



CITY OF
Swainsboro
Crossroads of the Great South



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City Council Meeting

June 06, 2016

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Monday, June 06, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. at Swainsboro City Hall.

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

Members Absent: Faulkner

Prayer of Invocation: Randy Ellison

Motion to accept minutes from the previous meeting was made.

Motion: by Sconyers Seconded: by Bragg 5-0

A. Consensus Business

None

B. New Business

1. Eliza Noles representing the Swainsboro-Emanuel County Chamber of Commerce asked council to close off Roger Shaw St. and Green St. on June 09, 2016 for the BRAG event. They are requesting the street closure from 5:30pm to 9:30pm. Motion was made to honor the request.

Motion: by Sconyers Seconded: by Stafford 5-0

2. Mr. Randell Snellgrove from the Lake Luck area shared some concerns with the council. He asked for Police patrol in the area to be increased. He stated that crime in the area is on the rise and the traffic speed has increased. He also commented that if the back gate at EGSC were closed it would help the situation. He stated he had talked to Chief Ellison and discussed some solutions. Other members of the neighborhood were present.

A concerned citizen asked about the street lights being removed. The city had no knowledge of any city lights having been removed and found out it was the county who removed the lights in the county, not the city.

3. Daon Bethae representing Leggwork spoke to council about an event they are sponsoring called STOP the Violence Family Day. The event will take place at the Swainsboro Jaycee Fairground on July 02, 2016. They will have family fun day, to include playing games, listening to great choirs, and inspirational speakers talk about the needs of the community. They asked for council support in the event. Motion was made to donate \$1,000.00 to the event.

Motion: by Parker Seconded: Died of lack of second

4. Mayor Schwabe informed council that the Juvenile Curfew passed by council many years ago must be renewed every year. He asked the council to reinstate the Juvenile Curfew Ordinance for this year. Motion was made to reestablish the curfew for another year.

Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Bragg 5-0

5. Council heard the request for an alcoholic beverage license application (for advertisement only) from Linda Kelly dba Walgreens on 390 South Main St. for retail Beer & Wine Package Only. Motion was made to advertise.

Motion: by Stafford Seconded: by Sconyers 5-0

6. Council heard the request for an alcoholic beverage license application (for advertisement only) from Snedalben Patel dba APSARA LLC on 208 North Main St. for retail Beer & Wine Package Only. Motion was made to advertise.

Motion: by Stafford Seconded: by Bragg 5-0

C. Old Business

1. Council considered the adoption of a proposed credit card policy for elected officials. Mayor Schwabe announced this was a public hearing and asked if anyone wanted to speak for or against the proposed ordinance. Council discussed the policy and some members of the community asked for a copy of the policy. A motion was then made to table the vote to the next meeting.

Motion: by Bragg Seconded: by Parker 3-2
Sconyers & Stafford against Bragg, Parker, Collins for
Council ask the ordinance be re-advertised.

D. Committee Reports

Recreation: Councilperson Parker reported the Recreation Department would be hosting a state baseball tournament and a state girls softball tournament.

He reported that Splash in Sports was now open, up and running.

Councilperson Parker reported that Director Mangieri had met with the Kiwanis Club and they had agreed to let the city put a dog park in the area on South Main. The preliminary estimate was between \$25,000 and \$30,000 for the park. Mayor Schwabe asked Councilperson Parker to work with the Recreation Department to see what could be done in house to reduce that cost.

Water and Waste Water: Councilperson Sconyers reported repairs had been made to the vac truck and it was fully operational again.

Police: Councilperson Stafford presented the Police report.

Public Works: Councilperson Faulkner was absent.

Administrative: Councilperson Collins reported everything routine.

Fire: Councilperson Bragg asked that Adm. Lawson put a notice in the newspaper about the Fire Committee meeting on the third Thursday of the month.

Councilperson Bragg reported they had discussed doing the SPLASH operation this summer. A citizen can request the operation and a time and date can be set up. Mike Connolly with CH2M was asked if the state of Georgia water ban had been lifted and he informed council it has not, to his knowledge.

Airport: No Report

Executive: No Report

Downtown Development: No Report

Building Inspection: No Report

Mayor: Mayor Schwabe asked council to reconsider the donation to the Leggwork Family Violence Day event. He stated he would pledge \$500.00 out of his fund if council would consider a \$500.00 grant from the Hotel/Motel account. No one objected. Motion was made to donate \$500.00 from the Hotel/Motel account.

Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Stafford 5-0

An Executive Session was requested by Mayor Schwabe to discuss a legal issue.

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 day of June 06, 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 6th day of June , 2016, which was closed for the purpose of legal 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 June, 2016
MAYOR / CITY OF SWAINSBORO

Council re-entered regular session. No Action taken.

Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted: Al L Lawson, City Administrator