

## **City Council Meeting**

August 24, 2021

The special called meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. by zoom .

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

## **Members Absent:**

Meeting called to order by Mayor Schwabe

Mayor Schwabe read a prepared statement as follows:

Dear Honorable Mayor and Swainsboro City Council

On September 01, 2021, I will be stepping down as a member of the Swainsboro City Council representing Ward 1.

Due to my health and upcoming surgeries, I will not be able to fulfill the duties that this city deserves. I have enjoyed working with each of you and will continue to pray for each of you and your families.

Sincerely Ricky Stevens, Ward 1

Mayor Schwabe asked about the ratification of the previous meeting. Motion was made to accept the minutes.

## Motion by: Sconyers Seconded by: Stafford

Councilperson Parker stated that he would not approve of the minutes because the budget was passed. Adm. Lawson stated that his Adm. Assistant had provided each of the council members a copy of the final proposed budget. Councilperson Parker stated he was not aware of the capital budget having 3 police cars in the proposal. Question was called.

Motion voted down 2-3 Parker. Faulkner, & Collins opposed

Motion was then made to rescind the 2022 budget that had been previously approved by the last meeting.

Motion by: Parker Seconded by: Faulkner Passed 3-2 Sconyers and Stafford opposed

1. Mayor Schwabe presented the Clearwater Contract for council approval. Motion was made to approve the contract.

Motion by: Parker Seconded by: Faulkner Passed 5-0

2. Council discussed the Covid protocol and recommended that all city employees be mandated to wear mask. The exception to the rule would be for religious purposes or have a medical condition and an excuse from a doctor. If employees refused to comply with the mandated mask ordinance they must be tested every 10 days for Covid.

Motion by: Faulkner Seconded by: Parker Voted on 3-0 Sconyers & Stafford not present

Councilperson Parker then stated he wanted the hazard pay for all employees of the city. He stated he wanted a \$2.00 per hour hazard pay for all employees equally. He wanted this put in place from August 2021 to December 2021. Mayor Schwabe asked what this would cost. Adm. Lawson stated this would cost the city approximately \$100,000.00. Motion was made to implement this proposal.

## Motion by: Parker Seconded by: Faulkner Voted on 3-0 Sconyers & Stafford not present

During the discussion of the previous motions, because of the bad weather, a surge cut the zoom off. We had to go to the backup zoom meeting log on. Councilperson Sconyers and Stafford left the meeting and did not return.

Mayor Schwabe stated that three members did not constitute a quorum to transact city business so the meeting was concluded .

Submitted: Al L. Lawson, City Adm.