



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



**City Council Meeting**

**April 02, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Monday, April 02, 2012, at 6:00 P.M. at Swainsboro City Hall.

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

**Members Absent:**

**Prayer of Invocation:** Rev. Nicholas Roberson

Mayor Schwabe presented the "Our Home Town Hero" Award to Phyllis Strobridge. She is a local business owner who is all the time helping others. She gives a lot of time and money to support the youth of our community. Phyllis Strobridge is a true asset to our community and a perfect "Our Home Town Hero".

Motion to accept minutes from the previous meeting was made.

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

Mr. George Elder representing the Emanuel County Bi-Centennial Committee presented a flag to Mayor Charles Schwabe and the city of Swainsboro to be displayed during the Emanuel County Bi-Centennial. He also presented the city with some banners to display in the downtown area.

Mrs. Teri Price gave council an update on the Emanuel County Schools Gifted Program. She reported that about 4% of the students in Emanuel County Schools were in the gifted program. Councilperson Faulkner had asked her to come up date council and our leaders of tomorrow.

**A. Consensus Business**

1. Grant of Relay for Life American Cancer Society \$500.00 Budgeted

Motion was made to approve consensus agenda.

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

**B. New Business**

1. Mayor Schwabe opened bids on a surplus piece of property the city was advertising for bids. The bids were as follows:

1. Keep It Moving, Inc. \$1,000.00
2. Trinity Missionary Baptist Church \$700.00

Adm. Lawson reported that the city had a cost of \$3,328.03 in owed taxes and cleaning up the property.

Motion was then made to reject both bids and not sell the property.

**Motion: by Stroud Seconded: by Edenfield MOTION DENIED 3-4**

**For - Stroud, Collins, Edenfield**

**Against - Parker, Faulkner, Stafford & Mayor Schwabe**

Motion was then made to accept the low bid from Trinity Missionary Church of \$700.00

**Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Edenfield MOTION DENIED 2-4**

**For - Parker, Faulkner**

**Against - Edenfield, Stroud, Stafford, Collins**

Motion was then made to accept the higher bid from Keep It Moving. Died of lack of second.

Motion to postpone was made.

**Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Faulkner MOTION APPROVED 5-1**

**For - Stroud, Collins, Edenfield, Parker, Faulkner**

**Against - Stafford**

2. Council considered bids for a replacement truck at the Recycle Center. The bids were as follows;

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| 1. Joe's Auto Sales | \$3,975.00 |
| 2. Joe's Auto Sales | \$3,680.00 |
| 3. Daniel Flowers   | \$3,800.00 |

The bids were examined by Councilperson Parker and stated all bids met the bid proposal and recommended the purchase of the low bid. Motion was made to accept the low bid and purchase the truck for the Recycle Center.

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

3. Council considered bids for the harvesting of the hay at the LAS site for the year 2012. The bids were as follows;

1. Magruder Plantation - \$1,000

After a discussion by council motion was made to accept the bid.

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

Councilperson Parker stated he is still looking for a place and appropriate time for a town hall meeting.

### **C. Old Business**

### **D. Committee Reports**

**Police:** Councilperson Faulkner reported that the city had received a resignation of one of the police officers and we need to advertise for a replacement of that officer.

Chief Ellison reported he has been working with the School system to come to a solution of the increased number of calls to the school. The decision was made to place an officer in the school for a few hours a day. This expense is picked by the Emanuel County Board of Education.

Police Chief Ellison also showed council the new radar detection sign the city had purchased with a grant.

**Executive:** Councilperson Stroud had no report.

**Public Works:** Councilperson Parker reported the curbs in the downtown area have been painted.

**Fire:** Councilperson Stafford the city had received a resignation of one of its fire fighter and asked to advertise for that position.

Mayor Schwabe informed council the county would like to meet and discuss the possibility of building a City/County fire station. this meeting will be on Thursday 05, 2012 at the commissioners office.

**Recreation:** Councilperson Collins reported

**Airport:** No report

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

He also reported that the water line replacement on Kite Hwy. is about half way complete.

**Downtown Development:** Lynn reported the Farmers Market will be starting back up on April 20, 2012 on Roger Shaw St..

**Administrative:** Routine

**Building Inspection:** Councilperson Collins showed pictures of the progress that has been made in the clean up effort across the city.

**Mayor :** Mayor Schwabe reported that the roof on City Hall is being replaced.

Meeting was adjourned.

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