



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



GEORGIA

**City Council Meeting**

**March 03, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Monday, March 03, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. at Swainsboro City Hall

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

**Members Absent:**

**Prayer of Invocation:** Rev. Jim Harrell

Motion to accept minutes from the previous meeting was made.

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

Mayor Schwabe presented the Our Town Hero for the Month of March 2015. The award this month was presented to Ansley Smith a seventeen year old High School student who volunteers with the Weekend Blessing Project. She prepares bags to give to kids who do not have food to eat on the weekends. Mayor Schwabe states she sets a good example for the youth of our community.

**A. Consensus Business**

none

**B. New Business**

1. Mayor Schwabe recognized Richard Claxton representing the American Legion. Mr. Claxton introduced SSG Joseph Tucker with the Swainsboro unit of the Georgia National Guard. He gave council an update on the guard and what it meant to the community.

2. Administrator Lawson presented a Resolution renewing the GMA Ethics commitment as follows:

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS** the Board of Directors of the Georgia Municipal Association has established a Certified City of Ethics program; and,

**WHEREAS** the City of Swainsboro, wishes to be re-certified as a Certified City of Ethics under the GMA Program; and,

**WHEREAS** part of the certification process requires the Mayor and Council to subscribe to the ethics principles approved by the GMA Board;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the governing authority of the City of Swainsboro, Georgia, that as a group and as individuals, the governing authority subscribes to the following ethics principles and pledges to conduct its affairs accordingly:

- \* Serve Others, Not Ourselves
- \* Use Resources With Efficiency and Economy
- \* Treat All People Fairly
- \* Use The Power of Our Position For The Well Being Of Our Constituents
- \* Create An Environment Of Honesty, Openness And Integrity

**RESOLVED** this Second day of March, 2015.

Motion was made to adopt the resolution as presented.

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

3. Administrator Lawson presented a request from Jerry Bentley requesting to close Roger Shaw St. on March 14, 2015 for a wedding. Council asked if she had spoken with the businesses on that street and no indication was given that she had.

Motion was made to grant the request by Councilperson Parker. The motion died for lack of a second. Request was denied.

4. Administrator Lawson presented a request from Kari Ray requesting to close Prince Ave. on March 22, from 2:00 o'clock until 4:00 o'clock. Mrs. Ray has spoken with all the residents of the neighborhood and no one objected.

Motion to grant the request was made.

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

### **C. Old Business**

1. The second reading of the Motorized Cart Ordinance was presented. A Public Hearing will be held on April 06, 2015 at 6:00pm at City Hall.

### **D. Committee Reports**

**Police:** Councilperson Stafford gave the February Police Report.

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

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

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

She reported two of the recreation basketball teams would be traveling to play for the state title this weekend. She also reported that the Recreation Dept. was looking into programs for Sr. Citizens.

**Airport:** No Report

**Executive:** No Report

**Water & WW:** Councilperson Edenfield reported that the city continues to work on the I & I problem.

**Downtown Development:** DDA Director Lynn Brinson gave council an update on what was going on in downtown Swainsboro.

**Administrative:** Mayor Pro Tem Stroud informed council that the Administrative Dept. Personnel Committee had met and interviewed many candidates for the Utility Clerk position. The committee recommend Renee Price for the job.

Motion was made to uphold the recommendation.

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

Administrator Lawson reported that the city would also be changing software and would start taking credit and debit card in April.

**Building Inspection:** No report

**Mayor:** Mayor Schwabe along with Council congratulated the SHS basketball teams on their recent success.

Mayor Schwabe commented on the trash in the city and asked that all citizens be aware of their properties and help keep Swainsboro Clean. He asked council to adopt a Resolution for a "City Wide Clean Up Day" in April.

Motion was made to adopt Resolution.

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

**Meeting was adjourned.**

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