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City Council Meeting

August 06, 2012

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Monday, August 06, 2012, at 6:00 P.M. at Swainsboro City Hall.

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

Members Absent:

Prayer of Invocation: Rev. Delmus Mosley

Mayor Schwabe presented the "Our Home Town Hero" Award to Mrs. Lynda Morgan. Councilperson Johnny Ray Stafford assisted in the presentation. She is a leader in the community serving as Chairperson of East Georgia Healthcare, Chairperson of Southeastern Technical College Foundation Board, Chairperson of Friends of the Library, and Past President of the Pilot Club. Her hard work for our city makes her the perfect choice for the August 2012 Our Home Town Hero.

Motion to accept minutes from the previous meeting was made.

Motion: by Faulkner Seconded: by Stroud 6-0

A. Consensus Business

None

B. New Business

1. Council heard the application, for advertisement only, of Amitaben Patel dba D & I Food Mart 334 North Main St., for beer and wine package only. Motion was made to advertise.

Motion: by Edenfield Seconded: by Stafford 6-0

2. Council heard the application, for advertisement only, of Amitaben Patel dba Mike's Food Mart 504 North Main St., for beer and wine package only. Motion was made to advertise.

Motion: by Edenfield Seconded: by Stafford 6-0

3. Councilperson Edenfield presented bids for a tractor and mower for the airport. This equipment will be funded out of the County 2011 SPLOST. The bids were as follows:

1. Emanuel Tractor - M9540 Kubota Tractor and mower \$54,300.00
2. Blanchard Equipment - John Deere 5101E and mower \$56,250.00

Motion was the made to accept the low bid , if it meets specifications.

Motion: by Stafford Seconded: by Faulkner 6-0

C. Old Business

1. Administrator Lawson presented the 2013 Budget. He stated that the water budget was balanced and the general fund was balanced with the chances made at the budget workshop. He also stated that he had used the millage roll back rate of 15.262 to balance and suggested that council lower the millage rate from 19.525 to 19.262. Motion was made to adopt the 2013 budget as presented and roll back the millage rate from 19.525 to 19.262.

Motion: by Stroud Seconded: by Edenfield 6-0

Water rates were also discussed. A motion not to implement the 2nd portion of the water increase planned for December 2012 and to re-visit the increase if necessary in December was made
Motion: by Collins Seconded: by Parker 3-4 Motion failed

Stafford, Stroud, & Edenfield opposed Schwabe broke tie against
After a long discussion council decided to postpone any action until more information was obtained at a later date.

D. Committee Reports

Police: Councilperson Faulkner reported that Police Personnel Committee had met and interviewed applicants for the vacant Police Officer Position. She stated they interviewed 8 applicants and recommended, James Young, Anthony Dowd, and Nathaniel Bishop for hire. Motion was made to accept the committee recommendation to hire.

Motion: by Faulkner Seconded: by Stafford 6-0

Executive: Councilperson Stroud had no report.

Public Works: Councilperson Parker reported everything routine.

Fire: Councilperson Stafford reported everything routine. He stated that the Fire Personnel Committee had met and interviewed 3 applicants for the position of Fire Fighter and recommended Logan Hall for hire. Motion was made to accept the recommendation of the committee to hire.

Motion: by Stafford Seconded: by Edenfield 6-0

Chief Strobridge stated he is still working on the re-alignment and the reclassification of the city's ISO rating.

Recreation: Councilperson Collins reported that new play ground equipment is installed. She reported the old gym project is coming slowly and they are repairing some leaks.

Airport: No report

Water & WW: Councilperson Edenfield reported on the progress of the USDA project and the GEFA project.

Downtown Development: Lynn had no report.

Administrative: No report

Building Inspection: No report

Mayor : Mayor Schwabe thanked the citizens of this community for passing the T-SPLOST which will be a great asset for our city.

September meeting was set for September 10 due to the Labor Day Holiday.

Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted: Al L Lawson, City Administrator