

**City Council Meeting
December 01, 2008**



The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Monday,
December 01, 2008, at 6:00 P.M. at Swainsboro City Hall

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

Members Absent:

Prayer of Invocation: Councilperson Stroud

Motion to accept previous minutes as presented.

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

A. New Business

1. Mayor Schwabe asked council to consider the business license fee schedule for 2009. He formed a committee of Councilperson Faulkner, Parker and Edenfield to review the fee structure and bring a recommendation for council consideration at the January 2009 meeting.

B. Old Business

1. Council heard the alcoholic beverage request of Glenn Skinner dba Shaira's Place 112 Central St. for beer and wine Consumption on the premises. 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 Stroud Passed : 4-3 Schwabe for
Parker, Collins, & Faulkner against**

2. Council heard the alcoholic beverage request of Apurva Chavan dba Shaan & Stuti Inc. 227 West 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 Stroud Seconded : by Edenfield Passed : 4-3 Schwabe for
Parker, Collins, & Faulkner against**

3. Council considered the adoption of an animal cruelty ordinance. Mayor Schwabe announced this was a Public Hearing and asked if anyone was here to speak for or against the application. Shari Watt representing the Humane Society and the Animal Shelter told council how badly this ordinance was needed and thanked them for their help. Motion was made to adopt the ordinance.

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

C. Committee Reports

Police: Councilperson stated the Police report was there for review.

Chief Shuman reported to council that the Drug task Force had made an arrest inside of the Food Basket of a person selling drugs. He states this is the second violation of the business license ordinance and asked council what they would like for him to do. He stated he had also caught them selling beer without a license. In the ordinance after a second violation it is up to council to consider the removal of the business license. After a long discussing and questions about complaints in the area a motion was made to revoke the licenses of the Food Basket located on Lewis St.

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

Chief Shuman reported to council that the Swainsboro Police Department had caught the Hole-In-The-Wall Game Room located on Williams St. selling beer. They have a game room license and alcohol is prohibited on the premises by the game room ordinance. He stated this was their first offence and asked council what action they recommended. Because of this being the first offence, a recommendation of a written citation was suggested.

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.

Councilperson Parker reported we have been informed of a problem with scrap tires on the side of the road in Ward 5. OMI stated they would look into the problems tomorrow.

Recycle: Councilperson Collins reported operations normal .

Fire : Councilperson Parker reported everything routine.

Recreation: Councilperson Stroud reported everything routine.

Councilperson Faulkner asked about the gym being open on Saturdays. Councilperson Stroud stated that there has been problems with drugs and fighting and it was closed but she would look into reopening it.

Airport: Mayor Schwabe reported there would be a bid opening on the Airport Fencing Project at City Hall tomorrow at 3:00pm.

Water & WW: Councilperson Edenfield reported everything routine. He announced that OMI had received a Lab Quality Assurance Award for 2008 from the Georgia Association of Water Professionals.

Downtown Development - Anthony Faris had no report.

Administrative: Administrator Lawson had no report.

Mayor : Mayor Schwabe reminded everyone of the Swainsboro Christmas Parade on Thursday December 04, 2008 at 5:30pm

Mayor Schwabe read a thank you note from Melony Rosenau with the Ladies Golf Association thanking the City for the help with the Cancer Awareness Golf Tournament.

An Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of land acquisition was requested by Mayor Charles Schwabe.

Motion : by Stafford Seconded : by Stroud Roll Call vote all 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 1st day of December, 2008. 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 December, 2008, which was closed for the purpose of a 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.

This 1st day of December, 2008

MAYOR / CITY OF SWAINSBORO

Council re-enter regular session

Motion was made to pass a resolution requesting the State of Georgia to return the property on Kite Hwy known as the DOAS Property back to the City of Swainsboro.

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

Council Adjourned

Submitted: *M L Lawson*, City Administrator