



CITY OF
Swainsboro
Crossroads of the Great South



City Council Meeting

April 01, 2013

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Monday, April 01, 2013 at 6:00 P.M. at Swainsboro City Hall

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

Members Absent:

Prayer of Invocation: Rev. Nicholas Roberson , Jesus Christ Ministries

Motion to accept minutes from the previous meeting was made.

Motion: by Faulkner Seconded: by Stafford 6-0

Mayor Schwabe presented the Our Town Hero award for the month of April 2013 to Mrs. Joan Dunn. She is the current director of the Boneyard Antique Mall. Mrs. Dunn has served as the keep Emanuel Beautiful Coordinator, serves on the Arts Council , and many more volunteer positions. Her service to Swainsboro explained why she was nominated to be the April 2013 Our Town Hero.

A. Consensus Business

B. New Business

1. Mr. Larry Calhoun representing Southeastern Tech gave council an update on the new proposed Science Building in the 2014 State Budget. He stated that it had been approved by both houses and is waiting on the Governor's signature. He gave council a brief update on the school and thanked them for all of the city's support.

2. Mrs. Betty Gambrell AND Shari Watt were present to give the annual Animal Shelter report. This year the number that 80% of the animals are coming from the county. They reported that there has been a greater number of adoptions this year. The animal shelter is working with rescue units around the nation to help place dogs. Mayor Schwabe thanked them for all of their hard work. Shari acknowledged Benjamin Porter for the landscaping he provided for the shelter during his Eagle Scout Project.

C. Old Business

Council heard the application request by Sheth Rashmikant dba Saysas Inc., 502 North

1. Main St., for beer and wine package only. This was a public hearing and no one spoke for or against the application. Motion was made to accept the application.

Motion: by Edenfield Seconded: by Stroud 5-1 Faulkner opposed

Administrator Lawson proposed a new personnel manual for the employees of the city.

2. He stated council has had the manual for a month and he has received no suggested changes. Motion was then made to adopt the 2013 City of Swainsboro Personnel Manual as presented. **Motion: by Stroud Seconded: by Faulkner**

Council heard the second reading of the Public Indecency Ordinance. A Public Hearing
3. will be held on May 6, 2013. After the hearing council will consider the ordinance for adoption.

D. Committee Reports

Police: Councilperson Stafford gave the April Police Report. Commander Culbreth was present to update council on the Police Department activity.

Public Works: Councilperson Parker reported everything routine.

Recreation: Councilperson Faulkner everything routine.

Airport: Councilperson Edenfield reported that there was a ribbon cutting at the airport today for the construction of the new hanger building.

Executive: Councilperson Stroud had no report.

Water & WW: Councilperson Edenfield reported the basin project has been started.

Downtown Development: No report

Administrative: Councilperson Stroud reported the computer change over has started and is on track for May 1, 2013.

Building Inspection: Adm. Lawson stated the city had taken bids for a contractor for the hay field. He read a bid from Doug Holton of \$3505.00. Motion was made to accept the bid if he met the qualifications.

Motion: by Edenfield Seconded: by Stroud

Mayor : Mayor Schwabe had no report.

An Executive Session for land acquisition was requested by Mayor Schwabe. Roll call vote was taken and all were in favor.

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 day of April 01, 2013.

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 April, 2013, which was closed for the purpose of land acquisition requested by Mayor Charles 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.

Council re-entered regular session.

Motion was made to purchase property located on Green St. from present owners to build a new Swainsboro/Emanuel Co. Fire Station.

Motion: by Collins Seconded: by Parker passed 6-0

Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted: Al L Lawson, City Administrator