



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



**City Council Meeting**

**August 05, 2013**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Monday, August 05, 2013 at 6:00 P.M. at Swainsboro City Hall

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

**Members Absent:**

**Prayer of Invocation:** Rev. Steve Dowless

Motion to accept minutes from the previous meeting was made.

**Motion: by Stafford Seconded: by Stroud 5-0** Collins Absent

**A. Consensus Business**

None

**B. New Business**

1. Mr. Bill Currie informed council about the second annual Hamfest in Swainsboro on August 24, 2013 at the 4H Center. This year will be bigger than last year and will draw participants from many different states. He asked for the support of the city. Mayor Schwabe wished him and his committee success.

2. Mr. Richard Claxton, representing the Emanuel Veterans Center, informed council about the upcoming September 11 Day to Remember Celebration. He stated the Swainsboro Police Dept., Swainsboro Fire Dept., and Emanuel EMS would be participating. The program will be at Patriot's Park and start around 8:20.

3. Adm. Lawson presented the 2014 proposed budget. The council then heard the proposed changes. Adm. Lawson stated that the Department Heads had done a good job holding the projected expenses down and informed council there would not have to have any increase in milage to balance the budget. Council then agreed to present the proposed budget as present for approval. This budget includes **no increase in tax milage and no increase in water rates**. The proposed budget will be presented at the September 09, 2013 regular meeting and a public hearing will be held for public comment before.

4. Adm. Lawson presented a request from Pineland Cellular Inc for the city to abandon an unused alley located adjacent to property they own and return it to the original owner. After examining the property in question, the city found the property was an old street that had never been established. The property was of no use to the city. Motion was made to grant the request.

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

**C. Old Business**

1. Council heard the second reading of the Game Room Amended Ordinance.

**D. Committee Reports**

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

Mayor Pro Tem Stafford reported the Police Committee had met and interviewed three potential candidates for the vacant Police Officers job. The committee recommended Craig Waring for employment. Motion was made to accept the recommendation of the committee and hire Mr. Waring.

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

**Public Works:** Councilperson Parker reported everything is routine. He gave a list of new items that Ch2MHill was wanting. The items are not budgeted and would have to be worked out at a later time. Mr. Parker asked council to consider the purchase of a Boom Truck for the Public Works Dept. This is not a budgeted item and bids would have to be sought and brought up at the next meeting.

**Fire:** Councilperson Collins presented the August Fire reports.  
Mayor Schwabe presented preliminary drawings of the new Fire Station.

**Recreation:** Councilperson Faulkner reported the Splash Pad project is under construction and hopes to be open by Labor Day.

Councilperson Faulkner reported the Rec. Dept. has been hosting a lot of one pitch softball tournaments.

**Airport:** No report.

**Executive:** No report.

**Water & WW:** Councilperson Edenfield reported that the Water Dept. would like to purchase some glass lab equipment. The cost of the equipment is \$500.00. Motion was made to approve the purchase.

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

**Downtown Development:** No report

**Administrative:** No report

**Building Inspection:** Building Inspector Kirby was present to present two properties for council consideration in adoption of a resolution to abatement as a nuisance.

Property #1 located at 218 Lee St. owned by Gloria & Kenneth Jackson  
Motion was made to pass a resolution abating said property as a nuisance.

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

Property #2 located at 211 North Green St. owned by Gary Wilson;  
Motion was made to pass a resolution abating said property as a nuisance.

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

**Mayor :** Mayor Schwabe had no report.

Meeting was adjourned.

**September's regular council meeting have been moved to September 09, 2013 due to Labor Day Holiday.**

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