



CITY OF GEORGIA
Swainsboro
Crossroads of the Great South

City Council Meeting

December 07, 2009

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Monday, December 07, 2009, at 6:00 P.M. at Swainsboro City Hall.

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

Members Absent: None

Prayer of Invocation: Adm. Lawson

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 December was presented to retiring Police Chief Johnny Shuman. He has served as the Police Chief of Swainsboro for over 14 years.

Motion to accept minutes from the previous meeting was made.

Motion: by Edenfield Seconded: by Stroud 6-0

A. Consensus Business

1. Council approved a grant application from the Martin Luther King Jr. Parade Committee for \$1800.00. This is a budgeted item for the 2009 budget.

Motion to approve Consensus Business

Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Stroud 6-0

B. New Business

1. Mayor Schwabe spoke on the importance of the 2010 Census.

2. Building Inspector Bruce Kirby presented a recommendation from the Planning Commission to re-zone some property owned by James Morgan located on Hwy 56 North. This property is currently zoned R3 and is recommended to be re-zoned to C8. The council approved the recommendation for advertisement. A Public Hearing was set for January 4, 2010 for public opinion on the re-zoning request.

3. Council heard the request for an alcoholic beverage license, for advertisement only, from Bhargav Patel dba Sunoco Foods at 350 East Main St. for retail beer and wine. Motion was made to approve the request for advertisement.

Motion: by Edenfield Seconded: by Stafford 6-0

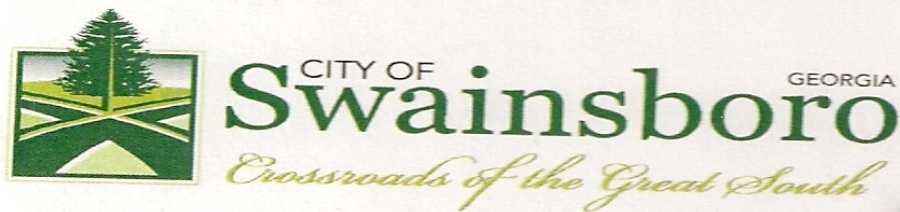
4. Council heard the request for an alcoholic beverage license, for advertisement only, from Bhargav Patel dba Kali Foods at 504 East Main St. for retail beer and wine. Motion was made to approve the request for advertisement.

Motion: by Edenfield Seconded: by Stafford 6-0

C. Old Business

1. Anthony Faris the Downtown Director presented a new logo for the city. He stated a contest had been held and this was the choice that was recommended. Council stated a new logo was fine but did not want to spend a lot of money changing everything. It was recommended to change the logo as things were upgraded. Motion was made to accept the new logo as presented.

Motion: by Stafford Seconded: by Edenfield 6-0



D. Committee Reports

Police: Councilperson Stafford presented the Police Report.

Building and Safety: Councilperson Faulkner asked for an update on the delapidated houses that were being pursued. Inspector Kirby stated he would have council an update at the next meeting.

Executive: No Report

Public Works: Councilperson Collins reported everything routine.

Recycle: Councilperson Collins reported everything routine.

Fire : Councilperson Parker reported everything routine.

Fire Chief Strobridge reported that the Swainsboro Fire Dept had sponsored a statewide Fire School. Members of the Georgia Fire Academy had conducted the school at the Swainsboro Burn Training Facility. They will also be hosting another training session in the spring in Swainsboro.

Recreation: Councilperson Stroud reported everything routine. She reported that Tim Jones had resigned to take another job.

Airport: Mayor Schwabe had no report.

Water & WW: Councilperson Edenfield reported everything routine.

Downtown Development - Anthony Faris reported the progress on the Antique Emporium was in full swing. The DDA had received an \$8,000 grant to start the renovations.

He reported on the second annual Christmas Parade.

He also updated council on the mural that is being painted and sponsored by the radio station.

Administrative: Administrator Lawson had no report.

Mayor : Mayor Schwabe had no report.

Mayor Schwabe requested an executive session to discuss a personnel matter at the Police Department. Motion to enter Executive Session.

Motion: by Faulkner Seconded: by Stroud Roll Call all voted yea

AFFIDAVIT

Personally appeared before the undersigned attesting officer, duly authorized to administer oaths, Charles Schwabe, who, after being duly sworn, deposes and on oath states the following:

I was the presiding officer of a meeting of the Swainsboro City Council held on the 7th day of December, 2009. That it is my understanding that O.C.G.A §50-14-4(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 7th day of December, 2009, which was closed for the purpose of personnel discussion requested by Mayor Charles Schwabe as allowed by O.C.G.A., Title 50, Chapter 14, was devoted to matters within those exceptions and as provided by law.

This affidavit is being executed for the purpose of complying with the mandate of O.C.G.A. §50-14-4(b) that such an affidavit be executed.

Council re-entered regular session.

Motion was made to set a special called meeting for Wednesday December 9, 2009 at 5:00pm City Hall.

Council Adjourned

Submitted: **ALL Lawson , City Administrator**