



CITY OF GEORGIA
Swainsboro
Crossroads of the Great South

City Council Meeting

November 02, 2009

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Monday, November 02, 2009, at 6:00 P.M. at Swainsboro City Hall.

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

Members Absent: None

Prayer of Invocation: Mayor Schwabe

Mayor Schwabe presented the "Our Home Town Hero" Award. He explained that the city would be giving this award each month to a citizen who displays an extra effort to make our town better. The Swainsboro "Our Town Hero" award for the month of November was presented to Emanuel Arts Guild. Ms. Joan Dunn, Mr. Neil Kalmanson, Mr. John Dunn, Ms. Gen Meadows, Ms. Heather Townsend, and Ms. Sandy McGurn were present from the Arts Guild to accept the award.

Motion to accept minutes from the previous meeting was made.

Motion: by Stafford Seconded: by Stroud 6-0

A. Consensus Business

1. Council approved a grant application from the Ladies' Golf Association for \$500.00. This is a budgeted item for the 2009 budget.

2. Council approved a Pre-Disaster Mitigation Resolution to accept the Emanuel County Pre-Disaster Plan as required by the Department of Community Affairs and as prepared by the Heart of Georgia Regional Commission.

Motion to approve Consensus Business

Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Stroud 6-0

B. New Business

None

C. Old Business

1. Council heard the request for an alcoholic beverage license from Sharon Shephard dba Lucky Beaver Sports Bar and Grill at 108 East Martin Luther King Blvd for retail beer and wine consumption. Motion was made to approve the request for license.

Motion: by Stafford Seconded: by Parker 6-0

2. Council heard the request for an alcoholic beverage license from Rachel Scarborough dba JAS-GA., LLC as Walk the Line at West Main St. for mixed drink consumption. Motion was made to approve the request for license.

Motion: by Edenfield Seconded: by Stroud 5-0 Stafford Abstained

D. Committee Reports

Police: Councilperson Stafford presented the Police Report.

Mayor Schwabe informed council that the procedure for hiring a new Police Chief was moving along. Council, after a long discussion, decided to accept the top 3 names from the Georgia Chief's Association finding. They would then bring in the 3 candidates and council would interview them and make a choice. Motion was made to proceed with this procedure.

Motion: by Edenfield Seconded: by Parker Passed 4-2 Collins and Faulkner opposed

A special called meeting for Nov. 23rd was called to interview the potential candidates.

Building and Safety: Councilperson Faulkner had no report.

Executive: No Report

Public Works: Councilperson Collins reported everything routine.

City Adm. Lawson reported that the city is still working with the DOT on getting Industrial Parkway repaired.

Recycle: Councilperson Collins reported everything routine.

Fire : Councilperson Parker reported everything routine.

Fire Chief Strobridge reported that the Swainsboro Fire Dept has sponsored a tri-county disaster drill. The city partnered with Candler and Bulloch Counties and all of the Emergency services in Emanuel County for the drill.

Fire Chief Strobridge reported that Ed Davis and William Henry would be retiring from the Fire Dept and Jerry Lawson Jr was the new Battalion Chief.

Recreation: Councilperson Stroud reported everything routine.

Airport: Mayor Schwabe had no report.

Water & WW: Councilperson Edenfield reported everything routine.

Downtown Development - Anthony Faris reported that the DDA had sponsored a Haunted House and was visited by over 700. The visitors donated can goods which will be given to the local food pantry.

Mr. Faris also reported on the Ultimate Yard Sale which will be held on Saturday on the Boneyard.

Mr. Faris gave council an update on the Christmas Parade which will be held Dec. 3rd at 5:30pm. He reported there will be a float contest and prizes will be awarded as follows; 1st place \$400.00 2nd place 200.00 3rd place 100.00.

Administrative: Administrator Lawson reported that the city has applied for a Department of Transportation Gate Way Grant in the amount of \$5,000 for green space at the entrances for the Historic District.

Mayor : Mayor Schwabe read an invitation from Swainsboro High School inviting members of council to the Veterans Day Celebration at Swainsboro High School on November 11, 2009 at 9:00am.

Mayor Schwabe informed council that he was still working on getting some of the streets paved and will be obtaining prices and studying the possibilities

Council Adjourned

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