

City Council Meeting

November 02, 2020

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Monday, November 02, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. at the Swainsboro Fire Department. Social distancing was observed.

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

Members Absent: Stevens

Prayer of Invocation: Rev. Arthur Conley

Motion was offered to accept the minutes as read from the previous meeting.

Motion: Sconyers Seconded: Stafford 5-0

A. Consensus Business

None

B. New Business

1. Mrs. DiTanya Zamudio-Serrano as on the agenda to speak to council and was not present.

C. Old Business

1. Mayor Schwabe presented an amendment to city of Swainsboro ordinance to require face covering to be worn in public during the Covid-19 public health emergency. He announced that this was a public hearing and asked if anyone present would like to speak for or against the proposed ordinance. No one spoke. Council then discussed the proposal at length with Adm. Lawson reading portions of the ordinance as a reminder of it's contents.

Motion was then made to accept the ordinance as proposed.

Motion: Parker Seconded by: Faulkner Motion failed 2-3 Sconyers, Stafford, & Collins opposed

D. Department Head Request

Police Chief Ellison ask council to consider moveing part time officer Frank Scubbs to full time. Motion was made to honor the request.

Motion: Faulkner Seconded: Stafford Passed 5-0

Fire Chief Strobridge informed council that this years Insurance Premium was \$581,696.00. This was an increase of about \$30,000 over last year. This was due to the hard work of the Swainsboro Fire Department to get good ISO rating to keep our insurance premium's low.

Administrator Lawson presented a request from the Administrative Department for a new air condition system at City Hall. He reported the present unit was over 30 years old and the condensing section and air handler needs replacing. The bid from Indoor Temperature Control was \$10,880.00. This estimate was reviewed by Councilperson Stevens and stated this was what needed done. Motion was made to accept bid and replace the unit.

Motion: Stafford Seconded: Sconyers Passed 5-0

Councilperson Sconyers ask Police Chief Ellison to be aware this was homecoming week and have extra patrol to make sure that citizens properties were not damaged. This has been an issue in the past. Chief Ellison stated he would meet with Dr. Judy from the Em.Co. BOE.

Mayor Schwabe & Councilperson Faulkner thanked CWS for all of the hard working in getting our city back on track. Mayor Schwabe commented that the clean up will continue and the city would be sending an RFP for a perminate contract in January.

Submitted: Al L. Lawson, City Adm.