from the Men Reaching Men After Care Ministry Organization spoke to council about their program. Mr. John Troup spoke about the project and what it will be doing. Minister Keith McKinney then spoke about the need of a location to house these recovering patients. He told council he was not requesting any funds but he had been talking to the Mayor and was hoping the city could provide a place for there ministry. The mayor identified a property that had been foreclosed on for non-payment of taxes and this property could be considered. Mayor Schwabe asked for a committee to look into this possibility of transferring this property to the group. Motion was then made to enter into an agreement with the Men Reaching Men After Care Ministry Organization to lease the property at 334 Lee St. for \$1.00 for a year and re-evaluate the lease after one year.

Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Faulkner 5-0

2. Mr. Ronald Moore addressed council representing a group from the DeAvla Park named "Community for Reorganization." This group circulated a petition to have restrooms built in DeAlva Park. He stated that a lot of events took place in the park and the neighborhood was requesting the restrooms. Councilperson Parker stated this was not a council matter and should be referred to the Recreation Authority. Mr. Moore stated he has spoken with Director Mangieri and he would present it to the Authority. Councilperson Collins stated she was the representative from that district and she did not know anything about the request of the petition. She then read many statements from residents near the park that were against the idea. She stated residents were concerned with loud noise, no where to park, large crowds, but mainly for the safety of the children in the park. She went on to say this was a neighborhood park for kids and should not be turned into a gathering place. Mayor Schwabe suggested Mr. Moore get back with the Recreation Authority to look into this request.

C. Old Business

1. Council will consider the adoption of an amendment to the City Ordinances adding a subsection to Utilities, Chapter 102 Article I In General Sec. 102-2. Mayor Schwabe stated this is a Public Hearing for the Ordinance and would anyone want to speak for or against the ordinance. No one spoke. Motion was made to adopt the ordinance.

Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Sconyers 5-0

2. Council heard the application from Cassandra McKinney dba Fred's 501 South Main St., Swainsboro, for beer and wine package only. Mayor Schwabe stated this was a Public Hearing and was anyone to speak for or against. No one spoke. Motion was made to grant.

Motion: by Faulkner Seconded: by Stafford 5-0

3. Adm. Lawson presented an ordinance suggested by the Heart of Georgia Regional Commission for Environmental Conservation, On-site Sewage Management, and Permit Ordinance. This ordinance regulates sewage management near major water ways. Mayor Schwabe stated this is a Public Hearing for the Ordinance and would anyone want to speak for or against the ordinance. No one spoke. Motion was made to adopt the ordinance.

Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Faulkner 5-0

D. Committee Reports

Recreation: The recreation report was sent by Councilperson Bragg and given to council by Adm. Lawson.

Water and Waste Water: Presented the monthly water and waste report.

Police: Presented the monthly report. Chief Ellison was at the Police Chief Conference. Councilperson Stafford reminded everyone about the Police Awards Banquet on February 16th.

Public Works: Councilperson Parker presented the monthly report. Councilperson Parker shared that Project Manager, Victor Cozart's, sister had passed away and asked for a moment of silence for the family.

Administrative: Councilperson Collins reported that HR Director, Angie Overstreet, would be out for the next ten weeks due to a health issue.

Adm. Lawson read a Thank You note from Nell Hall, thanking the emergency response unit of Swainsboro for helping her in her time of need.

Adm. Lawson presented a list of twenty two properties, that the city had acquired by delinquent taxes or a gift from individuals, to declare surplus and offer for public action. Adm. Lawson informed council that the city attorney had checked the properties and the city has clean titles on the properties. Motion was then made to declare the proposed properties surplus and advertise to sale. The city will be accepting sealed bids on each of the properties listed. The city has the right to accept or refuse all or any bids.

Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Faulkner 5-0

Fire: Councilperson Sconyers reported we would be interviewing this week for a firefighter's position to fill the open position.

Airport: No Report

Executive: No Report

Downtown Development: DDA Director, Lynn Brinson, reported to council the Dixie Theater Committee had received a \$62,000 grant from the Fox Theatre Group to support the renovation of the Dixie Theatre. She informed everyone of the Mardi Gras Celebration being held on February 24, 2018 to raise money for the Theatre.

Building Inspection: No Report

Mayor: Mayor Schwabe presented a list of six vehicles that were currently not being used for the city and asked council to surplus the vehicles so they could be sold. Motion was made to declare the vehicles surplus and sell at public auction.

Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Sconyers 5-0

Mayor Schwabe asked council about a retreat. This would be looked into at a later date.

Submitted: A L L Lawson, City Administrator