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City Council Meeting

February 07, 2011

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Monday, February 07, 2011, at 6:00 P.M. at Swainsboro City Hall.

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

Members Absent: None

Prayer of Invocation: Councilperson Stroud

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 February Home Town Hero to an Emanuel County School teacher of 42 years. He stated that she has lived in Emanuel County for her entire 102 years. This month's recipient was Mrs. Eloise Vining. For her love of her community she 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

None

B. New Business

1. Council heard the request for an alcoholic beverage application (for advertisement only) from Shailesh Patel dba HANSA located at 350 East Main St. for beer and wine package only. Motion to advertise was made.

Motion: by Stafford Seconded: by Faulkner 6-0

2. Council heard a request, from Administrator Lawson to adopt a city wide personnel policy change. He stated that it has always been a city policy to wear seat belts but it was not formally in writing. He stated he has applied for a safety grant and that the city must have a seat belt policy on record to receive the grant. Motion was made to adopt the seat belt policy as presented.

Motion: by Faulkner Seconded: by Collins 6-0

3. Mr Ken Warnock, Chairman of the Airport Commission was present to ask the council to consider a name change for the airport. He stated that the Airport Commission would like to propose that the name be changed to East Georgia Regional Airport. This would give the airport a more wide spread appeal and open up the possibilities of additional grants. The name change would not cost anything and can be handled by the FAA. Mr. Warnock also reported that the ILS was almost finished and would on line later this year. He stated that our airport is one of the finest in the area and through grants over \$20million dollars of work has been accomplished only costing the city and the county less than \$200,000. He reported that the bids for the new community hanger would be ready around March 01, 2011 and construction started by March 31, 2011. Motion was made to accept the proposed name change and change the name of the airport to East Georgia Regional Airport.

Motion: by Edenfield Seconded: by Parker 6-0

Mayor Schwabe thanked Mr. Warnock for all of his hard work on the Airport Commission and announced he was reappointed for another four year term.

4. Council heard the request for an alcoholic beverage application (for advertisement only) from Jerry Hall dba West Main St. located at 227 West Main St. for beer and wine package only. Motion to advertise was made.

Motion: by Stafford Seconded: by Stroud 6-0

C. Old Business

1. Council heard the request for an alcoholic beverage application from Ajitkumue Meththa dba Dolly Food Mart located at 202 East Main St. for beer and wine package only. Mayor Schwabe announced this was a Public Hearing for the application. No one spoke for or against the application.

Motion to grant application was made.

Motion: by Faulkner Seconded: by Stroud 6-0

2. Council heard the second reading of the ordinance to change the charter of the city of Swainsboro.

D. Committee Reports

Mayor Schwabe asked that all committee reports be suspended because of the new council assignments. The 2011 Committee Assignments were:

Police: Councilperson Faulkner

Executive: Councilperson Stroud

Public Works: Councilperson Parker

Recycle: Councilperson Parker

Fire: Councilperson Stafford

Recreation: Councilperson Collins

Airport: Report given by Chairman Ken Warnock earlier in the meeting.

Water & WW: Councilperson Edenfield

Downtown Development: Lynn had no report.

Administrative: Adm. Lawson had no report.

Mayor : Mayor Schwabe reminded council about getting a pin number to report your campaign contributions to the Georgia State Ethics Board. This is a new requirement from the State Legislators.

Mayor Schwabe ask citizens to exercise caution on the streets as the recent rains have damaged a lot of the streets and it will take time for the city to repair them.

Councilperson Parker brought up the subject of the speed bumps on North Green St. that the council approved at the previous meeting. He stated he had heard from residents in the other part of the neighborhood. He asked council to reconsider the speed bumps. After a lengthy discussion Councilperson Parker presented a motion asking of council to rescind the action taken at the previous meeting to install speed bumps on North Green St. Motion died for lack of second. Mayor Schwabe asked that Councilperson Collins and Parker get with the Police Chief and OMI on the placement of the speed bumps.

Mayor Schwabe formed a new Ethics Committee and asked Councilperson Faulkner, Councilperson Edenfield and Councilperson Stroud to serve on it.

An Executive session was requested by Councilperson Stafford to discuss a personnel issue.

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 February, 2011.

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 February, 2011, 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.

This 7th day of February, 2011

Motion was made to go into executive session to discuss a personnel issue.

Motion made by: Stroud Seconded by: Parker Roll call vote all in favor.

Council re-enter Regular Session

Mayor Schwabe formed a committee to examine the extended policy of the city. He asked Councilpersons, Faulkner, Stafford, and Parker to serve on this committee.

Council Adjourned

Submitted: A L Lawson, City Administrator