



CITY OF
Swainsboro GEORGIA
Crossroads of the Great South

City Council Meeting

August 03, 2020

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Monday, August 03, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. at the Swainsboro Police Department. Social distancing was observed.

Members Present: Sconyers, Stafford, Parker, Collins, Stevens, & Faulkner

Members Absent:

Prayer of Invocation: Adm. Lawson

Motion was offered to accept the minutes as read from the previous meeting.

Motion: Stafford

Seconded: Sconyers

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A. Consensus Business

None

B. New Business

1. Mr. Ken Warnock Director of the Economical Development Committee came to council and reported on the status of the city and the county economic development. He reported on the jobs gained and the jobs available. He reported on the future of available jobs and the prospects the Development Authority is working on. Mayor Schwabe thanked Mr. Warnock for the job the Development Authority is doing and is willing to help with in any way.

2. Council considered the reinstatement of the convenience store license of Unrico Lloyd. Police Chief Ellison told council that there had been shooting in the area of the Every Thang Convenience store owned by Unrico Llyod. He spoke about the location being a hot spot for criminal activity. He told council he was concerned when this location was open. Unrico Llyod spoke to council about his application. He talked about when his keys was locked in his car and 911 would not respond to his call. Councilperson Stevens asked what he was selling. Councilperson Parker stated that he wanted to know what the citation was issued for. Chief Ellison stated he had seen video evidence of alcohol on the premises. Councilperson Faulkner asked Mr. Lloyd had he done any research on the location and if he knew the history on the location. Councilperson Collins stated she had been misinformed about the situation. Adm. Lawson was instructed by the Mayor to call all of the council and inform them about the situation. All council members were given the same information to make a decision on the suspension of the licence. Motion was then made to not reinstate the license.

Motion: Stevens

Seconded: Sconyers

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Parker and Collins

C. Old Business

1. Councilperson Faulkner asked the council to review the submission from Carter and Sloope Engineering Firm to solve the drainage problem in the Robin Road area. This will be considered at the September meeting of Mayor and council.

2. Adm. Lawson reported that he has arranged for the house on Central St., the council had declared delapidated and a drug haven, to be torn down by the Swainsboro Police Department. This will be done by one of the police officers as soon as it can be arranged.

An Executive Session was requested by Mayor Schwabe to discuss a real estate issue and advise council on a recommendation from legal council.

Roll Call vote was taken

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 OD oath states the follow:

I was the presiding officer of a meeting of the Swainsboro City Council held on the day of August 03, 2020.

That it is my understanding that O.C.G.A 550-14-4(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 3rd day of August, 2020, which was closed for the purpose of real-estate and legal issue requested by Mayor Schwabe as allowed by O.C.G.A., Title 50, Chapter 1.1, was devoted to matters within the exceptions and as provided by law.

This affidavit is being executed for the purpose of complying with the mandate of O.C.G.A. 850-144(h) that such an affidavit be executed.

Council re-entered regular session.

Adm. Lawson reported that the Arts Council who was occupying the building next to the new theater was needing the water and the sewage run to the building. In order to run the lines to the building it would require to cross property owned by D & W incorporated. D & W has agreed to sell the property to the city for \$25,000. This property would then in time be turned into a parking lot for the theater when it opened. Motion was made to purchase the property.

**Motion : Stevens Seconded by: Stafford Failed 2-3
Parker, Faulkner, and Collins against Sconyers abstained**

Mayor Schwabe then ask council after hearing the advise of our legal attorney should action be taken. A motion that the city council now considers Jacobs in default of it's obligations to the city of Swainsboro and requires that either a plan for improvement of services be submitted by Jacobs and accepted by the Swainsboro City Council withing 30 days or all services provided by Jacobs be terminated.

Motion : Stevens Seconded by: Stafford 6-0

Submitted: Al L. Lawson, City Adm.