



CITY OF
Swainsboro GEORGIA
Crossroads of the Great South

City Council Meeting

July 06, 2020

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Monday, July 06, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. at the Swainsboro/Emanuel County Recreation Department gymnasium. Social distancing was observed.

Members Present: Sconyers, Stafford, Collins, Stevens, & Faulkner
Parker was attending by Zoom

Members Absent:

Prayer of Invocation: Donald Jenkins

Motion was offered to accept the minutes as read from the previous meeting.

Motion: Stafford

Seconded: Sconyers

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A. Consensus Business

None

B. New Business

1. Mr. Will Sullivan with Allgreens addressed council and asked council to consider an increase in the cardboard rate. He asked for an increase from \$1.50 to \$3.00. This is to cover the cost of having to land fill the cardboard. He also informed council that there will be no increase in residential or commercial rates. The contract would be modified to reflect this increase. Motion was made to grant the request.

Motion: Stevens

Seconded: Faulkner

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2. James Ward representing the Swainsboro Fire Department read a prepared statement asking council to consider an increase wages for the Fire Department. He stated that they work in dangerous situations and deserved to be compensation in a fair manner. He asked council to look at the equity of the hazard pay. He also stated they had done a comparison of salaries from surround departments and presented it to the Mayor. Council then asked questions. Mayor Schwabe thanked the department for coming and stated this would be considered during the next budget year which would be taking place shortly.

3. Mrs. DiTanya Zamudio addressed council informing them of her concerns about the crime, loitering, and delapidated house in her neighborhood. She informed council she wanted to start a Community Watch Program in her neighborhood. She asked council to help with this project. Cal Avery from that neighborhood also spoke about a delapidated house the city obtained a year ago and needs cleaning up. Councilperson Stevens then made a motion to seek bids to get the house cleaned up.

Motion: Stevens

Seconded: Sconyers

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C. Old Business

Mr. Cal Avery asked council to consider an ordinance on fire works for the city. Mayor Schwabe informed Mr. Avery that there was a state ordinance that the city had to adhere to but they would look into seeing if something else could be done.

Police Chief Ellison spoke to council about a shooting incident that took place over the weekend on Gumlog Rd near the establishment. He stated that one had been shot and the Police had recovered 47 casing from the incident. Mr. Unrico Lloyd owner of Everythang Convenience spoke to council and told his side of the story. He stated he had called 911 and got no response. A full investigation is being conducted.

Mayor Schwabe asked Adm. Lawson to give council an update on projects that were still pending. He reported that he have received numerous request to clean ditches, cut grass, and clean up areas that have not been done. Adm. Lawson reported that a lot of services that Jacobs had preformed in the past were now not in the present contract and needed to be examined. He stated the city is getting further and further behind because the works is not getting done. Council then agreed something has to be done and this situation needs to be addressed. Mayor Schwabe stated he had spoken with Jacobs and should have a reply by July 31, 2020. Council would like to know what options can be taken.

Councilperson Faulkner commented on the COVID 19 situation and address the seriousness of the virus. She asked council to recommend to all citizens to wear masks in public and take this situation very seriously. This would not be a mandate but a strong recommendation.

Motion: Faulkner

Seconded: Stevens

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Submitted: Al L. Lawson, City Adm.