



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



GEORGIA

**City Council Meeting**

**September 13, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Monday, September 13, 2010, at 6:00 P.M. at Swainsboro City Hall.

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

**Members Absent:** None

**Prayer of Invocation:** Councilperson Faulkner

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 September Home Town Hero to Mr. Barnell Anderson. Mr Barnell Anderson has worked in public service for over 62 years. He has served as the Public Works Superintendent for Swainsboro and has most recently been the Director the Swainsboro Recycle Center. He has been the only Director the Swainsboro Recycle Center has ever had. His love for Swainsboro has help keep our city clean for many, many years.

Motion to accept minutes from the previous meeting was made.

**Motion: by Edenfield Seconded: by Stroud 6-0**

**A. Consensus Business**

The council considered the passage of the following consensus business;  
2010 Grant to the Emanuel County Historic Society of \$4,000  
2010 Grant to the Pin High Golf Association for \$500.00

Motion was made to adopt the consensus agenda as presented.

**Motion: by Faulkner Seconded: by Parker 6-0**

**B. New Business**

1. Mrs. Lynn Brinson the Downtown Development Director ask council to consider closing Roger Shaw St. on November 6, 2010 for the second annual Ultimate Yard Sale. She is requesting the roads to be closed from 7:00am to noon on Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>. The Ultimate Yard Sale is open to the public and is free for all participants selling pre-owned items. Motion was made to grant the request.

**Motion: by Stafford Seconded: by Stroud 6-0**

2. Council heard a request from Mr. Jim Fowler, Operations Manager for Fortune Johnson General Contractors requesting that the new construction entrance to East Georgia College off of Thigpen Drive be changed to a three way stop while the construction is going on. A letter from Dr. John Black, President of East Georgia College, was included supporting this request. This request was issued to help make this intersection safer during the construction phase. Motion was made to change this intersection to a three-way stop during the construction phase and remove it after construction.

**Motion: by Stafford Seconded: by Stroud 6-0**

3. Council heard the alcoholic beverage application of Ms. Margartia Kellen dba Wallgreens Co. 390 South Main St., for advertisement only, for beer and wine package only.

**Motion: by Edenfield Seconded: by Faulkner 6-0**

### **C. Old Business**

1. Council considered an amendment to the City Ordinances to adopt a Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance as recommended by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. Mayor Schwabe announced that this was a Public Hearing for this ordinance and asked if anyone was present to speak for or against the ordinance. No one was present to speak for or against the ordinance. Motion was made to adopt the ordinance as presented.

**Motion: by Edenfield Seconded: by Parker 6-0**

### **D. Committee Reports**

**Police:** Councilperson Stafford presented the Police Report. Chief Ellison reported that the Police Department has a suspect in custody for the recent rash of auto break-ins.

Mayor Schwabe reported that the Police Chief and himself had met with a group of concerned citizens in a Neighborhood Watch meeting. It was very successful and helped lead to this arrest.

Councilperson Collins discussed that the council needs to take a more active roll in preventing the rash of crimes lately. Council then discussed these problems at length.

Councilperson Parker asked Chief Ellison about the curfew. Chief Ellison stated that a lot of juveniles has been stopped and questioned after curfew hours but so far no arrests have been made.

Chief Ellison stated that the Police Department needs a Crime Solvers Hot Line. This would give citizens an anonymous way of reporting criminals. Council agreed and authorized Chief Ellison to presume this option.

**Building and Safety:** No Report

**Executive:** No Report

**Public Works:** Councilperson Collins reported everything routine.

**Recycle:** Councilperson Collins reported that our recycle manager is looking for ways to increase the intake of cardboard.

**Fire :** Mayor Pro-Tem Parker reported the resignation of Firefighter Tommy Lester and stated the Fire Personnel Committee had interviewed applicants for the Fire Fighters position and recommended the hiring of Shane Johnson. He is already a Class I Certified Fire Fighter and could start immediately. Motion was made to take the recommendation of the committee and hire Shane Johnson for the Fire Fighter position.

**Motion: by Stroud Seconded: by Edenfield 6-0**

Mayor Schwabe commended the Swainsboro Fire Department and HazMat Unit on the response and corrective measures connected with the spill in Twin City.

**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.

**Administrative:** Reported everything routine.

**Mayor :** Mayor Schwabe reported there will be a meeting on Monday September 20, 2010 at 6:00pm at City Hall with all of the local clergy to discuss the recent rash of crime in the city. Mayor Schwabe will be seeking their help in preventing crime in the city.

Mayor Schwabe announced that there has been another accident at the new entrance to East Georgia College and it was being looked into by the county and the city will lend its support for a solution.

Mayor Schwabe announced the city has received a 2010 Community Development Block Grant from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs in the amount of \$500,000 to continue the improvements of our sewage infrastructure in the Lewis, Lucky, and New Street area.

Council Adjourned

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