



CITY OF
Swainsboro GEORGIA
Crossroads of the Great South

City Council Meeting

January 05, 2009

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council, held Monday, January 05, 2009, at 6:00 P.M. at Swainsboro City Hall.

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

Members Absent:

Prayer of Invocation: Councilperson Collins

Motion to accept previous minutes as presented.

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

A. New Business

1. Council heard the alcoholic beverage request, for advertisement only, of Bharatkumar Patel dba Mikes Food Mart 505 North Main St. for beer and wine package only. Motion was made to advertise.

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

2. Administrator Lawson presented a Hotel/Motel Grant application request from Al Huston representing the NAACP and the Martin Luther King Parade Committee for \$1800.00 to assist with the MLK Day Parade. Adm. Lawson stated this is a budgeted item and could be considered for adoption that night. Motion was made to grant the request.

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

Councilperson Faulkner announced she had received a letter from Mr. Al Huston inviting everyone to participate in the MLK Day Parade.

B. Old Business

None

C. Committee Reports

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

Chief Shuman reported that it had been a relatively quiet holiday period. He also warned the citizens of Swainsboro to be on the look out of some flim-flam artist who were working in the area. He stated they prey on senior citizens and take their money in a scam.

Chief Shuman reported that the Neighborhood watch program was progressing and hope to expand it in 2009.

Councilperson Stafford reported that the parking lot at the new station has been repaired.

Building and Safety: Councilperson Faulkner had no report .

Executive: No Report

Public Works: Councilperson Collins reported everything routine.

Recycle: Councilperson Collins reported operations normal .

Fire : Councilperson Parker reported everything routine. He stated in the 2009 Fire Dept. had budgeted for a new position and he asked council to allow the Department to advertise for that position. There were no objections.

He reported that the new training facility was operational and being used.

Mayor Schwabe asked Chief Strobridge about the ISO reclassification and Chief Strobridge stated the only thing left was to reclassify the water hydrants since the new wells were on line. Council instructed him to get this done in 30 days and allowed a \$3,000.00 additional expense to get it done quickly. Motion was made to authorize the additional expense.

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

Recreation: Councilperson Stroud reported everything routine.

Airport: Routine

Water & WW: Councilperson Edenfield reported everything routine. He informed council he was studying the possibility of purchasing a bypass pump to use for the city in case of emergencies.

Downtown Development - Anthony Faris had no report.

Administrative: Administrator Lawson had no report.

Mayor : Mayor Schwabe presented his city objectives for 2009 as follows;

1. Complete design for wastewater treatment plant
2. Complete water and power museum renovations
3. Complete airport fencing project
4. Complete West Main Nature Park
5. Work with Chamber of Commerce to recruit new retail business
6. Work with Downtown Development Authority to host seasonal events in the downtown area
7. Work with Downtown Development Authority to target and recruit specific downtown retail businesses.
8. Achieve ISO ratings to lower fire insurance rates in the city
9. Continue Neighborhood Watch Programs through Police Department
10. Continue to focus on hi-crime and drug related crime areas and support and cooperate with drug task force activities.
11. Support the growth of the Pine Tree Festival and Southeast Timber Expo.
12. Support and work with arts council to create downtown wall murals
13. Continue to support and emphasize anti-litter campaign
14. Work with Chamber of Commerce to complete bypass signage project
15. Complete downtown sidewalk and traffic signal renovation project
16. Involve civic clubs in a more active roll in the community

He stated that these were in no special order and he asked for council to add any objectives they chose to. Councilperson Faulkner stated the city should get more involved with providing activities for the youth. Councilperson Stafford suggest that the city meet with the existing Industries and businesses to see what the city could do to enhance their operations. Council also asked that the alcoholic application procedure be examined and refined. Mayor Schwabe assigned a committee of Council members Edenfield, Stafford, and Faulkner to meet with Administrator Lawson and look at the procedure for application and make a recommendation for council to study.

Mayor Schwabe announced that all committee assignment would stay the same for the 2009 year.

Mayor Schwabe informed council it was time to elect a new Mayor Pro-Tem and asked for nominations. Councilperson Stroud was nominated and no one objected and no other nominations were offered.

Council Adjourned

Submitted: A I L Lawson, City Administrator