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City Council Meeting

May 2, 2016

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Monday, May 02, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. at Swainsboro City Hall.

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

Members Absent:

Prayer of Invocation: Pastor Sue Ann Clark

Mayor Schwabe presented the May 2016 Home Town Heros. The State Champion SECRD Midget 11 & 12 year old All Star Basketball team. These boys won the state Recreation Basketball Championship while representing Swainsboro and Emanuel Co. in a wonderful way. Coach Greg Waters introduced the players and the coaches. Many were in attendance to see the kids receive the award.

Motion to accept minutes from the previous meeting was made.

Motion: by Faulkner Seconded: by Stafford 6-0

A. Consensus Business

None

B. New Business

1. Mrs. Teresa Davis from East Georgia St. College shared a new program called the CHOICE Program with members of council. She showed a short presentation on the program and explained the benefits to the community. Mayor Schwabe and council members offered full support for the program.

2. DDA Director Lynn Brinson was present to ask the council for street closures for the Ultimate Yard Sale to be held on June 4th 2016. She asked that Roger Shaw Street be closed from 7:00am to 12:00am. Motion was made to allow the road closure.

Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Bragg 6-0

3. Adm Lawson reported that the city and county have completed the community hanger project at the airport and a resolution was needed to borrow the remaining \$300,000.00 to satisfy the final payments. This would bring the bond agreed to by the city and county on the construction of the Hanger to \$1,000,000.00 agreed on previously. This loan will be paid back by the Federal Endowment fund received each year at the airport. Motion was made to accept the resolution.

Motion: by Faulkner Seconded: by Collins 6-0

C. Old Business

1. Council heard the second reading of a proposed credit card policy for elected officials. A Public Hearing will be held on June 6, 2016 for this ordinance.

2. Adm. Lawson presented an Amendment to the Animal Control Ordinance. Mayor Schwabe announced this was a Public Hearing and would anyone like to speak for or against the proposed amendment. No one was heard. Motion was made to adopt the amendment as presented.

Motion: by Stafford Seconded: by Faulkner 6-0

D. Committee Reports

Recreation: Councilperson Parker reported that Director Mangieri had met with the Kiwanis about the possibility of the city installing a dog park in the old Kiwanis park area at Harmon Park. He reported they would discuss it at there next meeting and get back with Director Mangieri.

Councilperson Parker reported baseball is in full swing.

Water and Waste Water: Councilperson Sconyers reported everything routine.

Police: Councilperson Stafford reported that the new plexiglass has been installed at the Police Department.

Councilperson Bragg asked if any one had left the PD this month. Chief Ellison reported no one has left this month and we had just had one return back to full time and we were short one. The city would be advertising for this position.

Chief Ellison reported he was working with Adm. Lawson on a grant for the body cameras and they would be ordered shortly.

Public Works: Councilperson Faulkner asked that in next years budget an Engineering firm be hired to study the Robin Rd. Water issue.

Administrative: Councilperson Collins reported everything routine.

Fire: Councilperson Bragg asked that Adm. Lawson post a meeting notice for a Fire Committee Meeting on the third Thursday of every month. This posting will be so the public will have notice of the meeting.

Airport: No Report

Executive: No Report

Downtown Development: DDA Director Lynn Brinson informed the council the city of Swainsboro has been designated as a Nationally Accredited Main Street City. This designation is yearly and has to be renewed every year. This will allow the city to be eligible for special grant incentives and special low interest loans. Signs will be placed at the city limits giving recognition of this designation.

Lynn announced that there would be an open house the day of the Pine Tree Festival at the Dixie Theater so citizens can come by and see the future plans of the Theater.

Building Inspection: No Report

Mayor: Ask council to consider having a workshop in the middle of July.

Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted: A L L Lawson, City Administrator