

## **City Council Meeting**

**April 03, 2017** 

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Monday, April 03, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. at Swainsboro City Hall.

Members Present: Stafford, Sconyers, Collins, Parker, & Bragg

Members Absent: Faulkner

**Prayer of Invocation:** Rev. Bruce Flowers

Motion to accept minutes from the previous meeting was made.

Motion: by Stafford Seconded: by Sconyers 5-0

#### A. Consensus Business

None

# **B.** New Business

- 1. Mrs. Barb Moore, representing the Emanuel Co. Humane Society, addressed council with some suggestions for the Betty Gambrell Animal Shelter. The suggestions were how to spend the \$150,000 funds allotted from the SPLOST. The suggestions were as follows:
  - 1. One additional full-time employee
  - 2. Electrical improvements, including three prong outlets and new HVAC system
- 3. Plumbing improvements, including better drain runoff from kennels into the city wastes system.
- 4. Painting all rooms and new furniture (desk, chairs, file cabinets, refrigerator for medicines, etc)
- 5. Meet-and-Greet Room for potential adopters to meet and play with the animals as a family.

Mayor Schwabe thanked Mrs. Moore for the contribution the Humane Society is giving. Council also discussed looking into grant money for the shelter.

### C. Old Business

1. Council will consider the application, of Joseph Tillman dba Entwined Hookah Bar and Lounge, located at 104 N. Green St., for retail beer and wine consumption. Mayor Schwabe announced this was a public hearing and was anyone here to speak for or against the application. Motion to grant was made.

Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Collins 5-0

### **D.** Committee Reports

**Recreation:** Councilperson Parker reported that Director Tony Mangieri has been meeting with the Emanuel Humane Society about the plans for the dog park that would open this summer. He reported that Tony has also presented the program at the local Rotary Club.

Water and Waste Water: Councilperson Sconyers reported everything routine. He congratulated Johnny Mills on his promotion and welcomed Don Dobbins as the CH2M project Manager. Leonard Scroggins area manager announced the retirement of Mike Connolly. Mayor Schwabe asked that council consider a resolution for Mr. Connolly for his contribution to the city

and his many years of dedication. Motion was made to pass the resolution honoring Mr. Connolly.

Motion: by Sconyers Seconded: by Stafford 5-0

**Police**: Councilperson Stafford reported everything routine. He presented the monthly report.

Public Works: Councilperson Faulkner was absent.

**Administrative:** Councilperson Collins reported city hall has had a counter clerk to resign and advertisements have been placed to fill that position. Interviews would be forth coming and the committee would make a recommendation to the full council.

**Fire:** Councilperson Bragg reported everything routine.

She reported the Fire Department would be doing some training this summer for some new programs.

**Airport:** No Report

**Executive**: No Report

**Downtown Development**: No Report

**Building Inspection:** No Report

Mayor: No Report

Council acknowledged the accomplishments of the Swainsboro High School Men's Basketball team in their State runner-up accomplishments.

Councilperson Parker stated he would provide information on the 1957 State Champion Basketball team.

Councilperson Bragg brought up that the city has asked the food pantry to move. Mayor Schwabe stated that the city had informed them over two years ago that the building would no longer be available to them after May of 2017. Mayor Schwabe assigned a committee of Councilpersons Bragg, Parker, and Collins to look into the possibility of areas.

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