



# CITY OF Swainsboro GEORGIA

*Crossroads of the Great South*

## City Council Meeting

September 07, 2021

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council was held Tuesday, September 07, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. by zoom .

**Members Present:** Sconyers, Stafford, Parker, Collins, & Faulkner

George Roundtree representing Shepherd, McWorter Attorneys was present for this meeting.

**Prayer of Invocation:** Mayor Schwabe

Mayor Schwabe presented Lynn Brinson with plaque for her many year of service as the Swainsboro Downtown Director. He expressed his appreciation for a job well done. She is leaving accepting another position in the private sector.

Adm Lawson presented the following statement.

To Honorable Charles Schwabe, Swainsboro City Council, and the citizens of Swainsboro,

They say that all good things eventually must come to an end. After 31 years in local government at the city of Swainsboro it is that time for me. This is an official announcement of my retirement effective as of December 01, 2021. I want to thank everyone who I have served and worked with as the city Administrator for the past 24 1/2 years. Swainsboro is a great community and a great place to live. I know it will continue to prosper and grow in the upcoming years.

Mayor Schwabe read council protocol from the administrative section Sec: 2-60 on speaking rules from the charter and the ordinance book.

Minutes were considered from the Aug. 24, 2021 called meeting and motion was made to accept minutes.

**Motion by: Sconyers      Seconded : Stafford      Defeated 2-3**  
**Parker, Faulkner, & Collins against**

Motion was made by John Parker to amend the agenda.

**Motion by; Parker      Seconded by; Faulkner passed 3-2**  
**Sconyers & Stafford against**

Councilperson Parker requested a resolution be passed changing the charter to be amended for the number of members making up a quorum. He stated that three of the members of council had met with the city attorney and he advised that this could be done. Mayor Schwabe explained that a representative from the Shepherd Law firm was present. Councilperson Faulkner asked the question could the charter be amended. He stated the charter could be amended but it would take action from the state legislation to amend a charter. He also stated that a quorum consisted of the majority of all seat occupied or unoccupied of council and if a quorum was no present not business could take place.

Mayor Schwabe asked about the 2022 budget. Motion was made to pass the 2022 budget as requested by the Department Heads.

**Motion by: Sconyers      Seconded : Stafford      Defeated 2-3**  
**Parker, Faulkner, & Collins against**

**A. Consensus Business**

None

**B. New Business**

1. Councilperson Parker stated he wanted to vote again on the hazard pay. A motion was made that all employees in the Fire, Police, Adm. and Rec. Departments get a 2.00 increase in pay from August 2021 to December 2021.

Motion by Parker Seconded by Collins          Passed 5-0

**C. Old Business**

At this time Councilperson Stafford and Sconyers had left the meeting and Mayor Schwabe ended the meeting for lack of a quorum.

Submitted: Al L. Lawson, City Adm.