

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P. M., APRIL 15, 1992**

PRESENT: His Honor Mayor Homer L. Wilson, Otis Herrington, Roosevelt Lawrence, Doris A. Davis and Rev. G. E. Darrisaw.

INVOCATION: The invocation was given by Commissioner Otis Herrington.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Darrisaw moved that the minutes of April 1, 1992 be approved. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Herrington and was unanimously carried.

UNITED WAY

Mayor Wilson presented a proclamation to Bob Switek, representative of United Way recognizing the week of April 26 through May 2, 1992 as Volunteer Week.

APPOINTMENT TO ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Commission deferred the appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals until the next meeting.

DELEGATIONS

Rev. Ephraim Sullivan appeared before the Commission to discuss the drainage problems on L and Stonewall Streets. Rev. Sullivan stated that flooding was an old problem in that area and a problem the City helped create and failed to correct the problem for well over 25 years.

Mr. Sullivan stated that he lived on Stonewall Street and when it rains water is up to his steps and steps of residences in the 2300 and 2400 Block on Amherst Street. Mr. Sullivan presented a petition with 79 signatures of residences that urged the Commission to please take corrective action in solving the inhumane problem.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that he lived in the area and have been travelling through the same situation for years. He noticed that the City has made improvements through the years, and the drainage problems in that area are still improving, but it may seem like it is at a snail's pace.

Commissioner Herrington stated that he was raised in that neighborhood and recalled almost 40 years ago he had to come up L Street in a row boat when the streets were flooded. Commissioner Herrington pointed out that the problem on L Street and N Street have always been there. Commissioner Herrington next explained the reason for the drainage problem in the low areas on L and Stonewall Streets.

Mayor Wilson recalled that the City of Brunswick placed 60 inch lines on N Street back in 1970 which cost the City \$25,000.00. Mayor Wilson explained that when it rains all the water go through Hercules Plant then out to the East side at the small environmental office on US 17. Mayor Wilson stated that Community Development spent \$26,000.00 a few years ago from L to N Street and the area has improved a great deal.

Commissioner Darrisaw stated that something has been done about the drainage and

explained how the area was twenty years ago. Commissioner Darrisaw stated that the Commission would take under consideration Mr. Sullivan's frustrations and the City would continue to put forth the effort to try and rectify the problem.

Mayor Wilson recommended that the City Manager have the Public Works Department to keep the grates clean on the corner of L and Stonewall Street and the corner of Stonewall and N Street.

In concluding, Mayor Wilson assured Rev. Sullivan that the City Commission, the City Manager and the Director of Public Works would look and see what could be done to continue improvement in the area.

DELEGATION

Orbin Fender was present to request that a directional sign be posted in the City giving directions to the Farmer's Market. He stated that he traveled to Farmer's Market in several states and 15 minutes before you reach the market, signs are posted giving directions to the Farmer's Market. He suggested that the City post small signs giving directions to the Farmer Market in Brunswick. Mr. Fender next requested that two or three farmers be placed on a committee to meet with the Georgia Ports Authority concerning the relocation of the Farmer's Market.

Commissioner Darrisaw moved to take under consideration Mr. Fender's request. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Herrington and was unanimously carried.

SEAFOOD FESTIVAL

The City Manager reported that the Commission at the Called meeting on April 7, 1992 asked the City Attorney and City Manager to check into procedures that were involved at the Seafood Festival. The City Manager read a prepared memo about the Seafood Festival. He stated the festival was advertised at an admission price of \$6.00 and the ads that were passed out stated that with the admission price each person will be given \$4.00 in beverage tickets. Upon entering the festival people were given 4 beverage tickets that could purchase food and beverage and these tickets could be exchanged for soft drinks, beer, ice tea, lemonade or any other beverage that was available. Also there were additional tickets that could be purchased once inside the gates. When a person ran out of tickets they could purchase additional food and beverage tickets. There was no payment made for the beer it was confirmed that it was donated.

Commissioner Darrisaw restated questions to the City Manager for clarification. Commissioner Darrisaw questioned after the \$6.00 was paid for entering the festival tickets were given to purchase beverages which could be exchanged for beer or soft drinks and once persons exchanged the tickets for beer or soft drinks they could purchase additional tickets for \$1.00 and take that ticket to get beer or soft drinks.

The City Attorney was asked to read the memo that was given to the Commission. Commissioner Darrisaw asked the City Attorney was beer sold at the Seafood Festival and City Attorney stated that beer was sold.

Commissioner Herrington stated that the City Attorney did inform the Commission in his opinion that a violation took place and that this is a legal matter, therefore if any discussion is held it should be in an executive session.

Commissioner Darrisaw stated that beer was sold and the seat of government must be respected. The facts show that beer was sold and the law have been violated. Commissioner Darrisaw pointed out that the Commission voted that a license will not be granted to sell alcoholic beverages. The decision of the Commission was circumvented and beer was sold

anyway, the Commission cannot let this go unnoticed.

Mayor Wilson stated that he agreed with Commissioner Darrisaw and he accepted their apology.

It was the consensus of the Commission that something must be done about the sale of beer.

Mr. Aiken admitted that beer was sold at the Festival. Commissioner Darrisaw stated that in the future if any Seafood Festivals are held in the City no beer should be sold unless it is approved by the Commission.

Mayor Wilson stated that the next time the Commission's decision is circumvented people will be arrested.

Mr. Woodside was present to thank the Commission and he stated that in the future proper communication will be made with the Commission.

MONTHLY REPORTS

The following reports for the month of March 1992 were received and ordered filed as information: (1) General Fund (2) Water and Wastewater (3) Community Development Fund (4) Metro Squad (5) Recorder's Court.

Commissioner Lawrence moved that reports be accepted. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Darrisaw and was unanimously carried.

CEMETERY DEEDS

On motion of Commissioner Darrisaw and seconded by Commissioner Lawrence, the following petition were unanimously granted:

- (1) Replacement deed to R. L. Hoag on Lot No. 21, Section B-9 in Palmetto Cemetery in lieu of original deed which has been lost, misplaced or destroyed, but city records verify ownership.
- (2) Replacement deed to Margaret Briggs Zales for deed to Lot No. 9, Section No. 148 in Palmetto Cemetery in lieu of original deed which has been lost, misplaced or destroyed, but city records verify ownership.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Herrington moved to hold an Executive Session to discuss a personnel and legal matter. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Davis and was unanimously carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

Mayor

Attest _____
City Clerk