



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

**City Council Meeting**

**August 17, 2020**

The special called meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Monday, August 17, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. at the Swainsboro Fire Department. Social distancing was observed.

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

**Members Absent:**

**Prayer of Invocation:** Adm. Lawson

**A. Agenda**

1. Council heard proposals from Clearwater Solution and ESG on the operation of the Water, Waste Water, and Public Works Operations for the city.

2. Adm. Lawson presented the 2021 proposed budget as prepared by the city department heads. Council asked numerous questions about the proposed budget. Council suggested the removal of delapidated house line item in the building inspector's budget be increased from \$15,000.00 to \$25,000.00. No one objected.

Adm. Lawson then gave council a salary comparison from other cities. He explained the difference in emergency pay versus a normal 40 hour work week. The council then talked about the percentage of increase. Council Stevens asked Adm. Lawson if the budget could stand a 5% increase in pay for the city employees. He stated that the city had not been keeping up with inflation. Adm. Lawson stated he could make it work without an advertised increase in milage or an increase in water rates. Motion was then made to accept the budget as presented with the suggested changes and a 5% increase in pay for employees with no tax increase or water rate increase. Adm. Lawson stated the milage rollback rate would change slightly because last year there was a negative growth index from the county. This would reflect no increase in taxes but a change in the milage from 19.353 to 19.405.

Motion: Stevens    Seconded by: Sconyers    Passed 6-0

Submitted: Al L. Lawson, City Adm.