

**CITY OF TWIN CITY GEORGIA**

**THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COMMISSIONERS**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**May 7, 2019**

**7:30 PM**

112 South Railroad Avenue

Twin City, Georgia 30471

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**MINUTES**

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Dudley 7:30 P.M.

Mayor Eileen Dudley Present

Mayor Pro Tem Matt Donaldson Present

Commissioner Jesse Brown Present

Commissioner Artie Fields Present

Commissioner Jule Bady Jr. Present

**INVOCATION:** Randal Beach, Chief of Police

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** In unison

A motion was made by Mayor pro tem Donaldson to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown; motion approved.

A motion was made by Mayor pro tem Donaldson to approve the minutes from the April 2, 2019 Regular Meeting and Workshop Session of the Mayor and City Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown; motion approved.

A motion was made by Mayor pro tem Donaldson to approve the minutes from the April 23, 2019, Special Called Meeting of the Mayor and City Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown; motion approved.

## **Guests**

### **Donna Neal – general concerns about Twin City-ABSENT**

#### **Stanley Swans – signs and limb pick-up**

The limbs are growing on the road, Old Swainsboro Road near the Post Office, solar farm, Mattie Hunter's house, West Broad Street, Hall Street, North and South College Streets.

Employees that clock in should not stay at the stores until 9 A.M. or 10 A.M., 12 P.M. Edward Johnson knocks off and go to the seis pool to sleep, hanging at the stores until 9:30 A.M. or 10 A.M. is stealing time. Employees should not be scratching tickets and playing the slot machines. Lucus works hard, he is the only Public Works employee who works the entire time he is on the clock.

Fire hydrants should be painted every year, the weeds around the hydrants should be cut.

### **Christopher Stanford – rezoning request for Reentry Partnership Housing Program**

Christopher Stanford has applied for an application for a reentry home, it is a 90-day process to enter back into society. A private home there would be no variance, you would rent to whomever; with a public home there would be a variance and you would have to follow the city's ordinance. The judge provided his opinion in a letter that was presented to the City Commissioners. Mr. Stanford read aloud the letter.

Mayor pro tem Donaldson elaborated on the application for zoning by Christopher Stanford. Mr. Donaldson read the procedures for a Zoning Request.

## **New Business**

A motion was made by Mayor pro tem Donaldson to declare May 5<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 as Municipal Clerks Week in the City of Twin City. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fields; motion approved.

A motion was made by Mayor pro tem Donaldson to approve \$21,138.94 to NAFECO for the purchase of Fire Department equipment in part with funding from the GFSTC 2019 Fireworks Tax Grant. The matching portion of this grant, in the amount of \$2,190.34, will be a SPLOST expenditure. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fields; motion approved.

## **Mayor's Report – Mayor Eileen M. Dudley**

Mayor Dudley attended Spring Training in Athens, Georgia. The training was very informative and encouraging.

During the Georgia Cities Week Celebration, the city hosted “Cookies with the Commissioners” and Sunday Softball games at Pop Boogie Field.

The mayor has completed the survey for the 2020 Census.

## **Main Street Report – Main Street Program Director Huddie Culbreth**

Mayor Dudley invited everyone to attend the Memorial Day Program, we have a distinguished speaker Sgt Beach, United States Marine Corp.

## **Streets & Roads Department Report – Commissioner Jesse S. Brown**

There is another leak on West Broad Street and that needs to be taken care of soon. Everything else is good.

## **Water & Sewer Department Report – Commissioner Jesse S. Brown**

Maintenance has been performed at the spray field.

The Parrish Pond Road project is still delayed, school will be out soon.

## **Finance Report – Mayor Pro Tem Matt W. Donaldson**

Mayor pro tem Donaldson read aloud the fund balances with the total being \$537, 921.04.

We are continuing with property tax collections, last month there were 238 parcels past due, totaling \$26, 760. At this time, 79 parcels have paid, we now have 159 parcels that have not paid with the balance being \$19, 579.14.

### **Recreation Department Report – Mayor Pro Tem Matt W. Donaldson**

The recreation season has ended, Greg Kennedy has done a great job. We do have some teams going to allstars.

### **Fire Department Report – Commissioner Jule Bady, Jr.**

Commissioner Bady reported 26 calls during the month of April 2019.

### **Police Department Report – Commissioner Artie L. Fields**

Commissioner Fields thanked Mr. and Mrs. Beach for the hardwork that they are doing. For the month of April, the Computer Aided Dispatch Report included 264 calls, 2 felony arrests and 63 citations. Patrol Officer Lewis Smith is out on Worker's Compensation. The department has experienced difficulties with patrol vehicles, the department has 2 vehicles that are functioning. Chief Beach has been looking at economy vehicles to replace the vehicles that are not operable.

