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Swainsboro
Crossroads of the Great South



City Council Meeting

April 06, 2015

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Monday, April 06, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. at Swainsboro City Hall

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

Members Absent:

Prayer of Invocation: Rev. Eugene Davis

Motion to accept minutes from the previous meeting was made.

Motion: by Stroud Seconded: by Faulkner 6-0

A. Consensus Business

none

B. New Business

1. Adm. Lawson presented council with an agreement between the city and Yancey Equipment Co. to lease the mini excavator for five years. There will be five annual payments of \$9,806.20 for a total of \$49,031.00. Motion was made to enter into the contract with Yancey.

Motion: by Faulkner Seconded: by Edenfield 6-0

2. Council considered the acceptance of a grant from the Department of Transportation for the Southeast Georgia Regional Airport. The grant is a 95%-5% matching grant and will cost the city \$8,006.13. The city and county will receive \$304,233.00 to help pay for the newly erected community hanger. Motion was made to accept the grant and approve the \$8,006.13 match portion.

Motion: by Edenfield Seconded: by Stroud 6-0

3. Adm. Lawson presented an amendment from GEMBS who manages the cities retirement plan. Council reviewed the amendment and made the motion to accept the declaration as presented.

Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Stroud 6-0

4. Mr. George Elder, representing the Historical Society, spoke to council and informed them of a newly formed society to promote the Sunbury Historic Trail. He told council that the trail came right through the middle of Swainsboro and it would be good to promote tourism. Mayor Schwabe asked the council to consider a resolution of support for this project. Motion was made to pass a resolution of support for the promotion of the Sunbury Historic Trail.

Motion: by Stafford Seconded: by Stroud 6-0

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

C. Old Business

1. Council heard the reading of the Motorized Cart Ordinance. A Public Hearing was called for by Mayor Schwabe. No one was present to speak for or against the ordinance.

Motion: by Stafford Seconded: by Stroud 6-0

D. Committee Reports

Police: Councilperson Stafford gave the March Police Report.

Police Chief Ellison reported the city had sent Melanie Grant to mandate school to get her certification. A temp worker will be hired in her place for the 11 weeks she is gone.

Public Works: Councilperson Parker reported everything routine. He reported of some areas left behind by Pineland are uneven and OMI is trying to level those.

Councilperson Parker reported on that April 18, 2015 was city wide clean up day. Mayor Schwabe informed council that during the clean up, bags and gloves would be supplied for anyone's use. He told council that individuals and groups could bring bags of trash and receive raffle tickets for drawings for prizes being given away. The grand prize will be \$500.00 cash.

Fire: Councilperson Collins presented February Fire Report.

Chief Strobridge thanked everyone who supported the Georgia Burn Foundation Pageant.

Chief Strobridge reported on the Haz Mat call they responded to last week.

He reported that the Swainsboro Fire Department would be receiving a grant for a generator from GEMA to run the new station by emergency power. He also informed council that a small all purpose engine was needed.

Recreation: Councilperson Faulkner reported everything routine.

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

Council asked the Rec. Dept to make sure that rules are posted in all of the city parks.

Airport: No Report

Executive: No Report

Water & WW: Councilperson Edenfield reported that OMI and the Engineers will be getting together on some of the remaining issues at the treatment plant.

Downtown Development: No report

Administrative: Mayor Pro Tem Stroud informed council one of the confiscated cars from the King case had been transferred to the Adm. Dept.

She reported that the city is now capable of taking credit card as a payment option.

Building Inspection: No report

Mayor: Mayor Schwabe asked the Police Department to be more pro action on litter.

Mayor Schwabe announced that the Konsberg Plant in Swainsboro would be closing and moving to Mexico. This will cost our area over 120 jobs.

Adm. Lawson handed out flyers reminding council members of the Emanuel Medical Foundation Auction on April 23, 2015.

Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted: AL L Lawson, City Administrator