



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

City Council Meeting

January 04, 2021

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Monday, January 04, 2021 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: Rev. Casey Shaw

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

Motion: Stafford Seconded: Sconyers 5-1
 Collins opposed

Councilperson Collins questions the legality of the minutes. She questioned the motion that was made in November Special Meeting concerning the funding of the two special projects legal. Mayor Pro-Tem Parker stated that the motion was not the same motion previously presented and had been noted in the minutes. Mayor Schwabe read the section from the November SCM reflecting Councilperson Collins objection.

Mayor Schwabe presented a Hometown Hero award for January 2021. The recipient was Raymond Riner a lifetime member of Swainsboro. Mr. Riner has lived in Swainsboro his entire life and has helped many people with their abuse of alcohol and drugs. He has donated countless time and money to help numerous organizations and has even had one the fields at the Dixie Youth League named in his honor. He was recognized by a letter from former Emanuel County Sheriff Tyson Stephens for his accomplishments. A good group was in attendance for the presentation to honor Mr. Riner.

Mayor Schwabe called for the election of Mayor Pro-Tem. Councilperson Stafford nominated Councilperson Collins and no other nominations were heard. Motion was made to elect Councilperson Mayor Pro-Tem.

Motion: Stafford Seconded: Parker 6-0

Mayor Schwabe then made the following council appointments for the year 2021.

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| Administrative | Parker, Stevens |
| Fire | Collins, Parker |
| Police | Stevens, Faulkner |
| Public Works | Sconyers, Stevens |
| Recreation | Faulkner, Stafford |
| Water/Waste Water | Stafford, Collins |
| Airport | Parker |
| Special Projects | Faulkner, Sconyers |

Mayor Schwabe ask that the amended agenda be considered. Motion was made to adopt the amended agenda.

Motion: Parker Seconded: Faulkner 6-0

Council considered extending the process, that was put in place last year, that all request for projects go through the City Administrator's office. Council agreed this was working and made a motion to extend it another year.

Motion: Stafford Seconded: Parker 6-0

A. Consensus Business

None

B. New Business

None

C. Old Business

None

D. Department Head Request

None

Mr. Cal Avery thanked Council and Adm. Lawson for handling the issues on his street. This will make the neighborhood a safer place.

A complaint was also logged about the trucks parked at the intersection of East Main and Industrial Blvd. The trucks parked at that location are restricting the view of traffic and is dangerous. Council instructed Adm. Lawson to turn this matter over to the Police Department for investigation.

Fire Chief Strobridge reported that ISO had visited Swainsboro and had sent a report that the City would keep it's Class 3 Fire Rating for the up coming year. This was very good news for the City.

Mayor Schwabe asked if the council would like to seek a CDBG this year. All agreed. He then instructed Adm. Lawson to proceed to identify a project and report back to council.

An Executive Session was called for by Mayor Schwabe to discuss a real-estate matter.

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 January 04, 2021.

That it is my understanding that 0.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 4th day of January , 2021, which was closed for the purpose of real-estate issue requested by Mayor Schwabe as allowed by 0.C.G.A., Title 50, Chapter 1.1, was devoted to matters within thaw exceptions and as provided by law.

This affidavit is being executed for the purpose of complying with the mandate of 0.C.G.A. 850-144(h) that such an affidavit be executed.

This 4th day of February 03, 2020

Council re-enter regular Session.

Mayor Schwabe explained that the property located on Kite Hwy that was occupied by the VFW and American Legion was city property and a formal lease had never been given to the Emanuel County Veterans Association. He asked the council to consider giving this organization a lease on the property for \$1.00 for 100 years. No one objected. Motion was made to enter into the lease as presented.

Motion: Parker Seconded: Stevens 6-0

Mayor Schwabe informed council that he has a prospect interested in leasing the old recycle building. He then ask council's permission to negotiate a lease for the old recycle building. NO one objected. Motion was then made to give the mayor thee authority to negotiate a lease for the city for the old recycle building.

Motion: Parker Seconded: Faulkner 6-0

Submitted: Al L. Lawson, City Adm.