



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



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**City Council Meeting**

**March 06, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Tuesday, March 06, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. at Swainsboro City Hall.

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

**Members Absent:**

**Prayer of Invocation:** Rev. Steve Dowless

Meeting was opened by Mayor Pro-Tem Collins because Mayor Schwabe indicated he would be late.

Motion to accept minutes from the previous meeting was made.

**Motion: by Parker      Seconded: by Bragg      5-0**

**A. Consensus Business**

None

**B. New Business**

1. Council considered a resolution to apply for a 2017 CDBG as follows;

A RESOLUTION by the Mayor and Council Members of the City of Swainsboro Georgia. to authorize submission of a FY 2017 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for funding under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council Members of the City of Swainsboro. Georgia find that the program is necessary and desirable in order to improve the living conditions of low and moderate income persons living in the City of Swainsboro, Georgia: and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council Members of the City of Swainsboro. Georgia desire that a FY 2017 CDBG application be submitted to the Georgia DCA for funding under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended:

Now, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Mayor and Council Members of the City of Swainsboro, Georgia, that:

The Mayor of the City of Swainsboro, or his/her successor is hereby authorized to submit to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs a FY 2017 Community Development Block Grant application and such supporting and collateral material as shall be necessary.

READ, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council Members of the City of Swainsboro, Georgia on a motion made by \_\_\_\_\_ seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

and adopted on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2016.

Motion to adopt resolution as presented.

**Motion: by Parker      Seconded: by Sconyers      5-0**

2. Council considered a resolution of receipt of the 2011 TE Department of Transportation Grant as follows;

AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION

Resolution authorizing City of Swainsboro (hereinafter referred to as "SPONSOR") and the Georgia Department of Transportation (hereinafter referred to as "DEPARTMENT") to contract for funding under the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (hereinafter referred to as "TEA-21").

WHEREAS, the Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation (hereinafter referred to as "US DOT) and the Commissioner of the DEPARTMENT are authorized to contract for Transportation Enhancement Projects; and

WHEREAS, the contract for financial assistance imposes certain duties upon SPONSOR including but not limited to the provision of its local share of the project costs; and

WHEREAS, SPONSOR guarantees that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, all other pertinent directives and all US DOT requirements; and

WHEREAS, to complete the project, SPONSOR will use Disadvantaged Business Enterprises to the fullest extent possible and will implement and administer procedures to ensure that minority businesses are competitive for contracts and purchase orders when procuring services including but not limited to construction contracts, supplies, equipment contracts or consultant contracts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY SPONSOR THAT:

1. Charles Schwabe, Mayor is authorized to execute the contract on behalf of the City of Swainsboro with the DEPARTMENT for aid in financing construction, and all other activities incidental thereto, of Transportation Enhancement Activity pursuant to Public Law 105-178 (1998); and all other provisions as set forth in the contract with the DEPARTMENT.
2. Charles Schwabe, Mayor is authorized to execute and file an assurance or any other document required by the US DOT and the DEPARTMENT certifying compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
3. Charles Schwabe, Mayor is authorized to furnish any and all additional information that may be required by US DOT or the DEPARTMENT in connection with the application for the Transportation Enhancement Activity project and budget.
4. That Charles Schwabe, Mayor is authorized to set forth and execute affirmative disadvantaged business policies in connection with the *participation goal established by the Georgia Department of Transportation.*

Motion to adopt resolution as presented.

**Motion: by Sconyers      Seconded: by Stafford      5-0**

3. Mrs. Erma Jenkins representing the Relay for Life Committee ask council to allow a Relay Run on April 01, 2017 to promote Relay for Life. She stated the route would be the same as the Pine Tree Festival run and she had spoken with the Police Chief. No one opposed.

4. Nancy Claxton had requested to speak to council but did not show.

5. Henry Thompson, Commander, of the Sons of American Legion Squadron #103 addressed council with a request to locate a new monument to the EMS, FIRE, and POLICE personnel from Emanuel County who have been killed in the line of duty. He asked permission to locate this memorial in Pinebrook Park . He stated this would compliment the Veterans Memorial already there. He showed council a drawing of the monument and stated the SAL would be raising money to cover the cost. He asked the city to lend support in placing the monuments as they did with the Veterans Memorial. Motion to allow the placement of the memorial and agree to help with installation.

**Motion: by Parker      Seconded: by Stafford      5-0**

6. Council heard an application, for advertisement only, from Joseph Tillman dba Entwined Hookah Bar and Lounge, located at 104 North Green St., for beer and wine consumption on the premises. Motion to advertise was made.

**Motion: by Parker      Seconded: by Faulkner      5-0**

### **C. Old Business**

1. Council heard an application from Deidra Miles dba Warner Robins Mexican Foods, located at 210 West Moring St., for mixed drink consumption on the premises. Motion to grant was made.

**Motion: by Parker                      Seconded: by Stafford                      5-0**

### **D. Committee Reports**

**Recreation:** Councilperson Parker reported that the Recreation Center has held a dedication ceremony on February 02, 2017 to re-name the conference room. The conference room was re-named the Hall-Lawson Conference room in honor of Mr. Jack Hall and Mr. Jerry Lawson Sr. who dedicated a lot of time and effort to the Recreation Center.

Councilperson Parker reported that effective March 01, 2017 the following areas will become tobacco free areas. Billy C. Carmichael Complex, Baseball Complex, Vann Community Center, Vann Park, Swainsboro Auditorium, and Harmon Park.

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

**Police:** Councilperson Stafford reported everything routine. He presented the monthly report.

Councilperson Stafford reported that the Police Personnel committee had hired a new receptionist at the Police Department.

Chief Ellison asked that all citizens display their 911 numbers because it was getting harder and harder to find houses in an emergency situation if the house does not have a 911 number displayed. He ask to put a reminder on the water bills.

Roger Richards thanked the Mayor, City Adm., Councilperson Stafford, and Police Chief, for meeting with him and assisting to solve his problems.

**Public Works:** Councilperson Faulkner asked about the trash outside of the Housing Authority. Adm. Lawson stated he would contact the Director and see what could be worked out.

Council discussed an ordinance prohibiting the mixing of yard waste and household trash.

Council discussed hosting an up-coming clean up day for the city. The date and time have not been set.

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

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

**Airport:** No Report

**Executive:** No Report

**Downtown Development:** No Report

**Building Inspection:** No Report

**Mayor:** No Report

Council acknowledged the accomplishments of the Swainsboro High School Men's Basketball team in their win in the Final Four Class AA tournament. Council them wished them good luck in Atlanta, Saturday in the State finals.

**Submitted: Al L Lawson, City Administrator**