### **Executive Session – Personnel**

A motion was made by Mayor pro tem Donaldson to enter executive session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fields; motion approved.

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Mayor pro tem Donaldson made a motion to hire Blake Anderson at an hourly rate, up to \$12 per hour for a 90-day probationary period, on a part-time status. The employee must be in full compliance with the Personnel Policy hiring requirements. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fields; motion approved.

Mayor pro tem Donaldson made a motion to hire Marcus Hartwell, Sr. as a full-time officer at a rate of \$12.50 per hour, for a 90-day probationary period

and thereafter, \$13 per hour. The officer must be P.O.S.T certified and must comply with the Personnel Policy hiring requirements. Commissioner Fields seconded the motion; motion approved.

### **Adjournment**

Mayor pro tem Donaldson made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fields; motion approved.

Meeting adjourned



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**PRE-COMMISSION WORKSHOP SESSION**

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**Presentation of Georgia Cities Week “If I Were Mayor” Essay Winners**

During the Georgia Cities Week Celebration, the city held an “If I Were Mayor” essay contest. The winners were as follows:

Third place: Jarei Oglesby

Second place: Blake Librizzi

First place: Halli Kate Johnson

### **Presentation from Police Chief Randal Beach**

Chief Beach began his presentation by letting everyone that he loves his job and it's been a lot of fun working here. The building improvements are going very well, Mrs. Beach has painted all the rooms except for the meeting space/courtroom. The vehicles are not going well. We have 2 functioning police vehicles. The Crown Victoria car is no longer being manufactured. We have collected \$18,000 minus fines the fine revenue for the city is approximately \$10,000. One officer is out on worker's compensation, he is scheduled for an MRI on May 15, 2019. We have some applicants and have had four telephone inquiries about jobs. We had a guest today who is a certified police officer and he has an interest in applying for a job.

On the code enforcement side, Old Swainsboro Road had issues, there was a burn out trailer, lawnmowers, a car, that lot is now cleaned up. On A Street there was another burned out trailer which is now clean. The chief has met with some residents and clean-up is taking place.

The state allows the municipalities to do a maximum of \$5 add on fee per citation.

### **Discussion of Municipal Clerks Week – May 5<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Mayor Dudley announced that the governing body will be signing a proclamation to Honor our clerks, this week. Municipal Clerks' Week is May 5-11, 2019.

### **Discussion of 2019 LMIG Safety Application Plan (SAP) Award**

We have been awarded the \$20,000 Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant (LMIG) money. The money has not been received yet, the money will replace every pole and stop sign in Twin City. The city will have to add money to the \$20,000 LMIG money.

### **Discussion of 2018, 2019 and 2020 LMIG projects**

Mayor pro tem Donaldson followed up with John McClellan, City Engineer. The plan is to have the LMIG projects advertised in May 2019. The 2018, 2019 and 2020 LMIG projects will be completed at once. Bids will be accepted for the LMIG projects at the same time as the City of Swainsboro, to get a better cost on the projects.

The following streets will be resurfaced this year:

2018 Queen Street and Davis Road

2019 & 2020 Oak Street, Oak Street Extension and Bell Street

### **Discussion of Georgia Firefighters Standards and Training Council (GFSTC) 2019 Fireworks Tax Grant award and purchase**

The Fire Department has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$18, 948.60, the city will match \$2,000. Chief Grimes presented a list of equipment that will be purchased using the Fireworks Tax Grant. The lowest bid on the job is from NAFECO.

### **Discussion of 2019 Georgia EPD Scrap Tire Abatement Reimbursement Program event on April 27, 2019**

EPD will reimburse the city 100% of the expenses incurred during the Scrap Tire Clean-up. The city was able to remove tires from the city without any costs to the taxpayers.

### **Discussion of Pop Boogie Recreation Complex Strategic Plan and Committee Appointments**


Charles Moody, Randal Beach, Huddie Culbreth, David Dudley as of now, the committee will be selected in the June meeting. There is still no word from the harvesting of the trees.

Aileen Harris has provided information on grants that may be available for recreational use.

### **Discussion of vacancy on Development Authority of Twin City by Board Member Michelle Goff**



Michelle Goff will be relocating and has resigned; the vacancy will be filled in the June meeting. Mayor pro tem Donaldson asked everyone to be thinking about someone to fill the vacancy. The person would need to be a business-minded person, who can help develop business in Twin City.

  
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