



CITY OF
Swainsboro
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City Council Meeting

December 05, 2016

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Monday, December 05, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. at Swainsboro City Hall.

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

Members Absent:

Prayer of Invocation: Rev. Delmus Mosley

Meeting was opened by Mayor Pro-Tem Parker

Motion to accept minutes from the previous meeting was made.

Motion: by Stafford Seconded: by Sconyers 5-0

Mayor Schwabe entered meeting

A. Consensus Business

None

B. New Business

None

C. Old Business

1. Council heard the alcoholic beverage application for advertisement only of Jing Di Lin dba Dragon Loco, 537 South Main St., for Mixed Drink Consumption on premises. Motion was made to grant the advertisement.

Motion: by Sconyers Seconded: by Bragg 6-0

2. Sable Screws addressed council about Swainsboro being a drop-off location to help the victims of the fires in Tennessee. She asked for locations in the city, City Hall, Swainsboro Police Department, & Swainsboro Fire Department. She stated she had contacted the city hall in Pigeon Forge Tenn. and ask what items were needed. She read a list of items the local residents needed. She reported she had met with the Fire Chief and he would supply a truck to deliver the supplies. She asked council to consider providing the gas for the truck. The drive would last for four weeks and all supplies collected would be delivered then. Motion was made to support the efforts and allow the city to be a collection point. Council also agreed to supply the gas for delivery. Councilperson Stafford stated he would pay for a motel room if someone had to stay overnight on the delivery.

Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Stafford 6-0

3. A grant request was presented from the Emanuel County NAACP Chapter for \$1,000.00 to support the MLK Parade. This is a 2017 budgeted item for \$900.00. Motion was made to grant the budgeted amount, and Mayor Schwabe stated \$100.00 would come out of his budget.

Motion: by Collins Seconded: by Parker 6-0

4. Council heard the reading of a social hosting ordinance. Mayor Schwabe announced this was a Public Hearing and asked if anyone was present to speak for or against. No one spoke. Motion was then made to adopt the ordinance as presented.

Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Faulkner 6-0

D. Committee Reports

Recreation: Mayor Pro-Tem Parker reported that the Recreation Center had hosted a Circus that was not well attended. He reported progress on the dog park was being made and the plans are being drawn.

He reported that the Rec. Dept will be hosting a Coaches Supper Thursday Night at 6:00pm.

Mayor Pro-Tem Parker reported that a former member of the Recreation Authority, Jack Hall, had died and asked council to consider drafting a Resolution for his service to the Recreation Department and this community. Motion was made.

Motion: by Sconyers Seconded: by Parker 6-0

Water and Waste Water: Councilperson Sconyers everything routine.

Police: Councilperson Stafford reported that one of the part time officers, Weston Coleman, had requested to go full time. Motion was made to move Weston Coleman back to full time status.

Motion: by Stafford Seconded: by Sconyers 6-0

Police Chief Ellison asked to surplus three copiers in storage. No one objected.

Police Chief Ellison reported they would be having Shop-With-A-Cop shortly. They received 125 applications and could only award 25 grants.

Councilperson Faulkner asked the chief to patrol the Flanders Heights area more often because of the number of complaints in that area.

Chief Ellison asked help from the public to insure that all houses had house numbers displayed so emergency vehicles could find the location quicker. Mayor Schwabe stated that the city could send a reminder out on the next water bills.

Public Works: Councilperson Faulkner gave the report from the public works department.

Mayor Schwabe ask CH2M to sponsor a date a month to give citizens the opportunity to place debris by the road for an extra pick-up. The details would be forth coming.

Mayor Schwabe stated that he and Councilperson Sconyers had been over the property that was offered to the city on Lewis St. by Ginger Knox. The council had turned this offer down earlier in the year but after a good look at the property he would like council to reconsider the acceptance of the offer to donate this property to the city. The city could then go in and clean up this area.

Motion was made to reconsider the acceptance of this property.

Motion: by Sconyers Seconded: by Faulkner 3-3

For - Sconyers, Faulkner, Bragg

Against - Stafford, Parker, Collins

Motion Passed Mayor Schwabe voting for

Administrative: Councilperson Collins reported everything routine.


Mayor Schwabe proposed a change in the Occupational Tax (Business License) for the 2017 year. Motion was made to accept the new form as presented.

Motion: by Bragg Seconded: by Faulkner 5-1

Against - Parker

2017 Occupation Tax Return Form

Date: _____

Name of Business (As you would like it to appear on your license)					
Mailing Address			Location of Business		
City	State	Zip Code	City	State	Zip Code
Business Telephone			Starting Date		
Describe Principle Type of Business					
<small>I understand that issuance of this license requires the LICENSEE to display a sign that states the name of the business. The sign may either be affixed to the building or free-standing and must be readable from the nearest street.</small>					
Owner's Name (As you would like it to appear on the license)					

**Occupation Tax (Business License)
Fee Calculation****

Based on the Number of Employees (Use Chart Below)

Based on Number of Employees (An employee is defined as an individual whose work is performed under the direction and supervision of the employer and whose employer withholds FICA, Federal Income Tax, or State Income Tax from such individual's compensation or whose employer issues to such an individual for purposes of documenting compensation an IRS W-2 form, not an IRS 1099 form.) There will be an additional \$25.00 fee charged for additional copies of license or name changes (under the same ownership) during the year of the current license.

1-5	Employees-----	\$ 185.00
6-10	Employees-----	\$ 385.00
11-15	Employees-----	\$ 585.00
16-20	Employees-----	\$ 875.00
21-30	Employees-----	\$1275.00
31-40	Employees-----	\$3775.00
41-50	Employees-----	\$4775.00
Over 50	Employees-----	\$5775.00

The city retains the right to examine IRS employment records to verify the validity of this document.

I hereby certify that the information reported on this form is true and correct.

Sworn to me this date

(Witness)

(Printed name of authorized person)

(Name of person filling out report)

(Signature of authorized person)

Please return completed form with your check for the total above to: The City of Swainsboro, Attention Tax Dept, P.O. Box 600, Swainsboro, GA 30401. Questions, call 478-237-7025.

Fire: Councilperson Bragg reported the city had received the resignation of Firefighter Bert Stewart. The city would be advertising to replace him.

Airport: No Report

Executive: No Report

Downtown Development: No Report

Building Inspection: No Report

Mayor: Mayor Schwabe thanked the DDA and the Chamber of Commerce for a good Christmas Parade last Thursday.

An executive session was called by Mayor Schwabe to discuss a personnel issue.

Motion made to enter into Executive Session.

Motion: by Stafford Seconded: by Bragg show of hands all yes

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 5th day of December, 2016. 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 5th day of December 2016, 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.

Council re-entered regular session and offered City Adm. Lawson a two year contract for employment. Motion was made to offer contract.

Motion: by Stafford Seconded: by Bragg 6-0

Meeting was Adjourned

Submitted: AL L Lawson, City Administrator