



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



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**City Council Meeting**

**May 05, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Monday, May 05, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. at Swainsboro City Hall

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

**Members Absent:**

**Prayer of Invocation:** John Parker

Motion to accept minutes from the previous meeting was made.

**Motion: by Edenfield Seconded: by Stroud 6-0**

Mayor Schwabe presented the May 2015 Home Town Hero Award to seven year old Mason Oglesby. Mason heard his grandmother talking to one of her friends about how a litter of puppies had been left at the animal shelter outside the fence after hours and the person had left no water or food for the puppies. His birthday was approaching and he was having a party so he requested for all his guests to bring food for the animals at the shelter instead of a gift for him. He collected a large donation for the shelter. His unselfish act makes him a perfect choice for the May 2015 Home Town Hero.

**A. Consensus Business**

1. Council heard a request from the Swainsboro Jaycees for funding for the Fourth of July Fireworks Celebration. This is a budgeted item for \$3,000.00 Motion was made to honor the request as budgeted.

**Motion: by Edenfield Seconded: by Stafford 6-0**

**B. New Business**

1. Mr. Gary Wilson had petitioned to speak to council and did not show up.

2. Building Inspector, Bruce Kirby, presented council with a re-zoning request from Mershon Townsend for 406 Rentz St. He requested that it be re-zoned from R-3 to C-8. Mr. Kirby explained that this had been a commercial establishment for many years but had gone back to the original zoning when the establishment was closed. A Public Hearing was held and no one came in opposition to the request. Motion was made to honor the request.

**Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Stafford 5-1 Collins Opposed**

3. Mrs. Christine Quarterman asked to address council but was not present. Councilperson Rita Faulkner stated she had concerns about the ditch behind Robin Rd. not being maintained properly. It needed to be put on a regular routine maintenance schedule. Council asked if it could be corrected with a CDBG. Adm Lawson stated it would be looked into.

**C. Old Business**

None

**D. Committee Reports**

**Police:** Councilperson Stafford announced the resignation of Officer John Maynard and the city would be advertising to fill that position.

Council discussed body cameras for the officers and Adm Lawson reported that he has spoken with an agency about hosting a cloud storage to post the videos.

Adm. Lawson read a letter sent to Mayor Schwabe announcing that the City of Swainsboro had received a Safety and Liability Grant from GMA to purchase in-car cameras for two of the patrol cars. This grant is in the amount of \$6,000.00.

**Public Works:** Councilperson Parker reported everything routine.

Mayor Pro-Tem Stroud reported she had helped with the city wide clean up and it was a big success. A big thank you to all who participated.

Councilperson Parker reported that the fork lift at the Recycle Center was in need of repair. The estimate on the repair parts were \$4,155.06. Motion was made to repair the fork lift.

**Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Edenfield 6-0**

Councilperson Edenfield reported he had received a request from the residents on Willow Way to install a speed bump on their street. He had a signed petition from all of the residents on that street. Motion was made to grant the request.

**Motion: by Edenfield Seconded: by Stroud 6-0**

**Fire:** Councilperson Collins presented April Fire Report.

Mayor Schwabe stated that the city and the county had met with Code Red, an Emergency Alert Company, to provide an early warning for the citizens of Emanuel County.

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

The Splash in Sports would be opening Memorial Day weekend but they are booking private parties now.

**Airport:** No Report

**Executive:** No Report

**Water & WW:** Councilperson Edenfield reported that CH2MHill was still working on getting all of the water meters repaired.

**Downtown Development:** No report

**Administrative:** No Report

**Building Inspection:** Report in New Business.

**Mayor:** Mayor Schwabe thanked all of the city employees for all the hard work on the Pine Tree Festival last week.

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 5th day of May, 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 5th day of May 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 5th day of May, 2015

**Meeting was adjourned.**

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