



CITY OF  
**Swainsboro**  
*Crossroads of the Great South*



**City Council Meeting**

**October 02, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Monday, October 02, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. at Swainsboro City Hall.

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

**Members Absent:**

**Prayer of Invocation:** Rev. Arthur Conley, Orianna Baptist Church

Mayor Schwabe presented the Our Town Hero Award to Mike Connolly who recently retired from OMI for his many dedicated years of service to the city of Swainsboro. Adm. Lawson also read a formal proclamation from Mayor and Council honoring the accomplishments of Mr. Connolly.

Mayor Schwabe presented a Proclamation in honor of Retired Teachers. Mrs. Erma Jenkins and Syvetta Young were present to accept the proclamation.

Motion to accept minutes from the previous meeting was made.

**Motion: by Parker    Seconded: by Faulkner    5-0    Collins not present**

**A. Consensus Business**

None

**B. New Business**

1. Council heard the application, for advertisement only from Alana Ireland dba Cholan LLC, 208 North Main St. Swainsboro for beer and wine package sales only. Adm. Lawson stated the application was not complete he was waiting on a financial attachment. Council then made the motion to advertise pending the missing information was provided.

**Motion: by Parker    Seconded: by Stafford    5-0    Collins not present**

2. Lenard Richards spoke to council about the 18 wheelers in the downtown area . He requested the council consider a truck route. Mayor Schwabe assigned Council members; Stafford, Faulkner and Parker to work on this issue. Mayor Schwabe also suggested the group get the Chamber involved to help solve this problem.

3. Nancy Williams of Summertown spoke to council complaining about the Saturday yard sale areas. She stated behind the courthouse was not as convenient as the Boneyard. Mayor Schwabe stated he had spoken with some vendors that like it better. He also stated that the city would have some port-a-pottys available next Saturday to use.

**C. Old Business**

1. Adm. Lawson presented the 2018 budget. This is a balanced budget including a milage DECREASE from 19.529 to 19.499. The council also voted an increase of \$3.00 in the base water rate and a \$.50 increase in the adm. garbage rate. Mayor Schwabe announced that this is a Public Hearing and was anyone present to speak for or against the proposed budget. no one spoke. Motion was made to accept as presented.

**Motion: by Stafford    Seconded: by Sconyers    6-0**

**D. Committee Reports**

**Recreation:** Councilperson Parker reported the dog park would have it's official opening

Friday Oct. 06, 2017 at 5:00 o'clock.

**Water and Waste Water:** Councilperson Sconyers reported everything routine.

Leonard Scroggings area manager for CH2M introduced new project manager Victor Cozar.

**Police:** Councilperson Stafford reported everything routine.

Councilperson Stafford informed council the Police Personnel Committee had met and interviewed three certified officers and was recommending, Johnny Smith, Adam Kersey, for full time positions, and Jose Soto for the part time position. Motion was made to accept the recommendations of the committee.

**Motion: by Stafford      Seconded: by Parker      6-0**

**Public Works:** Councilperson Faulkner reported everything routine.

Councilperson Faulkner suggested CH2M look into hiring more temp workers to help with debris removal. They reported the debris holding area would be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays to the public so they can dispose of any yard waste they have. Mayor Schwabe reminded citizens this is only yard waste and no trash can be taken or mixed in with the yard waste.

Johnny Mills with CH2M reported it will still take about three more weeks before normal operations can resume.

**Administrative:** Councilperson Collins reported everything routine.

Administrator Lawson reported that he had received word that the city did not receive a 2017 CDBG grant.

**Fire:** Councilperson Bragg reported everything routine.

Councilperson Bragg reported that early next year the Fire Department would be reevaluated by ISO and they would be preparing for this inspection.

Mayor Schwabe thanked Councilperson Bragg for her, and all of the personnel at Fire Station 1's, hard work feeding all of the volunteers during the storm.

**Airport:** No Report

**Executive:** No Report

**Downtown Development:** No Report

**Building Inspection:** No Report

**Mayor:** No report

Latesha Kennedy addressed council with a complaint about the \$45.00 late fee being too high. Mayor Schwabe stated this would be looked into and considered.

**Submitted: ALL Lawson, City Administrator**