

**City Council Meeting
November 03, 2008**



The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Monday,
November 03, 2008, at 6:00 P.M. at Swainsboro City Hall

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

Members Absent:

Prayer of Invocation: Councilperson Edenfield

Motion to accept previous minutes as presented.

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

A. New Business

1. Council heard the alcoholic beverage request, for advertisement only, of Glenn Skinner dba Shaira's Place 112 Central St. for beer and wine Consumption on the premises. Motion was made to advertise the license.

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

2. Council heard the alcoholic beverage request, for advertisement only, Apurva Chavan dba Shaan & Stuti Inc. 227 West Main St. for beer and wine package only. Motion was made to advertise the license.

Motion : by Stafford Seconded : by Faulkner Passed : 6-0

3. Council considered the adoption of the Georgia Comprehensive Waste Management Act Resolution for the City of Swainsboro. This is in compliance with the city's and county's waste management report to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. Motion was made to adopt the resolution as presented.

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

4. Andy Rosen representing TGC Development addressed council with a new housing development he was proposing on Injunction Rd. He explained his development in detail and answered question from the council. He stated his firm had a study done by an independent firm showing that Swainsboro could support this development or Swainsboro would not have been chosen as a potential site. He stated this would be approximately 50 units at a cost of 7.5 million dollars. He stated they would use local banks and local subs if they were competitive. He stated the project would not be on line until 2012 so it was about three years down the road.

Mayor Schwabe thanked Mr. Rosen for his presentation and stated the council would study his proposal and get back to him.

Bobby Reeves representing R & R Properties was present to speak to council in opposition of the project. He stated that he was a landlord and he has had problems competing with these types of developments. He spoke out against the program that give these developments tax incentives or other taxpayer supported programs that provide an unfair advantage.

5. Kim Smith with Johnson Controls was present to present the city with the settlement for the meter change out guarantee for the first two years. She explained that the meters have been tested and the accuracy of the meters met the contract. She went on to say in the change out process some difficulties had occurred and it had caused the city some extra money and they were here to compensate for the city's loss. Administrator Lawson stated he has been working with them for two years and many problems have been resolved. Mrs. Smith stated the city would be receiving a check from Johnson Controls for \$27,212.00 and would not be charge for the \$10,000.00 first year performance guarantee for a total of \$37,212.00.

6. Administrator Lawson informed council that the city was seeking bids on the wreckers services for the city. He reported that he had received two bids as follows:

1. Watkins South Main Auto and Towing
2. Charlie's Collision Service

Both bids were studied and motion was made to accept the bid of Watkins South Main Auto.

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

B. Old Business

1. Council heard the alcoholic beverage request of Ashok Patel dba Andy's Quick Stop #9 208 North Main St. for beer and wine package only.

Mayor Schwabe announced this was a Public Hearing and asked if anyone was here to speak for or against the application. Motion was made to grant the license.

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

2. Council heard the alcoholic beverage request, for advertisement only, of Sarah Hackle dba 114 West Main St. Located at 114 West Main St. for liquor, beer and wine consumption on the premises. The request was to only purchase the beer and wine consumption on the premises in 2008 and purchase the full license in 2009. Mayor Schwabe announced this was a Public Hearing and asked if anyone was here to speak for or against the application. Motion was made to grant the license.

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

3. Council heard the second reading of the animal cruelty ordinance and will be presented for public hearing and a vote at the December 2008 meeting.

C. Committee Reports

Police: Councilperson Stafford and Mayor Schwabe reported on the success of the open house and thanked all involved.

Mayor Schwabe reported that the Animal Shelter was in need of another truck. Permission was given to seek bids.

Building and Safety: Councilperson Faulkner had no report .

Executive: No Report

Public Works: Councilperson Collins reported everything routine.

Recycle: Councilperson Collins reported operations normal .

Fire : Councilperson Parker reported everything routine.

Chief Strobridge gave council an update on the reclassification on the Fire Department's ISO rating. He stated that all of the paper work should be submitted to the Insurance Commissioners Office by the end of the year and the new rate could begin as soon as summer of 2009.

Recreation: Councilperson Stroud reported everything routine.

Airport: Administrator Lawson reported he attend a meeting with the Air Force in Augusta and Swainsboro was well represented and stated a good case against the Bulldog MOA. Representatives from Senator Isackson, Senator Chambless, and Rep. Barrow were present.

Water & WW: Councilperson Edenfield reported everything routine.

Downtown Development - Anthony Faris reported the DDA held a Main St introduction meeting and was attended very well. He reported that the DDA was holding a decorating contest and 15 businesses were participating. The awards would be given at the 2nd Saturday Arts Stroll.

Anthony reported that he will be working with other on a Veterans Day Celebrating activity for downtown.

Anthony reported that the resource team from the Department of Community Affairs would be in Swainsboro the second week of January to gather information for their recommendations.

Anthony then informed the council of the plans for Christmas in the downtown area. He stated they would be working with the chamber on the Carols on the Square Celebration. Council then asked about a parade and informed Anthony they would like a Christmas parade. They discussed the day and a Saturday was suggested. Council then made a motion to amend the hotel/motel budget to fund \$2000.00 for a Christmas parade.

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

Anthony then update council on the progress of the new web site. He reported that he would be planning a kick off for the launch of the site in the near future.

Administrative: Administrator Lawson had no report.

Mayor : Mayor Schwabe recognized Councilperson Collins for her participation in the Leadership Emanuel class.

Mayor Schwabe ask council to consider a policy that would give local vendors an advantage in the bidding process when the city sought bid on projects. He stated this could be considered at a later date.

Council Adjourned

Submitted: *Al L Lawson* , City Administrator