

OFFICIAL MINUTES
COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P. M. MAY 17, 1989

PRESENT: His Honor Mayor Paul Warwick, Jr., Commissioners James A. Stephens,
Thomas P. Williams, Ken
Tollison and Homer L. Wilson.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Commissioner Homer L. Wilson.

DELEGATIONS

Jameson Gregg, attorney for Earl Tennant and Lee Friedman, appeared before the Commission to request permission to have concerts at the Exchange Club Fairgrounds. Country and Western, Rock Music Festivals will be held during the summer months. The name of the company sponsoring the concerts is Too Much Talent, Inc. There is only one Country and Western concert scheduled for June 23, 1989. Mr. Gregg raised the question of having Sunday concerts, he stated that his clients have not planned Sunday concerts, but would like to know whether such concerts were permitted. Mayor Warwick inquired as to whether the fair ground would be the only location for the concerts. Mr. Tennant stated that they were planning concerts for Jekyll Island, at the Water Park and the Amphitheater.

The Commission discussed at length Church hours and disturbance of Church activities at College Park Methodist Church, security and the open container law. The City Attorney advised the Commission that the City has a right to regulate restrictions on concerts any day of the week. Considering all the above mentioned factors the Commission recommended that the City Manager establish some guidelines for Sunday concerts and bring back to the Commission.

William A. Taylor was present to speak in opposition on contracting the City's Building Inspection Department to Glynn County. Mr. Taylor then announced that he received a letter from the State's Attorney Office regarding the City- County Metro Drug Squad. The Drug Squad operating is illegal because there is no binding contract between the two governmental bodies.

Commissioner Tollison informed Mr. Taylor that combining the Building Inspection Department with the County will not alleviate the City's responsibility as far as enforcing health, safety code and City Ordinances. A study showed that combining it with the County will result in tremendous tax savings for the citizens of Brunswick and that this matter has nothing to do with consolidation.

Carol Highsmith was present to discuss the Hospitals pending contract with H.C.A. Mrs. Highsmith gave an updated report on the effect the contract would have on local vendors. Mrs. Highsmith pointed out that a Hospital Authority Meeting is scheduled for June 12 and requested the Commission to attend. She further stated that the City and County in joint resolution can increase the Hospital Authority to fifteen members.

Bidder
Total

Action Surveying Products, Inc.
\$ 9,594.00
Norcross, Georgia

Florida Level & Transit Co, Inc.
9,643.00
Jacksonville, Florida

Lengemann of Florida, Inc.
8,393.00
Altoona, Florida

Optical Engineering Co.
9,875.00
Marietta, Georgia

Savannah Blueprint
9,646.25
Savannah, Georgia

The City Engineer recommended that the bid of Action Surveying Products in the amount of \$9,594.00 be accepted. After reviewing bids for specifications he found the Lietz Set 4 to be the best bid.

Commissioner Williams moved that the City Engineer's recommendation be approved. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Stephens and was unanimously carried.

AUDIT BID

Pursuant to bids on Annual Audit which had been submitted previously, subject to review for specifications, Commissioner Wilson moved that the three year low bid of DeLoach and Company in the amount of \$61,500.00 be accepted. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams. On call for the question the motion carried by vote of 4 to 0. Commissioner Tollison was absent.

REDEMPTION DEEDS

Redemption requested in the names of present owner on the following property acquired by the City at tax sales and on motion of Commissioner Stephens, seconded by Commissioner Williams, the Mayor was authorized to execute quit claim deeds as petitioned for upon payment of all taxes, interest and cost to wit:

- (1) Willie Sylvester Hillery, on Dixville Lot No. 3, E. of Lee between George and London for \$70.44, for

Petition received from James A. Bishop, as Attorney for Coastal Bank of Georgia, on Lawrenceville Lots 291 and 292 to clear title record of tax deed taken by the City, which deed was subsequently redeemed but lost without being recorded. On motion of Commissioner Stephens seconded by Commissioner Williams, the Mayor was authorized to execute quit claim deeds as petitioned for.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Warwick presented a Proclamation to Kermit Keenum, Superintendent of Glynn County Schools, Proclaiming June 4, as Kermit Keenum Day in the City of Brunswick. Received with appreciation.

