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City Council Meeting

October 05, 2015

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Tuesday, October 05, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. at Johnson Clubhouse, 126 Lake Luck Drive, hosted by Council member Sandra Stroud City Ward 1.

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

Members Absent:

Prayer of Invocation: City Adm. Al Lawson

Motion to accept minutes from the previous meeting was made.

Motion: by Stafford Seconded: by Parker 6-0

A. Consensus Business

1. Council heard the request from DDA Director Lynn Brinson to enforce the normal street closure for the Fall Festival on October 29, 2015.

2. Council heard the request from DDA Director Lynn Brinson to enforce the normal street closure for the Christmas Parade on December 03, 2015.

3. The Swainsboro Fire Department asked to hold a Boot Drive on November 07, 2015 to raise money for the Georgia Firefighters Burn Foundation.

Motion was made to approve consensus agenda

Motion: by Faulkner Seconded: by Parker 6-0

B. New Business

1. Administrator Lawson presented the following properties to be declared surplus and sold at auction: 334 Lee St.; 165 Durden Dr.; 229 West Church St.; Lincoln St Lot. These properties were obtained at a tax sale and will now be sold at auction. Motion to declare these properties surplus and sell at auction was made.

Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Stroud 6-0

2. Mr. Unrico Lloyd had asked to address council but was not present.

3. Mr. Leonard Richards had asked to address council but was not present.

C. Old Business

1. Council heard the alcoholic beverage license application from David Bernard dba Berni's on West Main, 114 West Main St. for mixed drink consumption on premises. Mayor Schwabe announced this was a public hearing, was anyone here to speak for or against the application. Motion was made to approve the application.

Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Stafford 6-0

2. The council considered a change to the derelict and blighted property ordinance presented last month. This change was more in line with a model ordinance from the Georgia Municipal Association. Motion was then made to accept the ordinance as presented.

Motion: by Edenfield Seconded: by Stafford 6-0

3. Council heard the second reading for the amendment to the consumption on the premises code section allowing establishments to stay open until 2:00 am. this ordinance will on the next council agenda for consideration. A public hearing is scheduled for November 02, 2015 at 6:00pm.

D. Committee Reports

Police: Councilperson Stafford presented the Sept. Police report.

Public Works: Councilperson Parker stated everything was routine.

Fire: Councilperson Collins presented Sept. Fire Report. Firefighter James Ward was present and thanked the council for assisting with the Boot Drive. He reported that he had been to Washington DC representing the Georgia Firefighters.

Recreation: Councilperson Faulkner reported everything routine.

Airport: No Report

Executive: No Report

Water & WW: Councilperson Edenfield reported that CH2M had been monitoring the increase in rain water. No problems have been recorded.

Adm. Lawson informed everyone about the format change in the water bills. The new format were mailed Oct. 01, 2015.

Adm. Lawson informed council that the 2015 tax notices would be mailed Oct. 08, 2015.

Downtown Development: Lynn Brinson was present and gave an update on all of the upcoming events including the Fall Festival on Oct. 28th, the Downtown Open House on Nov. 13th and 14th, and the Christmas parade on Dec. 3rd.

DDA Director Brinson thanked the DDA decorating committee for all of the hard work in decorating the downtown area.

Administrative: No Report

Building Inspection: Bruce Kirby gave council an update of the new construction going on in the city.

Mayor: Mayor Schwabe presented a Proclamation Declaring November 01, 2015 as Retired Teachers Day. Mrs. Bobbie Daughtry was present to accept the Proclamation.

Mayor Schwabe announced the reappointment of Alton W. Lawson to the Housing Authority Board. His appointment was from Oct. 01, 2015 until Sept 30, 2019.

Mayor Schwabe thanked Mr. William Johnson for allowing the city to hold a city council meeting in Ward 1 at his facility.

Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted: Al L Lawson, City Administrator