



CITY OF GEORGIA
Swainsboro
Crossroads of the Great South

City Council Meeting

June 01, 2009

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Monday, June 01, 2009, at 6:00 P.M. at Swainsboro City Hall.

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

Members Absent:

Prayer of Invocation: Councilperson Stroud

Mayor Schwabe presented the “Our Home 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 Swainsboro “Our Town Hero” award for the month of June was presented to Minnie Woods for her efforts in supporting the city in all endeavors. Councilperson Parker assisted with the presentation.

Motion to accept minutes from the previous meeting was made.

Motion: by Stafford Seconded: by Stroud 6-0

A. Consensus Business

1. The Miss Emanuel County/Miss Southeast Ga. 2009 Grant - \$500.00 Budgeted item
Motion to approve consensus business.

Motion: by Faulkner Seconded: by Parker 6-0

B. New Business

1. Adm. Lawson presented the 2009 Edward Bryne Department of Justice Police Grant application for \$100,001 and \$24,376. This grant would be a 50/50 split grant with the Emanuel County Sheriff Department for law enforcement enhancement. Council examined the grant application and a motion was made to proceed with the application.

Motion: by Stafford Seconded: by Edenfield 6-0

C. Old Business

None

D. Committee Reports

Police: Councilperson Stafford presented the Police Report for review of council. Chief Shuman gave council an update on the activities at the Police Department.

Chief Shuman addressed council and tendered his resignation effective December 31, 2009. He thanked council for the opportunity of serving the citizens of Swainsboro for the longest term of any Swainsboro Police Chief. He stated that Swainsboro was his home and he planned on staying here after retirement. He made his announcement this early so it would give council time enough to find a new chief and give the new chief an opportunity to work with him a few months to learn the ropes. Mayor Schwabe thanked Chief Shuman for his hard work, dedication, and for all of the accomplishments that have been made under his command. Mayor Schwabe stated the process of finding a new chief would start very soon.

Building and Safety: Councilperson Faulkner had no report

Executive: No Report

Public Works: Councilperson Collins reported everything routine.

Mayor Schwabe reminded council to give Councilperson Collins or himself a list of the roads in the city that need repair.

Recycle: Councilperson Collins reported everything routine.

Fire : Councilperson Parker reported everything routine.

Chief Strobridge reported that he had not heard from ISO but was not expecting to for another three months.

Recreation: Councilperson Stroud reported everything routine.

Airport: Mayor Schwabe reported that the fencing project at the airport was underway.

Water & WW: Councilperson Edenfield reported everything routine.

He asked council to consider an emergency request to repair the water tank behind Old WalMart. This tank is leaking and is in need of repair. The estimate from Utility Services to repair the tank is \$3,850. Motion was made to grant the expense and repair the tank.

Motion: by Edenfield Seconded: by Edenfield 6-0

Downtown Development - Mayor Schwabe reported that the DCA Quality Growth Team had given their finding recently at a public meeting. Mayor Schwabe asked DDA Director Anthony Faris to give council a copy of the Quality Growth Teams presentation to each council member. He stated that the council should look at their proposals and see suggestions they had that can be implemented.

Administrative: Administrator Lawson asked the council if they would like to change the July meeting because of the July 4th holiday. The consensus of council was to proceed as scheduled on July 6th at 6:00.

Adm. Lawson reported that the 2010 budget process would be starting this month and to the department heads soon .

Mayor : Mayor Schwabe gave council an update on the ongoing projects of the city.

Mayor Schwabe passed out a model ordinance on blighted condition properties. This ordinance would allow the city to identify blighted properties and if the owner would not clean said property, an increase the advalorem taxes on said property could be administered. Mayor Schwabe asked the council to consider this ordinance for discussion at a later date.

Mayor Schwabe stated that the animal shelter had plenty of good dogs for adoption and suggested that the adoption fee be waived for 30 days to see if this would increase the adoption rate. Council agreed this was a good idea and motion was made to waive the adoption fee of animals adopted for the next 30 days.

Motion: by Stafford Seconded: by Parker 6-0

Mayor Schwabe recognized the efforts of all of the Pine Tree Festival Committee and how successful it was. He stated the city had over 8,000 see the parade and enjoy the festivities.

Councilperson Faulkner asked that the city look into see what could be done for the kids this summer.

Councilperson Edenfield asked about a city wide clean up.

Council Adjourned

Submitted: **A I L Lawson**, City Administrator