

## **City Council Meeting**

January 25, 2012

The special called meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Wednesday January 25, 2012 at 6:00 P.M. at Swainsboro City Hall.

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

## **Members Absent:**

Agenda Items

Council met to discuss the recent increase in water rates. The City Engineer, Mr. Ben Turnipseed, was present to answer any questions. Adm. Lawson along with Mr. Turnipseed brought council up to date on the progress of the projects and how the rates were established. Council discussed comparisons of other cities water and sewage rates and determined the city rates were in line.

Mayor Schwabe made some suggestions for the water department:

- 1. Changing the Water & Sewage billing lines to one Utility line
- 2. Examining the late fee charged
- 3. Making sure that customers are notified by the meter reader with a visit of a red tag when a problem is detected.

Councilperson Parker suggested that we leave the rate structure as passed and revisit it before next years budget to see if the increase was adequate to meet the USDA payments. At that time the rate can be adjusted if needed.

Submitted: Al L. Lawson, City Administrator