



CITY OF
Swainsboro
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GEORGIA

City Council Meeting

August 07, 2017

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Monday, August 07, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. at Swainsboro City Hall.

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

Members Absent:

Prayer of Invocation: Administrator Lawson

Motion to accept minutes from the previous meeting was made.

Motion: by Stafford Seconded: by Faulkner 6-0

A. Consensus Business

None

B. New Business

1. A grant request from DYL Team Georgia was heard by council to assist the team in playing in the Worlds Series. Motion was made to give them \$1,000.00.

Motion: by Stafford Seconded: by Sconyers 6-0

2. Adm. Lawson presented a resolution that would extend the commercial hanger loan at the airport another year. He explained this had to be renewed every year by law. Motion was made to renew the loan.

Motion: by Sconyers Seconded: by Faulkner 6-0

C. Old Business

None

D. Committee Reports

Recreation: Councilperson Parker reported the dog park was back on track and new fence would be started soon and hoped to open soon .

He reported the fountain has another water leak and would be repaired.

He reported the Vann Community House AC has been repaired.

He thanked Police Chief Ellison for finding the Recreation Department a van the inmate crew can use.

Water and Waste Water: Councilperson Sconyers reported everything routine.

Police: Councilperson Stafford reported everything routine.

Administrator Lawson stated he had spoken with Representative Rick Allen about the 2017 COPS Grant application.

Police Chief Ellison reported the curfew has been in effect for 30 days and 4 citations have been issued.

Public Works: Councilperson Faulkner reported everything routine.

She presented the monthly report and spoke about scheduling a tire collection day.

Administrative: Councilperson Collins reported everything routine.

Fire: Councilperson Bragg reported everything routine.

Council approved an increase of \$5.00 per fire for the volunteer fireman's pay.

Airport: Adm. Lawson reported to council that an individual wanted to erect a pet cemetery, at no cost to the city, in the far corner of the city cemetery. Council instructed Adm. Lawson to see what other cities were doing about the issue. Motion was made to table this until the next council meeting.

Executive: No Report

Downtown Development: No Report

Building Inspection: No Report

Mayor: Mayor Schwabe offered some suggestions for the upcoming budget.

1. Cost of living increase for city employees
2. Retain Revenue from timber sales
3. Reduce cost of health insurance
4. Go to homeowners subscription plan for fire service outside city limits
5. Install electronic message board at town square
6. Reduce or eliminate 911 payments

An Executive Session was requested by Mayor Schwabe to discuss a land acquisition matter.

Motion: by Sconyers Seconded: by Stafford All yes by a show of hands 6-0

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 August 07, 2017.

That it is my understanding that O.C.G.A S50-14-4(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 7th day of August, 2017, which was closed for the purpose of land acquisition requested by Council member Mayor 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. S50-14-4(b) that such an affidavit be executed.

This 7th day of August, 2017

Council re-entered Regular Session.

Motion was made to sign the memorandum of understanding transferring the property, Map and parcel#(078 003), to the Joint Development Authority for the purpose of marketing the land for industrial use. The Development Authority would pay all cost associated with the transfers.

Motion: by Sconyers Seconded: by Faulkner 5-1
Bragg - Against

Submitted: Al L Lawson, City Administrator