MINUTES

Commissioner Stephens moved that the minutes of May 3, 1989 be approved. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and was unanimously carried.

PROPERTY INSURANCE

The Director of Finance submitted proposal on the City's property insurance. He recommended that low bid of The Home Insurance Company (Shelander-Cowden) be accepted in the amount of \$63,552.00. Following discussion of property coverages, Commissioner Tollison moved that the renewal proposal be accepted. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Stephens and was unanimously carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

This being the date and time for Public Hearing to adopt a Land Use Plan for the Hospital Area, a delegation of residents and property owners in the area was present. Larry Taylor submitted updated plans for the Hospital Area. After discussing plans, with no objections thereto, Commissioner Tollison moved adoption of Area Land Use Plan as submitted. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Stephens. On call for the question the motion carried by vote of 4 to 1. Commissioner Wilson abstaining. Commissioner Williams stated that he voted with reservations.

MONTHLY REPORTS

The following reports for the month of April was submitted and were received and ordered filed as information: (1) General Fund (2) Revenue Sharing (3) Water and Sewer Financial and (4) Recorder's Court. Uncollectible Water and Sewer Accounts in the amount of \$1,759.67 and Uncollectible Accounts paid in said month in the amount of \$104.31.

Minutes of the Park and Tree Commission of April 25, 1989 were submitted. Received and ordered filed as information.

FIRE ENGINE

The City Manager so recommending, Commissioner Williams moved that Fire Engine No. 2 be declared as surplus property for disposal, motion was seconded by Commissioner Stephens and was unanimously carried.

FENCE FOR MCINTYRE COURT

The Commission discussed fencing for the Ball Park at McIntyre Court. The City Manager was advised to write a letter to receive the Housing Authority's approval.

MLK ADVISORY BOARD

Commissioner Stephens moved that Hubert W. Lang, Sr., be appointed to the MLK Advisory Board for a term of two years. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and was unanimously carried.

SIDNEY LANIER BRIDGE

The Commission discussed the study that was made for an alternative high level span bridge. Commissioner Tollison pointed out that he was concerned with the time involved in building a new bridge, and the impact it would have on the Port. He further stated that it may take eight years or more to build said bridge. On motion of Commissioner Stephens seconded by Commissioner Wilson, the following resolution was adopted by vote of 4 to 0, Commissioner Tollison abstaining:

WHEREAS, a determination has been made by Officials of the State of Georgia, county of Glynn and City of Brunswick that positive action must be taken regarding the Sidney Lanier Bridge in Glynn county, Georgia, in order to improve harbor access to the Port of Brunswick; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Ports Authority is increasingly concentrating on the Port of Brunswick as the focal point of its major shipping activities, which bestows upon said Port the potential of becoming the major shipping center on the Georgia Coastline; and

WHEREAS, it is now evident that the category of ships entering and leaving the Brunswick harbor is limited by the size and design of the Sidney Lanier Bridge, and by the limited depth and width of the Brunswick Harbor, which cannot be altered because of the presence of said Bridge; and

WHEREAS, this situation is likely to place certain constraints on future shipping activities, which would adversely impact the economy of the local area and the State of Georgia as a whole; and

WHEREAS, our concern for improving harbor access is

study from the Greiner Co. which outlines the most reasonable alternatives for dealing with this situation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Commission of the City of Brunswick, in Regular Meeting held this 17th day of May, 1989, that we support Alternate No. IV of the Greiner Study, for construction of a high-level, fixed-span bridge beside the existing Bridge so as not to interrupt highway traffic during construction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we encourage the Department of Transportation to cause this new structure to be designed in such a fashion as to remove existing hazards to navigation that have resulted in two tragic navigational accidents during the history of this Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we encourage the Georgia Ports Authority to designate the Brunswick harbor as their Port of Entry for the State of Georgia, and to identify it as their number one objective for improvements which can lead to its becoming a world class port.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

Mayor

Attest: _____
Secretary of the City Commission