



CITY OF GEORGIA
Swainsboro
Crossroads of the Great South

City Council Meeting

March 02, 2009

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Monday, March 02, 2009, at 6:00 P.M. at Swainsboro City Hall.

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

Members Absent:

Prayer of Invocation: Councilperson Stafford

Mayor Schwabe presented the “Our Town Hero” Award. He explained that the city would be giving this award each month to a citizen who displays an extra effort to make our town better. The first Swainsboro “Our Town Hero” award was presented to Beverly Fullford Johnson for her efforts in help cleaning up our city.

Motion to accept previous minutes as presented.

Motion : by Stafford Seconded : by Faulkner Passed : 5-0
Stroud - Absent

A. New Business

1. Council heard the alcoholic beverage request, for advertisement only , of Mitchell Hall dba The Kwik Shop 351 East Main St. for beer and wine package only. Motion was made to grant.

Motion : by Edenfield Seconded : by Parker Passed : 5-0
Stroud - Absent

2. Ms Deness Register representing the American Red Cross was in attendance and address council asking council’s permission to hold a bucket drive on April 4, 2009 at the intersection of Main and Main. She stated all on money raised wold be used to help needy families in Emanuel County. She also recognized Wall Gallian who was in attendance as the local chair for Emanuel County. Motion was made to grant the request.

Motion : by Parker Seconded : by Stafford Passed : 5-0
Stroud - Absent

3. Mr. Millard Shepherd representing the American Legion Post 103 spoke to council requesting that Kite hwy be renamed to Veterans Parkway . Mayor Schwabe explained to the group in attendance that this would constitute a major address change for all of the businesses including the hospital, and the Technical College. The group stated it was not wanting to inconvenience any business or resident. Mayor Schwabe offered to the group that the highway be given an honorary name and not change the name of the road. The American Legion group in attendance agreed this may be the best route. Motion was then made to grant the request of “Veteran’s Parkway” as Honorary Name Status to Kite Hwy from Hwy 80 to the by-pass.

Motion : by Stafford Seconded : by Edenfield Passed 6-0

B. Old Business

None

C. Committee Reports

Police: Councilperson Stafford presented the Police Report for review of council.

Councilperson Stafford presented a bid for a new police car. Council then decided to rebid the car with anticipation of getting more bids. Motion was then made to give Councilperson Stafford the authority to purchase the low bid, that meets the specification, after bids are obtained. Motion was made to rebid.

**Motion : by Stroud Seconded : by Edenfield Passed : 5-1
Parker - Objected**

Building and Safety: Councilperson Faulkner had no report .

Executive: No Report

Public Works: Councilperson Collins reported everything routine.

Councilperson Collins presented a request for the purchase for a new bulldozer from OMI. The cost of the bulldozer is \$85,800 less the trade in value of \$17,500 for a net of \$68,300. The bulldozer will be financed with Yancey Brothers Gov't Financing of 5 annual payments of approx. \$15,106, at a rate of 3.45% interest with the first payment due one year from the contract signing. This contract will conclude with a \$1.00 purchase option due at lease end. Motion was made to enter into this lease with Yancy Brothers for the purchase of the bulldozer.

Motion : by Collins Seconded : by Faulkner Passed 6-0

Recycle: Councilperson Collins reported everything routine.

Fire : Councilperson Parker reported everything routine.

Recreation: Councilperson Stroud reported everything routine.

Airport: Routine

Water & WW: Councilperson Edenfield reported everything routine.

Downtown Development - Anthony Faris approached council on behalf of the Eastwood Church of God requesting that Roger Shaw St. and portions of Green St. be closed for a car show on July 4, 2009. This would be Saturday and the car show would last all day. Council asked if any of the merchants objected to the closing. Mr. Faris stated he would check with them and report any objection. Motion was then made to grant the closure request if no merchants objected.

Motion : by Edenfield Seconded : by Stafford Passed : 6-0

DDA Director Faris invited the mayor and council to the unveiling of the City's new website tonight. It will be held at 114 West Main Restaurant and there will be refreshments and live entertainment.

Administrative: Administrator Lawson had no report.

Mayor : Mayor Schwabe invited all of the council to the I-16 Industrial Park ribbon cutting Wednesday.

Mayor Schwabe announced that Councilperson Edenfield has been appointed to the Governor's Water Commission for the Altamaha District.

Mayor Schwabe reminded the council about the Eggs and Issues Breakfast at the Emanuel Medical Center this Saturday.

Mayor Schwabe requested an Executive Session to discuss a land acquisition.

Motion to enter Executive session

Motion : by Stafford Seconded : by Edenfield Roll call all in favor

AFFIDAVIT

Personally appeared before the undersigned attesting officer, duly authorized to administer oaths, Charles Schwabe, who, after being duly sworn, deposes and on oath states the following:

I was the presiding officer of a meeting of the Swainsboro City Council held on the 2nd day of March, 2009.

That it is my understanding that O.C.G.A §50-14-4(b) provides as follows:

When any meeting of an agency is closed to the public pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section, the chairperson or other person presiding over such meeting shall execute and file with the official minutes of the meeting a notarized affidavit stating under oath that the subject matter of the meeting or the closed portion thereof was devoted to matters within the exceptions provided by law and identifying the specific relevant exception.

The subject matter of the closed meeting or closed portion of the meeting held on the 2nd day of March, 2009, which was closed for the purpose of land acquisition requested by Mayor Charles Schwabe as allowed by O.C.G.A., Title 50, Chapter 14, was devoted to matters within those exceptions and as provided by law.

This affidavit is being executed for the purpose of complying with the mandate of O.C.G.A. §50-14-4(b) that such an affidavit be executed.

Council reentered regular Session

Motion was made to accept two parcels of land located on North Green St. as a gift to the city. This land comes with no restriction and can be used at the city's discretion.

**Motion : by Stafford Seconded : by Stroud Passed 5-1
Parker - Against**

Council Adjourned

Submitted: *M L Lawson* , City Administrator