



CITY OF
Swainsboro GEORGIA
Crossroads of the Great South

City Council Meeting

June 01, 2015

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Monday, June 01, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. at Swainsboro City Hall

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

Members Absent:

Prayer of Invocation: Administrator Lawson

Motion to accept minutes from the previous meeting was made.

Motion: by Faulkner Seconded: by Stroud 6-0

Consensus Business

A.

None

New Business

B.

Ms. LaKesia McSween with William Grove Holiness Church presented a street closure request. The

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request was to close Gumlog St from MLK to McLeod Bridge Rd for a Community Fun Day on July 27, 2015 from 11:00am to 5:00pm. Motion was made to grant the request. **Motion: by Parker**

Seconded: by Faulkner 6-0

DDA Director Lynn Brinson presented a street closure request. The request was for the City's

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Ultimate Yard Sale Event on June 27, 2015, from 7:00am to 12:00pm. Motion was made to grant the request.

Motion: by Edenfield Seconded: by Parker 6-0

Old Business

C.

None

Committee Reports

D.

Police: Police Chief Ellison ask all citizens to make an effort to display their house numbers on their homes. This will help all emergency agencies find their houses faster.

Public Works: Councilperson Parker reported everything routine.

Councilperson Faulkner asked about the ditch behind Robin Rd. Mike Connolly with CH2MHill stated that they had started at the Wrens St end and was in the process of cleaning it now.

Mayor Schwabe asked the Police Department to be more aggressive with issuing litter violations.

Fire: Fire Chief Strobridge gave council an update on the new Fire Station. He informed council the inside is 90% complete and hoping the weather will cooperate so the outside can be finished.

Chief Strobridge informed council the Swainsboro Fire Department was partnering with the State of Georgia to be a pilot site for a new record reporting system for the state.

Mayor Schwabe stated that the city and the county had signed a contract with Code Red, an Emergency Alert Company, to provide an early warning for the citizens of Emanuel County and it will be up and running any day.

Recreation: Councilperson Faulkner reported everything routine.

Airport: No Report

Executive: No Report

Water & WW: Councilperson Edenfield reported the fence at the LAS is in need of replacing. A bid of \$3,985.00 from Central Fence Co, was presented. Motion to proceed with repairs was made.
Motion: by Edenfield Seconded: by Stroud 6-0

Administrator Lawson reported that the post cards that the utility department are using to send out the water bills are being torn up by the postage equipment and it has become a big problem. He stated that he had contacted a new company that will print the utility bills in a full page form and give a lot more information to the customer than the old card provided. They would also provide a return envelope for the customer's convenience. Motion was made to proceed with the new utility billing process.

Motion: by Stroud Seconded: by Parker 6-0

Downtown Development: DDA Director Brinson reported on the progress of the Dixie Theater Project. A committee has been formed and the talks have started and grant funding is being sought. Mrs. Brinson updated council on all of the new businesses locating in the downtown area. She reported that the downtown area is 94% occupied.

Administrative: No Report

Building Inspection: Councilperson Faulkner asked what the status was of the house located at Gumlog and McLeod Bridge Rd..

Mayor: Mayor Schwabe congratulated Southeastern Tech on the opening of the new building. It will be a great addition to Swainsboro.

An Executive Session was called by Mayor Schwabe to discuss a land acquisition issue. Motion was made to enter into Executive Session.

Motion: by Stroud Seconded: by Faulkner All voting yes by called vote

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 1st day of June, 2015.

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 1st day of June 2015 which was closed for the purpose of land acquisition requested by Mayor 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. §50-14-4(b) that such an affidavit be executed.

This 1st day of June, 2015

Council re-entered regular session and no action was taken by council.

Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted: Al L Lawson, City Administrator