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Swainsboro
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City Council Meeting

January 04, 2016

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Monday, January 04, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. at Swainsboro City Hall.

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

Members Absent:

Prayer of Invocation: Rev. Tim Nary

Motion to accept minutes from the previous meeting was made.

Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Stafford 6-0

Judge Don Wilkes, Emanuel County Probate Judge, was present to swear in the three council members elected in the 2015 Election.

Mayor Schwabe called for the council to elect a Mayor Pro Tem. Councilperson John E. Parker was nominated and there were no other nominees. Motion to elect Councilperson Parker as Mayor Pro Tem was made.

Motion: by Faulkner Seconded: by Stafford 6-0

A. Consensus Business

B. New Business

1. Mayor Schwabe called for the Affidavit of the 2016 Election. The results were presented and motion was made to accept as printed. (See Copy of affidavit on next page)

Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Faulkner 6-0

2. Adm. Lawson presented a request to consider Associates in Local Government as a grant writer for the 2016 CDBG application. He explained the city has sent out RFP requests and the applicants have been reviewed. The committee recommended Associates in Local Government for the job. He informed council that the city had used them in the past and that their success rate was 8 out of 9 in the last 16 years. He also informed council if the CDBG Grant was unsuccessful, there would not be a charge for their services. Motion was made to hire ALGA to write the 2016 CDBG application.

Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Stafford 6-0

3. Adm. Lawson presented a request to consider G. Ben Turnipseed as the Engineer for the 2016 CDBG. He explained the city had sent out RFP requests and the applicants have been reviewed. The committee recommended G. Ben Turnipseed for the job. He informed council that the city had used them in the past and that their success rate was 8 out of 9 in the last 16 years. He also informed council if the CDBG Grant was unsuccessful there would not be a charge for their services. Council had concerns about the other applicants and requested to see all of the RFP's. Motion was made to postpone the decision until they could review the proposals.

Motion: by Bragg Seconded: by Parker 6-0

4. Mayor Schwabe presented two bids for the 2016 veterinarian services. One from McRae VeterinarianClinic, and the other from Swainsboro Animal Clinic. These bids were read and compared. A motion was made to give the 2016 bid to the low bid of McRae Veterinarian Clinic.

Motion: by Stafford Seconded: by Sconyers 6-0

C. Old Business

None

D. Committee Reports

Police: Police Chief Ellison reported everything routine.

Councilperson Stafford reported the city had some vehicles that needed to be surplused. He presented a list of four police cars and one water department car that needed to be sold. No one objected.

Public Works: Councilperson Parker stated everything was routine.

Mayor Pro Tem Parker presented a petition from the residents of Mitchell St. requesting their road be paved. Mayor Schwabe stated it would be studied and considered.

Fire: Fire Chief Strobridge reported that the Santa visit on Christmas Eve was very successful and would be an annual event.

He reported that the city had finally received the paper work from GEMA on the grant for the generator for the new Fire Station. The amount the city would receive was \$40,607.

Recreation: No Report

Airport: No Report

Executive: No Report

Water & WW: No Report

Downtown Development: No Report

Administrative: No Report

Building Inspection: No Report

Mayor: Mayor Schwabe gave the 2016 Committee assignments as follows:

DEPARTMENT	CHAIR	COMMITTEE
Administrative	Bobbie Collins	Stafford, Faulkner, Bragg
Fire	Sue Bragg	Faulkner, Parker, Sconyers
Police	Johnny Ray Stafford	Bragg, Faulkner, Parker
Public Works	Rita Faulkner	Sconyers, Stafford, Collins
Recreation	John E. Parker	Collins, Sconyers, Bragg
Water	Julian Sconyers	Stafford, Parker, Collins

Mayor Schwabe gave council a list of his 2016 goals as follows:

COMPLETION OF NEW FIRE STATION

CONTINUATION OF DIXIE THEATER RESTORATION

CONTINUATION OF PAVING AND STREET IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

COMPLETION OF NEW INERT LANDFILL

PHASE 3 of SIDEWALK AND STREETScape RENOVATION

BYPASS SIGNAGE AND LIGHTING PROJECT

COMPLETION OF AIRPORT SIGNAGE AND LANDSCAPING PROJECT

IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW CAMPAIGN TO CLEAN UP BLIGHTED AREAS AND ABANDONED BUILDINGS

LANDSCAPE AND ROAD IMPROVEMENTS FOR CITY CEMETERY

PROVIDE ECONOMIC INCENTIVES FOR NEW RETAIL BUSINESSES TO LOCATE IN SWAINSBORO

ASSISTING CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND JOINT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY IN BRINGING JOBS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO SWAINSBORO.

Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted: Al L Lawson, City Administrator