



CITY OF  
**Swainsboro**  
*Crossroads of the Great South*



GEORGIA

**City Council Meeting**

**November 04, 2013**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Monday, November 04, 2013 at 6:00 P.M. at Swainsboro City Hall

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

**Members Absent:**

**Prayer of Invocation:** Rev. Paul Leigh, First Baptist Church

Motion to accept minutes from the previous meeting was made.

**Motion: by Stafford Seconded: by Faulkner 6-0**

**A. Consensus Business**

None

**B. New Business**

1. Council heard the alcoholic beverage license request, for advertisement only, from Robert Thomas dba Robert's Quick Stop and Shop, West MLK, Swainsboro. The license request is for beer and wine package sales only. Councilperson Parker questioned the application because he thought it was close to a church. Adm. Lawson stated that Building Inspector Kirby had looked into that and stated it was approved. Councilperson Parker then asked that the vote be postponed until he could get clarification. Motion was made to postpone.

**Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Faulkner 6-0**

2. Local Firefighter James Ward asked permission for the Georgia Firefighters Burn Foundation to hold a bucket drive on Nov. 09, 2013. He gave the times and the locations. No one objected. Motion was made to grant the request.

**Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Faulkner 6-0**

**C. Old Business**

1. Council heard the alcoholic beverage license request, from Milankumar Patel dba Raco 202 East Main St., Swainsboro. The license request is for beer and wine package sales only. Mayor Schwabe stated that this was a public hearing and was anyone here to speak for or against the application. Motion was made to grant.

**Motion: by Stafford Seconded: by Parker 6-0**

**D. Committee Reports**

**Police:** Councilperson Stafford gave the October Police Report.

Chief Ellison requested the closure of Tyson Street from 9:00 o'clock to 12:00 o'clock on Nov. 11, 2013 so there would be ample parking and traffic control for the Veterans Memorial Program on Monday. Motion to grant the request was made.

**Motion: by Stafford Seconded: by Parker 6-0**

**Public Works:** Councilperson Parker reported new prices for bucket trucks as follows:

TransPro Equipment  
2013 Ford 650 w/Peterson Loader - \$116,192.00  
2014 Freightliner w/Peterson Loader - \$117,939.00  
2015 Kenworth w/Peterson Loader - \$118,007.00  
Consolidated Disposal  
2014 Freightliner w/ Peterson Loader - \$117,721.00  
2014 Kenworth w/Peterson Loader - \$121,721.00

Mayor Schwabe stated that in his experience, the Kenworth truck was the better unit and would hold up the best. He suggested that the council consider the 2015 Kenworth unit for \$118,007.00. Mike Connolly with CH2MHill agreed with the recommendation. Motion was made to purchase the unit and allow Adm. Lawson to present finance options at the next meeting.

**Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Stafford 6-0**

**Fire:** Mayor Schwabe showed a rendering of the new Fire Station. He stated that it was almost finished and would be bid soon. Construction could start as soon as March 2014.

**Recreation:** Councilperson Faulkner reported the building for the Splash Pad is almost completed.

**Airport:** No report

**Executive:** No report

**Water & WW:** Routine

**Downtown Development:** DDA Director Lynn Brinson asked council for the closure of Roger Shaw St. for December 05, 2013 Christmas Parade. Motion was made to grant request.

**Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Stafford 6-0**

**Administrative:** Adm. Lawson reported that the 2013 TSPLOST Road Projects were bid last week and that Sikes Brothers from Metter were the low bidder. He explained that GBT Engineers had reviewed the bids and recommended the award of the contract to Sikes Brothers. Adm. Lawson explained that each of the roads had to stand alone as an individual contract and the city would have to expend \$64,656.80 for it's portion of the paving. This funding could come from the money set aside in the 2011 SPLOST. The roads being paved are;

North Green St.

North Coleman St.

East Meadowlake Parkway

King Circle Drive

Braswell Boulevard

Neal St.

Lakewood Dr.

Youmans Ave.

Motion was made to accept the roads as presented and pass the acceptance resolution.

**Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Faulkner 6-0**

Adm. Lawson invited the council to the unveiling of the Veterans Memorial Wall sponsored by the Sons of American Legion Squadron #103 on November 11, 2013.

**Building Inspection:** No report

**Mayor :** No report

An Executive Session was called by councilperson Stafford to discuss a personnel issue. Motion was made to enter into Executive Session.

**Motion: by Stafford Seconded: by Parker 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 4th day of November, 2013.

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 4th day of November 2013, which was closed for the purpose of personnel discussion requested by Councilperson Johnny Ray Stafford 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. S50-14-4(b) that such an affidavit be executed.

This 4th day of November, 2013

**Meeting was adjourned.**

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