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City Council Meeting

The regular meeting of Mayor and City Council will be held on **Monday, March 04, 2024**, at 6:00 P.M. City Hall.

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

Prayer of Invocation: Rev. Dr. Mario D. Webb, Sr., Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes of Council Meeting of February 5, 2024, and work session on February 26, 2004, was presented. Councilperson Sconyers made a motion to approve the minutes.

Motion: Sconyers

Seconded by: Stafford

Vote: 6 – 0

Councilperson Stafford made a motion to amend the agenda to discuss moving the council meetings from city hall to Swainsboro Fire Department Headquarters, 205 North Green Street.

Motion: Stafford

Seconded by: Sconyers

Vote: 6 – 0

Councilperson Davis made a motion to amend the agenda to discuss the septic system issues at 125 East Main Street.

Motion: Davis

Seconded by: Sconyers

Vote: 6 - 0

A. Old Business.:

1. Council considered the approval of the alcoholic beverage license application for Denise Miles dba Lounge 2020 at 406 Rentz Street. Councilman Sconyers made a motion to approve the alcoholic beverage license application for Denise Miles dba Lounge 2020 at 406 Rentz Street.

Motion: Sconyers

Seconded by: Stafford

Vote: 6 - 0

2. Council considered the approval of the Karrh Theater change orders. Councilman Sconyers made a motion to approve the change orders as presented.

Motion: Sconyers

Seconded by: Stafford

Vote: 4 - 2

For: Sconyers, Stafford, Foster, Davis

Against: Collins, Quarterman

B. New Business:

1. Council was scheduled to hear from Mrs. Stephanie Flanders concerning issues about City Hall and relocation of historic property, but Mrs. Flanders was not present.
2. Council heard from Ronald Moore about the First Saturday Get Down, street closures, and locking in dates. Mr. Moore stated that the 2nd Annual Downtown Get Down would be held on April 6th and tentatively July 6th, at the Bone Yard. He then asked council for the closing of Roger Shaw and Green Street starting between the hours of 10 AM and 11AM. Councilman Davis made a motion to approve the road closure on April 6th as long as the businesses affected by the closure sign off on it.

Motion: Davis **Seconded by: Quarterman** **Vote: 6 - 0**

3. Council considered the repairs for lift station 17. Councilman Davis made a motion to approve the fixing of lift station 17, amount not to exceed \$98,900.

Motion: Davis **Seconded by: Foster** **Vote: 6 - 0**

4. Council considered the Inert Landfill Limb and Debris Grinding. Councilman Davis made a motion to approve the grinding maintenance quote by Collins at \$30.00 per ton/minimum of 1000 tons per visit.

Motion: Davis Seconded by: Stafford Vote: 6 - 0

5. Council considered the Lead Service Line Inventory proposal. Councilman Davis made a motion to approve the Lead Service Line inventory proposal by Turnipseed Engineering.

Motion: Davis **Seconded by: Quarterman** **Vote: 6 - 0**

6. Council considered the closing of the 100 Block of North Green Street. Councilman Davis made a motion to close the 100 block of Green Street for an art competition and block party.

Motion: Davis Seconded by: Sconyers Vote: 6 - 0

7. Council considered the purchase of a new tag reader. Councilman Davis made a motion to purchase a tag reader to upgrade equipment for the Police Dept.

Motion: Davis Seconded by: Sconyers Vote: 6 - 0

8. Council considered the Statewide Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement. Councilman Davis made a motion to approve the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement.

Motion: Davis **Seconded by: Quarterman** **Vote: 6 – 0**

9. Council considered moving the council meetings to the Fire Department. Councilman Stafford made a motion to move the city council meetings to Swainsboro Fire Department Headquarters located at 205 North Green Street.

Motion: Stafford

Seconded by: Sconyers

Vote: 6 - 0

10. Council considered the septic system issues at 125 East Main Street. Councilman Davis made a motion to eliminate the tap fees associated with the connection to the City of Swainsboro's sewer system.

Motion: Davis

Seconded by: Sconyers

Vote: 4 - 2

For: Davis, Sconyers, Stafford, Foster

Against: Collins, Quarterman

11. Council considered an Ordinance adopting, modifying, and amending the Alcohol Ordinances. Mayor Bennett turned the meeting over to Mayor Pro Tem Councilwoman Collins. Councilman Davis made a motion to have a workshop on March 18th at Swainsboro Fire Department Headquarters to discuss the Ordinance and go over the recommended changes.

Motion: Davis

Seconded by: Sconyers

Vote: 2 - 3

Motion Failed

Councilman Davis made a motion to take out home deliveries.

Motion: Davis

Seconded by: Stafford

Vote: 5 - 0

Councilman Davis made a motion that the amendments discussed be made, a written copy sent to council, and to schedule a special called meeting via zoom for Wednesday March 6, 2024, at 6:00 PM.

Motion: Davis

Seconded by: Foster

Vote: 5 - 0

Councilman Sconyers made a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Sconyers

Seconded by: Stafford

Vote: 6 - 0

C. Consent Agenda

None

D. Committee Reports:

City Administrator

E. Executive Session:

None

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