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City Council Meeting

July 11, 2016

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Monday, July 11, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. at Swainsboro City Hall.

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

Members Absent:

Prayer of Invocation: Rev. Gary Hackett

Motion to accept minutes from the previous meeting was made.

Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Bragg 6-0

A. Consensus Business

None

B. New Business

1. Daon Bethae representing Leggwork reported to council about the first STOP the Violence Family Day. The event took place at the Swainsboro Jaycee Fairground on July 02, 2016. They are planning a second event in the near future. He stated that Leggwork would be applying for a non-profit status. Mayor Schwabe asked Lynn to assist Mr. Bethae with his 501C3 application.

2. Debbie Riner and Ashley Colston representing the Dixie Youth League informed council that one of the DYL teams had qualified to represent Georgia in the DYL World Series in Mississippi. They were seeking assistance from the city with the expenses. The kids would be representing Swainsboro and the state of Georgia. Motion was made to give the group \$1,000 being funded \$500.00 from Hotel/Motel Account, \$500.00 from Mayor Discretionary fund.

Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Bragg 6-0

C. Old Business

1. Council considered the adoption of a proposed credit card policy for elected officials. Adm. Lawson stated no one had requested a copy of the ordinance. Motion was made to adopt as presented.

Motion: by Sconyers Seconded: by Bragg 6-0

2. Council heard the request for an alcoholic beverage license application from Linda Kelly dba Walgreens on 390 South Main St. for retail Beer & Wine Package Only. Mayor Schwabe announced this would be a Public Hearing, was anyone hear to speak for or against the application.

Motion: by Faulkner Seconded: by Parker 6-0

D. Committee Reports

Recreation: Councilperson Parker reported the Recreation Department has been working on the preliminary drawing for a dog park and should be ready shortly.

Mayor Pro Tem Parker presented the minutes from the last Recreation Meeting.

Water and Waste Water: Councilperson Sconyers reported everything routine.
Mike Connolly with Ch2M reported the repairs on lift station #20 had come in at \$14,453.33 under the estimated price of \$19,000.

Police: Councilperson Stafford presented the Police report.
Chief Ellison stated that some bullet proof vests were needed for some of the newer officers. Council then asked what the cost was and how many were needed. He stated he would get an exact number and get back with Police Chairman Stafford.

Chief Ellison also reported he has been working with the chief at East Georgia State College on some of the problems that was brought up at the last council meeting.

Public Works: Councilperson Faulkner reported that they were working on some solutions for the Robin Road project.

Councilperson Faulkner presented 3 bids for weed eaters as follows;

A to Z Equipment - \$1,399.80

Stananco Power Equip - \$1,476.00

Sisson Sales - \$1,479.80

Motion was made to go with the lowest bid.

Motion: by Faulkner Seconded: by Parker 6-0

Administrative: Councilperson Collins reported everything routine.

Fire: Councilperson Bragg reported that the Fire Committee needed to get together to discuss the purchase of turn out gear and air bottles. This would be a large expense. Other members of the committee asked that the meeting be changed to a more convenient time. Councilperson Bragg then asked the meeting be changed to 5:00 on the day of the council meeting. This would be better for the members of the committee.

Chief Strobridge announced to council that the Atlanta Braves would be honoring Ricky Thurman, the Fighter who lost his life last year. On July 31, 2016 the Braves will have a Ricky Thurman Day and his wife will throw out the first pitch. Anyone is welcome to go, each individual will have to provide their transportation to Atlanta and ticket to the game.

Mayor Schwabe reported that the sod for the Fire Department would be installed on Thursday and the project was coming to an end.

Airport: No Report

Executive: No Report

Downtown Development: No Report

Building Inspection: No Report

Mayor: Mayor Schwabe had no report.

Mayor Pro-Tem Parker invited everyone to a meeting scheduled for July 15, 2016 at 5:00pm and the Vann Community Center to discuss how the community can combat the violence that is rising in Swainsboro.

Mayor Schwabe then ask if any member of the audience if they had anything to address council. Many of the citizens present shared comments about recent events.

Mayor Pro-Tem reported that the Greater St. James Church is having it's annual fun day and is requesting that McLeod Bridge road from Hopkins to Lewis be closed from 10:00 to 3:00 on July 16, 2016. Motion was made to allow the closure.

Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Faulkner 6-0

Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted: Al L Lawson, City Administrator