



CITY OF
Swainsboro
Crossroads of the Great South



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City Council Meeting

February 06, 2017

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

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

Members Absent:

Prayer of Invocation: John Parker

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. DDA Director Lynn Brinson asked council to consider the closure of Green St. from Main St. to Pine St. on March 09, 2017 from 5:00pm to 9:00pm. This would be for a kick off event for the Dixie Theater Project.

Motion to grant the request.

Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Bragg 6-0

Mrs Brinson also reported that on February 23, 2017 the Dixie Theater committee would have an un-veiling on the plans and concept.

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

Motion: by Stafford Seconded: by Sconyers 6-0

2. Mr. Roger Richards along with his attorney, Vanessa Flournoy, addressed council complaining about the constant harassment of the police department. He was closed down when Police Officers answered a call to that location and enter the building smelling marijuana. Mr Rogers stated he had thrown the guy out that was smoking. Police Officers stated they have answered many calls to this location. Mayor Schwabe stated he would set up a meeting with Police Chief Randy Ellison, Police Commissioner Stafford, Mr. Richards, and Mrs. Fournoy, to discuss the situation and to make sure everyone understands the rules and regulations involved.

Mr. Terry Gibson owner of Gumlog Crossing stated his business had been shut down also. He stated he was sited for not having a business license. He showed council the license for a convenience store. Officers found many open alcoholic bottles in the location and cited him for illegal sales of alcoholic beverages without a license. Council ask for this to be looked into.

3. Administrator Lawson presented bids for the 2017 TIA paving project as follows:

1. Dykes Construction - \$1,145,299.98
2. Sikes Brothers - \$1,298,056.54
3. Reeve's Construction - \$1,455,986.81

Motion was made to accept the low bid.

Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Faulkner 6-0

Administrator Lawson presented bids on the hay field as follows:

1. Tiger Creek - \$12,601.00
2. Ken Scott - \$ 750.00

Motion was made to accept the low bid.

Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Bragg 6-0

Administrator Lawson presented bids on the Veterinarian Services as follows:

1. McRae Veterinary Services - \$ 8.00 per euthanasia
Emergency care - no charge

Motion was made to accept the low bid.

Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Faulkner 6-0

Administrator Lawson presented bids on the Wrecker Services as follows:

1. Watkins South Main - \$ 45.00 per pull within city limits

Motion was made to accept the low bid.

Motion: by Stafford Seconded: by Sconyers 6-0

Administrator Lawson stated the city received no concrete bids.

C. Old Business

None

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.

He reported there is progress being made on a new dog park.

Water and Waste Water: Councilperson Sconyers reported everything routine. Some repairs are being made at the Waste Water Treatment Facility.

Police: Councilperson Stafford reported everything routine.

Mayor Pro Tem Collins ask that the Police beef up the patrol in the De-Alva Park area.

Councilperson Stafford reported that Police Committee had met and interviewed three applicants for the vacant police officer position. The committee was recommending Brandon Clark for that position. Motion was made to hire Mr. Clark.

Motion: by Stafford Seconded: by Sconyers 6-0

Councilperson Stafford presented the Juvenile Curfew Ordinance that must be ratified on a yearly basis and asked council to consider its ratification for 2017. Motion to continue the curfew was made.

Motion: by Stafford Seconded: by Sconyers 6-0

Public Works: Councilperson Faulkner asked the council to get more aggressive in 2017 on the removing delapidated houses identified in 2016. Adm. Lawson state three are ready and will be remove shortly.

Administrative: Councilperson Collins reported everything routine.

Administrator Lawson reported that it was customary to post a sign at the entrance ways to the city to acknowledge a past state champion from Swainsboro. He reported he had received a request from Elaine Conner, a member of the 1973 GHSA AA State winning Girl's Track Team, to add a sign in their honor. No one objected. Adm. Lawson stated he would contact her to get the team back together for a presentation of the sign when it had been placed.

Fire: Councilperson Bragg reported everything routine.

Airport: No Report

Executive: No Report

Downtown Development: No Report

Building Inspection: No Report

Mayor: No Report

An Executive Session was requested by Mayor Schwabe to discuss a personnel issue.
Motion was made to enter into Executive Session

Motion by Sconyers Seconded by Stafford all in favor by show of hands

AFFIDAVIT

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 6th day of February 06, 2017.

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 6th day of February 2017, 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. S50-14-4(b) that such an affidavit be executed.

This 6th day of February, 2017

Council re-entered regular session.

Motion was made to accept the discipline recommendations of Fire Chief Strobridge concerning a specific full-time Fire Fighter.

Motion: by Bragg Seconded: by Parker 6-0

Meeting was Adjourned

Submitted: Al L Lawson, City Administrator