



CITY OF
Swainsboro
Crossroads of the Great South



City Council Meeting

December 06, 2010

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Monday, December 06, 2010, at 6:00 P.M. at Swainsboro City Hall.

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

Members Absent:

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. Mayor Schwabe presented the December Home Town Hero to Mr. Doug Wilkerson. Mr. Wilkerson has helped many of the towns less fortunate. He is always there when a family is in need. He has been a Sunday school teacher at the First Baptist Church for many years. Mr. Wilkerson also was very instrumental in our County Health Programs. For his love of his community he is the perfect “Home Town Hero”.

Motion to accept minutes from the previous meeting was made.

Motion: by Stafford Seconded: by Stroud 6-0

A. Consensus Business

1. Council heard the grant request from the NAACP Martin Luther King Parade committee in the amount of \$1800.00 and it is a 2011 budget item.

Motion to grant was made

Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Stafford 6-0

B. New Business

1. Mr. Tim Salter representing Georgia Power made a presentation to council about the projects that he and the City Adm. has been looking at to save the city some money on their electric rates. Mr. Salter stated he has looked at some of the city accounts and has suggested some ideas that will save the city money. Mr. Salter stated that the city of Swainsboro and Georgia Power have always had a good working relationship.

2. Council heard the request for alcoholic beverage application (for advertisement only) from Virendra Patel dba Emanuel Discount located at Central St. for beer and wine package only.

Motion to advertise was made.

Motion: by Faulkner Seconded: by Stafford 6-0

3. Council heard the request for alcoholic beverage application (for advertisement only) from Felicia Andrea Foster dba Starblazer Club located at 406 Rentz St. for beer and wine consumption on the premises.

Motion to advertise was made.

Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Faulkner 6-0

C. Old Business

1. Council heard an ordinance change request presented by waste water treatment operator Opie Hall to correct a typo in the pretreatment ordinance. This served as a Public Hearing for this ordinance and no one spoke against the ordinance. Motion was made to adopt the ordinance as presented

Motion: by Edenfield Seconded: by Stafford 6-0

2. Council heard an ordinance change request presented by Police Chief Ellison dealing with the hours of operation for consumption on the premises license holders. This served as a Public Hearing for this ordinance and no one spoke against the ordinance. Motion was made to adopt the ordinance as presented.

**Motion: by Stafford Seconded: by Faulkner 5-1
Parker opposed**

D. Committee Reports

Police: Councilperson Stafford presented the Police Report.

Chief Ellison presented an update fine schedule for council's consideration. A motion was made to table this until council could review the recommendations.

Motion: by Stafford Seconded: by Parker 6-0

Executive: No Report

Public Works: Councilperson Collins reported everything routine.

Recycle: Councilperson Collins had no report.

Fire : Mayor Pro Tem Parker reported that two fire fighters were retiring and asked to hire a recommended replacement for them. He stated that the name of this individual was being withheld out of respect of the applicants present employer.

Motion to hire was given pending acceptance of the position.

Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Faulkner 6-0

Motion to promote Fire Fighter Tommy Lloyd to Lieutenant as of January 1, 2011 was made to replace the retiring Wendell Powell.

Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Faulkner 6-0

Mayor Pro Tem Parker announced that the Swainsboro Fire Dept has received a HazMat Grant from the Federal Government for \$10,000. The money will be used to buy equipment for the Swainsboro HazMat Unit. This is a 100% no match Grant.

Recreation: Councilperson Stroud reported everything routine.

Airport: Mayor Schwabe had no report.

Water & WW: Councilperson Edenfield reported everything routine.

Downtown Development: Lynn had no report.

Mayor Schwabe stated how good the parade was and how many complements he has heard.

Administrative: Adm. Lawson had no report.

Mayor : Mayor Schwabe reported that the city will be getting the railroad intersection at Mable and Calhoun repaired. The city has hired the Heart of Georgia Railroad to do this repair work.

An Executive Session for the purpose of discussion with personnel was requested by Mayor Pro Tem Parker.

Motion : by Parker Seconded : by Faulkner Roll Call vote 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 on oath states the following:

I was the presiding officer of a meeting of the Swainsboro City Council held on the 6th day of December, 2010.

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 6th day of December, 2010, which was closed for the purpose of personnel issue requested by Mayor Pro Tem John Parker 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.

This 6th day of December, 2010

MAYOR / CITY OF SWAINSBORO

Council re-enter regular session

Council agreed that the next council meeting would be held on January 10, 2011 due to the New Year holiday.

Council Adjourned

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