



CITY OF
Swainsboro
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City Council Meeting

April 07, 2014

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Monday, April 07, 2014 at 6:00 P.M. at Swainsboro City Hall

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

Members Absent:

Prayer of Invocation: Tim Nary, First Church of the Nazarene

Mayor Schwabe presented the Our Home Town Hero Award to Johnny Peebles. Mayor Schwabe stated that Johnny was an inspiration to all who sees him constantly displaying his faith and allegiance to what he believes.

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. A list of decommissioned items were presented to council for consideration of surplusing the items. Motion was made to surplus the items and sell at public action.

Motion: by Stafford Seconded: by Edenfield 6-0

C. Old Business

1. Council heard the second reading of the Animal Control Ordinance changes on limiting the number of dogs allowed in the city. A public hearing will be held on May 05, 2014 at 6:00 o'clock on this ordinance addition.

2. Council heard the second reading of the Coin Operated Amusement Device Ordinance. A public hearing will be held on May 05, 2014 at 6:00 o'clock on the ordinance change.

3. Council heard the application of Wheeler Morris Drake dba Hitchin Post, 112 South Central St. for beer and wine consumption. Mayor Schwabe announced this was a Public Hearing and was anyone present to speak for or against the application. The council received no response. Motion to accept as presented was made.

Motion: by Edenfield Seconded: by Stafford 6-0

D. Committee Reports

Police: Councilperson Stafford gave the March Police Report.

Public Works: Councilperson Parker reported on the tire problem and the streets.

Fire: Councilperson Collins reported everything routine.

Mayor Schwabe presented a complete set of plans for the new Fire Station. He reported to council that the bid date was April 26, 2014.

Recreation: Councilperson Faulkner reported the Recreation Dept. was running smoothly. She reported the Splash Pad was near completion and will be open by Memorial Day. Mayor Schwabe asked her committee to get together to come up with a name for the facility.

Council was given a list of hours of operation and charges for the new Splash Pad. No one objected to the proposed guidelines for the Splash Pad.

Airport: No Report

Executive: No Report

Water & WW: Councilperson Edenfield reported he would be meeting with the city Engineer to look at a problem with lift station #4.

Downtown Development: DDA Director Lynn Brinson ask council to allow the normal closure of streets for the Ultimate Yard Sale on June 14, 2014. Motion was made to honor the request.

Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Faulkner 6-0

Lynn gave the council an update on the upcoming Pine Tree Festival. She informed council about the new Friday night Music Festival that has been added this year.

Administrative: No Report

Building Inspection: No Report

Mayor : Mayor Schwabe announced there would be spring clean up day on April 26, 2014. The city will provide dumpsters and facilities for citizens to remove any trash and dispose of it. The dumpsters will be placed on the Boneyard for convenience.

Mayor Schwabe stated he had been checking into a Federal Program Citizen Alert System. This would alert citizens of community emergencies. He ask council to consider joining this program. This is a new program offered by the Federal Government at a cost of approximately \$1000.00. Motion was made to authorize the Mayor to proceed with the installation of this program.

Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Stafford 6-0

Mayor Schwabe reported that the railroad crossing at Calhoun St. and at Meadowlake Parkway have been repaired.

An Executive Session was called by Mayor Schwabe to discuss a land acquisition issue. Motion was made to enter into Executive Session.

Motion: by Edenfield Seconded: by Stafford All voting yes by called vote

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 April, 2014.

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 April 2014 which was closed for the purpose of land acquisition requested by Mayor 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 April, 2014

Council re-entered regular session and motion was made to reject all bids on the surplus property located at 303 North Main St.

Motion: by Stroud Seconded: by Stafford Vote 4-3

Parker, Faulkner, Collins against Mayor Schwabe voted for

Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted: Al L Lawson, City Administrator