

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA
REGULAR MEETING**

7:00 P. M., OCTOBER 17, 1990

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

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Commissioner James A. Stephens.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Williams moved that the minutes of October 3, and Called Meeting of October 4, 1990 be approved. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Stephens and was unanimously carried.

DELEGATIONS

Joe Isenberg, representing local businesses in the City, was present to request reduction in the City's business license fees. Mr. Isenberg stated that he has appeared several times to discuss the license fees and pointed out the vast comparison in the City and County license fees. Mayor Wilson stated that the commission realizes the inequality and regrets that businesses have gone bankrupt. He explained that the City must be frugal. The City has reduced its millage rate in the past and is working toward easing the burden on merchants; however, the City cannot take action at this time.

Paul Warwick representing the Downtown Development Authority, James Vivenzio and Cuffie Hise, Main Street Director were present to submit plans for Downtown Streetscape to encourage business in the downtown area. Mr. Warwick explained the changes that would take place to renew downtown and bring in jobs and revenue. Cuffie Hise named the cities that have instituted the Streetscape program very successfully. James Vivenzio presented an idea on Downtown revitalization and recognized groups that supported the Streetscape.

Mr. Warwick requested that the City authorize the Downtown Development Association to represent the City in asking the

County to fund the Streetscape project with 1 million dollars from the one cent sales tax revenues. Commissioner Credle moved to discuss matter at Joint City/County meeting to finance 1.6 million dollars on Streetscape project and to allow Paul Warwick to appear at the County's meeting to discuss the Streetscape plans. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Tollison and was unanimously carried.

Ken Plyman appeared before the Commission to submit a proposal to change the amount of the bond issue from 7.2 million dollars to 2.6 million dollars. Mr. Plyman recommended that the City and County split the revenues from the one cents sales tax to pay for water and waste water improvements. The Mayor advised that the City has been mandated by the Grand Jury to improve the City's water system, and the 7.2 million dollar Bond issue has been approved. Commissioners Williams, Stephens and Credle pointed out that the Bond issue could be looked into and Mr. Plyman had good vital points.

LIABILITY INSURANCES

The director of Finance advised the Commission that the City's Worker's Compensation Insurance was more than the budgeted amount. He recommended that the City look at other options. Following discussion Commissioner Tollison moved to table matter. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Credle and was unanimously carried.

BIDS

The following bids were received on re-roofing Fire Station #1.

Vendor	Bid
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Wells Roofing Company. Brunswick, GA	\$10,542.00*

Following discussion Commissioner Tollison moved that bid be accepted. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Credle and was unanimously carried.

The following bids were received for painting Equipment and Structure at the Wastewater Treatment Plant:

Vendor	Bids
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Dee's, Inc. Jacksonville, FL	\$36,352.00
K & B Mobile Sandblasting Brunswick, GA	14,100.00
Ram Industrial Coatings, Inc. Jacksonville, FL	46,000.00
Safe Guard Coatings, Inc. Jacksonville, FL	24,000.00
South Georgia Tower & Tank 13,356.00* Brunswick, Georgia	

Commissioner Stephens moved that the low bid be accepted. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Credle and was unanimously carried.

LEASE RENEWAL

Commissioner Williams moved approval of lease renewal for one year for Henry Fernandes, subject to notification of the availability of said property for 1991. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Stephens and was unanimously carried.

MONTHLY REPORTS

The following reports for the month of September, 1990 were received and ordered filed as information: (1) General Fund (2) Community Development (3) Metro Drug Squad (4) Recorders Court and Water and Wastewater. Uncollectible Water and Sewer Accounts in the amount of 1,454.04 Uncollectible water accounts paid in the said month in the amount of \$125.98.

Commissioner Credle moved that reports be accepted. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and was unanimously carried.

ELECTION RESULTS

The Secretary submitted the following consolidated returns of the Municipal General Election of October 2, 1990 signed by Cecil Little, Superintendent of Elections and his assistants: For Commissioner of the South Ward - Deidre Ellen Detloff received 501 votes; L. L. Spaulding received 352 votes and Otis Joe Herrington received 1,005 votes; for Commissioner of the North Ward - Charles E. Harris received 439 votes; Roosevelt Lawrence received 764 votes, and Ken Plyman received 649 votes.

The North Ward Commission seat resulted in a Run-Off Election on October 16, 1990. For Commissioner of the North Ward Roosevelt Lawrence received 1,202 votes and Ken Plyman received 554 votes.

Adoption of resolution for Election was deferred until the City Attorney review H B 202 regulating the terms of Elected Officials.

INTERIOR PRODUCTS

Commissioner Stephens moved approval of an additional 200,000 line of credit by Coastal Bank to Interior Products. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and was unanimously carried.

SEWER LINES

Mr. & Mrs. Watkins was present to hear recommendations for extending sewer lines to their residence. The City Manager reported that all the sewer lines were extended as far as possible. The Commission recommended that the property owners get permission from neighbors to run a sewer line across their property to the sewer system.

POOLED LEASE PROGRAM

The City Manager reported that the City has applied to participate in the Pooled Lease program with GMA. The City Manager described in detail advantages of the lease program. The adoption of the ordinance approving the Pooled Lease Program was tabled until the next Commission meeting.

STATE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

Commissioner Credle moved that the Mayor be authorized to execute agreement for maintaining State roads. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and was unanimously carried.

OTHER CITY BUSINESS

Commissioner Tollison moved that the City Attorney be authorized to make offer on 350 ft. of land running behind to GA Pacific to clear up the Torras problem. Motion was seconded by commissioner Credle and was unanimously carried.

TAX ORDINANCE

Commissioner Stephens moved adoption of the following Ordinance. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams and was unanimously carried.

AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE TO ASSESS A TAX FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA, FOR THE YEAR 1990, AND FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE ORDINARY AND EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES OF SAID CITY FOR SAID YEAR; TO PROVIDE FOR THE TIME AND MANNER OF COLLECTION AND PAYMENT OF SAID TAX; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Commission of the City of Brunswick, hereby ordains:

Section 1. For the support of the government of the City of Brunswick, Georgia, for the year 1990, and for the payment of the ordinary and extraordinary expenses of said City for said year, an ad valorem tax of twenty-eight dollars and fifty-eight cents (\$28.58) per one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) of assessed valuation is hereby levied and assessed upon all real and personal property and estate in said City subject to taxation, whether owned by individuals, corporations or other persons, resident or non-resident.

Section 2. Pursuant to Official Code of Georgia Annotated Section 48-8-91, said millage rate of 28.58 mils shall be reduced by twenty and fifty-eight one-hundredths (20.58) mils, that being the millage rate which if levied

against the tangible property within the City of Brunswick, would produce an amount equal to the distribution of local option sales tax received by the City of Brunswick during 1989, leaving a net millage rate of eight (8.00) mils, which shall be the millage rate upon which each taxpayer's bill shall be based.

Section 3. Said tax shall be immediately due and payable when billed by the Secretary of the Commission and shall be paid by December 20, 1990. The same shall become delinquent if not paid by said date and shall thereafter bear interest at the rate of one percent per month, and one percent for any period of less than one month, until the date the tax is paid, as provided by Official Code of Georgia Section 48-2-40.

Section 4. In any instance in which any person willfully fails to pay said tax within ninety days after December 20, 1990, he shall pay, in addition to the tax, a penalty of ten (10%) percent of the amount of tax due, together with interest, as provided by Official Code of Georgia Annotated Section 48-2-44.

Section 5. The tax provided for herein shall be in full force and effect from January 1, 1990.

MEETING RECESSED.

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Mayor

Attest _____
Secretary of the City Commission