



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

GEORGIA



## City Council Meeting

The regular meeting of Mayor and City Council was held on **Monday, February 5, 2024**, at 6:00 P.M. City Hall

**Members Present:** Mayor Bennett, Councilperson Quarterman, Councilperson Sconyers, Councilperson Davis, Councilperson Stafford, Councilperson Collins, and Councilperson Foster

### Prayer of Invocation:

### Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes of Council Meeting of January 08, 2024, will be presented. Councilperson Davis made a motion to approve the minutes.

**Motion: Davis**

**Seconded by: Sconyers**

**Vote: 6 - 0**

### A. Old Business.:

1. Mayor discussed the appointment of members to the Finance, Water & Sewer, Parks & Cemetery, Streets & Sanitation, Ethics, and Animal Control Committees. Councilperson Sconyers made a motion to approve the appointments as presented by the Mayor.

Finance & Fire: Davis, Foster, Stafford

Water & Sewer: Sconyers, Quarterman, Collins

Parks & Cemetery: Stafford, Davis, Foster

Streets & Sanitation, Police & Animal Control: Collins, Sconyers, Quarterman

Ethics: Attorney Bill McWhorter; 3 year term, Donald Jenkins; 2 year term, Carol Canady; 1 year term

**Motion: Sconyers**

**Seconded by: Stafford**

**Vote: 6 - 0**

Attorney Levis states that next year Ms. Canady's position can be reappointed for 3 year term.

**Councilperson Sconyers makes a motion to nominate Councilperson Collins as the Mayor Pro Tem. Councilperson Foster nominated Councilperson Davis. Councilperson Foster's nomination died by lack of second.**

**Motion: Sconyers**

**Seconded by: Stafford**

**Vote: 4 - 2**

**For: Davis, Stafford, Sconyers, Collins**

**Against: Quarterman, Foster**

**Councilperson Davis makes a motion to amend the agenda to allow some members of the city to speak regarding the Alcohol Ordinance (7.1).**

**Motion: Davis**

**Seconded by: Sconyers**

**Vote: 6 - 0**

2. Council considered the approval of the alcoholic beverage license application for Atul Y Pandya dba Davki Nand 98 LLC at 227 West Main Street. Councilperson Foster made a motion to approve the alcoholic beverage license application for Atul Y Pandya dba Davki Nand 98 LLC at 227 West Main Street.  
**Motion: Foster                      Seconded by: Quarterman                      Vote: 3 – 3**  
**For: Foster, Quarterman, Collins                      Against: Sconyers, Stafford, Davis**  
**Mayor broke the tie in favor of the motion.**
3. Council considered the bid for the Elevated Tank project. Councilperson Davis made a motion to approve the resolution as presented.  
**Motion: Davis                      Seconded by: Sconyers                      Vote: 6 - 0**
4. Council considered the guaranteed maximum price proposal for the multipurpose building to be located at 615 Gumlog Road. Councilperson Quarterman made a motion to rebid the project. Motion died by lack of second. Councilperson Sconyers made a motion to take the multipurpose building project off the table.  
**Motion: Sconyers                      Seconded by: Foster                      Vote: 4 – 2**  
**For: Sconyers, Foster, Stafford, Davis                      Against: Collins, Quarterman**

**B. New Business:**

1. Council heard from Mrs. Betty Davis concerning the multipurpose building. Ms. Davis, Community Action for Youth President, addressed the Council concerning the gymnasium on Gumlog road because it holds a lot of history.
2. Council heard from Ms. Jacqueline Brantley. Mrs. Brantley addressed the council concerning the work on the blighted property adjacent to her property on Green Street. She claims that the work has stopped, and something needs to happen.
3. Council considered for advertisement the alcoholic beverage license application for Denise Miles dba Lounge 2020 at 406 Rentz Street. Councilperson Foster made a motion to advertise for the alcoholic beverage license application for Denise Miles dba Lounge 2020 at 406 Rentz Street.  
**Motion: Foster                      Seconded by: Quarterman                      Vote: 6 - 0**
4. Council discussed the potential repaving or repatching of streets for the upcoming LMIG application. Councilperson Davis makes a motion to approve the following streets for the upcoming LMIG application. Norwood Avenue, William Rountree, Mist Street, North Anderson, Turner Drive, Glenwood Road, Longleaf Drive, Harden Drive, and Wren Street.  
**Motion: Davis                      Seconded by: Sconyers                      Vote: 6 - 0**
5. Council considered the repairs to the mini excavator. Councilperson Davis made a motion to approve the repairs for the mini excavator.  
**Motion: Davis                      Seconded by: Sconyers                      Vote: 5 – 1**  
**For: Davis, Sconyers, Stafford, Quarterman Collins                      Against: Foster**

6. Council considered the Vac Truck Repairs. Councilperson Davis makes a motion to approve the repairs for the Vac Truck.

**Motion: Davis**

**Seconded by: Sconyers**

**Vote: 6 - 0**

7. Council considered adding additional holidays to the currently observed list of days. Councilperson Davis made a motion to approve the addition of Good Friday and Columbus Day to the list of days currently observed by the City of Swainsboro.

**Motion: Davis**

**Seconded by: Foster**

**Vote: 6 - 0**

**7.1 Council heard from members of the city regarding the Alcohol Ordinance. Brad Mackenzie asked council to consider putting Sunday's sales on the November ballot. Attorney Levis stated that you can not have a vote nullifying of a vote for two years.**

8. Council considered an Ordinance adopting, modifying, and amending the Alcohol Ordinances. City Attorney, Jon Levis, gave an overview of the Ordinance. City Administrator Middlebrooks asked the Council to send available dates of when a public hearing on the ordinance could take place.

### **C. Consent Agenda**

None

### **D. Committee Reports:**

None

### **E. Executive Session:**

None

Submitted: ***Herman Middlebrooks***, City Administrator