



CITY OF
Swainsboro
Crossroads of the Great South



City Council Meeting

October 04, 2010

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Monday, October 04, 2010, at 6:00 P.M. at Swainsboro City Hall.

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

Members Absent: Collins

Prayer of Invocation: Councilperson Stafford

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. Mayor Schwabe presented the October Home Town Hero to Mr. Johnny Mills. Mr Mills is the volunteer Captain for the Emanuel County American Red Cross since 1997. He also spends a lot of time as a Boy Scout leader.

Mayor Schwabe acknowledged the attendance of Boy Scout Troop 75. The Scouts were attending the council meeting to learn about local government.

Motion to accept minutes from the previous meeting was made.

Motion: by Stroud Seconded: by Parker 5-0

A. Consensus Business

None

B. New Business

1. Council heard an ordinance change request presented by waste water treatment operator Opie Hall to correct a typo in the pretreatment ordinance. The amendment reads as follows;

SECTION 102-104 Federal categorical pretreatment standards

The national categorical pretreatment standards found at 40 CFR chapter I, subchapter N, parts 401-471 are hereby incorporated
(Ord. of 11-15-2000, & 2.2)

Motion was made to enter the ordinance for consideration. This will be the first reading.

Motion: by Faulkner Seconded: by Edenfield 5-0

2. Chief Randy Ellison presented an amendment to council for consideration amending the ordinance regulating the hours of operation for alcoholic beverage consumption on the premises license holders. The amendment reads as follows;

Amendment to an Ordinance Regulating
Hours of Operation for the Consumption
on the Premises

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Swainsboro:

That Sec. 6.94 of Chapter 6 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Swainsboro regulating the hours of operation for alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises is stricken in its entirety and a new Sec. 6.94 is enacted in lieu thereof as follows:

SECTION 6-94 It shall be unlawful for any person or business holding a license issued by the City and operating a business with a license for the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises to open prior to 7:00AM or to remain open after 2:00AM on Monday through Friday, and on Saturday, to open prior to 7:00AM or to remain open after 1:00AM on Sunday.

It shall be the responsibility of the license holder and/or employees to see that all patrons are out of and off the premises within thirty (30) minutes after the time prescribed for closing.

This section is not to be construed to permit the sale of any alcoholic beverages after 12:00AM on Saturdays for any person or business having a license for the sale of alcoholic beverages issued by the City

Motion was made enter the ordinance for consideration. This will be the first reading.

Motion: by Faulkner Seconded: by Edenfield 4-1

Stroud - opposed (Noting the hours should be more strenuous)

3. Administrator Lawson read a request from Miss Raven Hall, a local college student, requesting that the council allow her, in cooperation with the Swainsboro/Emanuel Co. Rec. Dept., to once again dye the fountain pink in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. This is a project that she started last year that received statewide recognition. Motion was made to grant Miss Hall's request.

Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Stroud 5-0

C. Old Business

1. Council considered the application of Ms. Margarita Kellen dba Wallgreen Co., 390 South Main St. for beer and wine package only. Adm Lawson stated the application was in order. Noone spoke against the application. Motion was made to grant the application.

Motion: by Stafford Seconded: by Edenfield 5-0

D. Committee Reports

Police: Councilperson Stafford presented the Police Report.

Chief Ellison reported that the Police Department is moving forward.

Councilperson Stafford announced that the city has received a COPS Hiring Grant from the Department of Justice to hire a new officer for the next three years. This grant in the amount of \$108,843.00, will allow the city to hire a new officer at no cost for the next three years.

Building and Safety: No Report

Executive: No Report

Public Works: Councilperson Collins was not present.

Recycle: Councilperson Collins was not present.

Fire : Mayor Pro-Tem Parker reported the retirement of Lieutenant Wendell Powell. Lt. Powell has been with the city for over 34 years. Council commended Lt. Powell for his service to the city.

Recreation: Councilperson Stroud reported everything routine.

Airport: Mayor Schwabe had no report.

Water & WW: Councilperson Edenfield reported everything routine.

Downtown Development: Lynn updated council on the following activities;

Fall Festival on Oct. 28

Ultimate Yard Sale Nov. 6

Christmas Parade Dec. 2

Lynn reported that the Downtown Development Authority Members had attended a training session in Augusta last week and that at present time all members have completed there certification.

Lynn reported that the DDA is still seeking a manager for the new Antique Market at the Boneyard.

Administrative: Adm. Lawson explained to council that as part of the USDA funding for the Waste Water Treatment Improvement Project, the city must secure an interim lending source for the \$6,000,000 the city will be borrowing from the USDA for the project. He stated he had called all of the local banks and none of the banks had the ability to make a loan of that magnitude. He stated that he has spoken with the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority and they can provide the interim lending. Adm. Lawson explained the city needed to enter into a Resolution of Agreement with GEFA to proceed with the lending. This would be a temporary loan that would be paid off by the USDA when the construction phase is finished. Motion was made to pass a Resolution authorizing Mayor Schwabe to submit an application to GEFA for the Construction Loan.

Motion: by Parker Seconded: by Faulkner 5-0

Administrator Lawson reported he had attended the presentation of the 2010 Community Development Block Grant Awards and the city of Swainsboro received a \$500,000.00 2010 CDBG Grant to improve the water and waste water infrastructure. He stated the awards were handed out by Department of Affairs Commissioner Mike Beady and Governor Sonny Perdue. Mayor Schwabe stated that these awards did not come easy and he commended Administrator Lawson and his staff for the time and efforts they put into getting these grants for the city.

Mayor : No Report

Council Adjourned

Submitted: A L Lawson, City Administrator