



CITY OF  
**Swainsboro**  
*Crossroads of the Great South*



GEORGIA

**City Council Meeting**

**November 02, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Tuesday, November 02, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. at Swainsboro City Hall.

**Members Present:** Edenfield, Stroud, Collins, Parker, & Faulkner

**Members Absent:** Stafford

**Prayer of Invocation:** Bishop Bertha Jones

Motion to accept minutes from the previous meeting was made.

**Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Stroud 5-0**

**A. Consensus Business**

**B. New Business**

1. Mr. Lenard Richards spoke to council about the log trucks in the middle of town. He asked council to see what could be done. Mayor Schwabe stated that was a problem but it would take an eastern by-pass to solve the solution and he did not foresee DOT building one in the near future. One of the attendees in the crowd suggested the council draft a j-brake ordinance. This would slow the truckers down. Mayor Schwabe stated the council would look into the ordinance.

2. Dr. Bob Boehmer, President of East Georgia State College, addressed council about the blighted properties in the city. He spoke of the harm it was bringing to the community and offered his help to come to a solution.

3. Lynn Brinson, Co-Chair of the Smithsonian Committee, addressed council about the sports exhibit the Smithsonian Institute is bringing to Swainsboro. The exhibit will be at East Georgia College in March of 2016. The exhibit will feature many of the Georgia sports heroes along with local sports heroes. She stated the committee is seeking financial support for the exhibit and asked council to participate at a \$5,000 level. She informed the council that others, Mill Creek and the Chamber, have already committed. Motion was made to donate \$5,000 from the Hotel-Motel proceeds in the 2016 budget to this project.

**Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Stroud 5-0**

4. Mayor Schwabe informed the council that the Emanuel County Commissioners had called for a 2017 SPLOST. The city has to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the county on how the money is distributed. Mayor Schwabe asked the council to look at the proposed capital request for the called 2017 SPLOST referendum. The list was discussed and agreed on. The Mayor then informed council that one person needed to be appointed to negotiate the agreement with the county. Motion was made to allow the Mayor to negotiate the agreement on behalf of the city.

**Motion: by Stroud Seconded: by Faulkner 5-0**

**C. Old Business**

1. The council heard a second reading of the derelict and blighted property ordinance presented last month.

2. Council considered the amendment to the consumption on the premises code section allowing establishments to stay open until 2:00 am. Mayor Schwabe announced this was a Public Hearing and asked if anyone was present to speak for or against the ordinance. No one spoke. Motion was made to accept the ordinance as presented.

**Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Faulkner 5-0**

#### **D. Committee Reports**

**Police:** Police Chief Ellison reported everything routine.

**Public Works:** Councilperson Parker stated everything was routine. He asked Adm. Lawson to look into the problem about equipment for the detail. Adm. Lawson stated he had spoken with the guard earlier that day and was aware of the issue.

**Fire:** Councilperson Collins presented Oct. fire report.

**Recreation:** Councilperson Faulkner reported everything routine.

**Airport:** No Report

**Executive:** No Report

**Water & WW:** Councilperson Edenfield reported the water tank on Old Nunez Rd. was being investigated for repairs.

**Downtown Development:** Lynn Brinson reminded everyone about the Christmas Parade.

**Administrative:** Mayor Pro Tem Stroud reported everything routine.

**Building Inspection:** No Report

**Mayor:** Mayor Schwabe reminded everyone to vote tomorrow.

**Meeting was adjourned.**

**Submitted: Al L Lawson, City Administrator**