

OFFICIAL MINUTES
COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P. M., August 19, 1992

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

INVOCATION: The invocation was given by Rev. Commissioner G. E. Darrisaw.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Davis moved that the minutes of the meeting of August 5, 1992 be approved. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Herrington and was unanimously.

RESOLUTION PRESENTED TO JUDGE ADAMS

Mayor Wilson recognized Leslie Irving a staff member of Judge Adams and an active member of the Keep Glynn Beautiful Committee. Mayor Wilson stated that Ms. Irving was a morale booster for community workers and she meant a great deal to the City of Brunswick and the job she has performed has been successful and helpful.

Mayor Wilson stated that he was privileged to tell Judge Adams how much he meant to the City of Brunswick, because so often sometimes people are reluctant in expressing their appreciation like they should. He further stated that Judge Adams approached the City and offered his assistance to clean up the City. The Commission realize that the City has a long way to go with Judge Adam's desire to clean up the City and with the help of Judge Adams and his staff the City is making some stride. Mayor Wilson commended Judge Adams and his court for what he has done for the Community. Mayor Wilson present a resolution to Judge Adams, the Chairman of Keep Glynn Beautiful Committee.

Judge Adams stated that it was an honor to be present this evening. Judge Adams formed the KBG Club in the Spring of this year which stands for Keep Glynn Beautiful. Judge Adams pointed out the volunteers came out of jail to do some good work in the Community. He praised the City Employees for their dedication and appreciation of unstrained duty. Judge Adams named members of the Public Works Committee they consisted of Wayne Bullard, Tony Spinelli, Jackie O'Berry and others on the staff who supervised the Community Service Workers. Judge Adams also recognized Frank Vande Linde who is the landscaper for the KBG. Judge Adams next requested that the City allocate Funds in the budget to provide plants for the city, because every piece of shurby in the City needs to be replaced. Judge Adams expressed his unqualified support for the City for its undertaking of Keeping Brunswick Beautiful.

Wray Avera did not attend the Commission Meeting to discuss the Compositing Site.

CEMETERY DEEDS AND REDEMPTION DEEDS

On motion of Commissioner Darrisaw seconded by Commissioner Herrington, the following petitions were unanimously granted:

- (1) Returning for resale N-1/2 of Lot No. 13, Section No. B- 1 in Palmetto Cemetery from James M. Purse. Original deed surrendered. Petitioner to retain S-5ft. of said

Lot.

(2) Transferring N-1/4 of Lot No. 50 and S-1/2 of Lot No. 51, Catholic Section in Palmetto Cemetery from Neal G.

Gale to Debra Gale Davis. Original deed surrendered.

On motion of Commissioner Darrisaw seconded by Commissioner Herrington, the Mayor was unanimously authorized to execute quit claim deed as petitioned for.

(1) Redemption requested in the name of the present owner Nations Bank on E-1/2 of Old Town Lot No. 50, to clear title record of tax deed taken by the City.

MONTHLY REPORTS

The following reports for the month of July, 1992 were submitted and ordered filed as information: (1) General Fund (2) Water and Wastewater (3) Community Development (4) Metro Squad (5) Recorder's Court and (6) Uncollectible Water Accounts. On motion of Commissioner Herrington seconded by Commissioner Darrisaw the Monthly Reports were unanimously approved.

Mayor Wilson recessed the meeting for ten minutes to meet with Judge Adams.

OTHER CITY BUSINESS

The City Manager reported that he visited a composting plant in Jacksonville, FL to look at a new process that came to his attention by a staff member attending a wastewater conference in Savannah last week. He stated that he had an opportunity to look at the process which involves chemical treatment of sludge with O₃ which serves to kill the odor as well as the pathogens or bacteria in the sludge. Next its dewatered and mixed with either lime or gypsum both of which the City probably can acquire as waste materials from local industries here. Then it goes through a pelletizer and comes out in a granulated form very similar to fertilizer. A facility of this type would be incorporated into the Wastewater Treatment Plant, so the City would not have to look for an alternate site. A representative from the Company will be in Brunswick next Tuesday to look at the City's Plant. At this time he would have a full report including cost estimates and construction time and other important information. He recommended to review the option and report back to the Commission at the next meeting on the findings of this technology.

Commissioner Herrington asked if a price or approximate cost of the facility was given to the City Manager.

The City Manager stated that it is possible that this facility can be 40% less than the 4.7 million dollars that was estimated for the composting plant, but the City did not get a firm estimate until the Representative actually looks at the plant and see what will have to be built and make modifications.

Commissioner Lawrence requested that the Commission visit the plant in Jacksonville.

Mayor Wilson asked would the generator the City presently has generate enough oxygen for the composting. The City Manager stated that all of that would be looked at when the representative visits the City.

The City Manager stated that he received a request from Fred Cook to do some archaeological digs in the City's right of way. Last year Mr. Cook taught a class with the Glynn Community School. He is asking to use three sites, one site is the same one he revisited last year on the corner of Stonewall and T Streets, Lanier Boulevard and London Street and the Farmer's Market. The City Manager stated that he would have to get back

with Mr. Cook about the Farmer's Market Property, because the City does not have the ownership of the property.

The City Manager recommended that Mr. Cook's request be granted. Commissioner Herrington offered the motion to grant Mr. Cook's request for archaeological digs in the City. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Lawrence and was unanimously carried.

Commissioner Davis stated that she would like to straighten out the News about the feasibility study on the Composting Plant. The News stated that the Commission has been sitting on the Study, that they received only yesterday. She explained that the Commission received the study on Tuesday; afternoon and they are still reviewing the study.

Commissioner Darrisaw added that the \$16,000.00 was paid long before the Commission was elected to serve. The Commission just received the study which is dated August, 1992 on the outside cover and July, 1992 on the inside cover. he next stated he had some problems with that along with Commissioner Davis.

Commissioner Herrington asked how the press got that information that the Commission had the study for a week.

The City Manager explained that Mr. Branch asked if the reports were available and he told him that the staff was reviewing the reports and that they would be forwarded to the Commission and the dates on the report were a typographical error.

Commissioner Darrisaw submitted the following News Release for the Commission's approval to be printed in the Newspaper:

NEWS RELEASE

1. All efforts have been and are being made to balance the budget without a cut back in personnel.
2. All employees will receive a raise in the new budget.
3. Any employee can express grievances to the department head in writing. The department head is to respond within ten days.
4. If grievances are not resolved with the department head, an appeal should be made in writing to the City Manager.
The City Manager is to respond within ten days.
5. Presently, the grievance procedure ends with the City manager. As of this date, unless there are legal problems, the City Manager and the City Attorney are instructed to take the necessary steps for amending this part of the grievance procedure. The amendment should read as follows:

If the grievances are not resolved with the City Manager, an appeal should be made in writing to the Mayor and City Commissioners and a response should be made within ten days.

6. A further amendment should be made as follows:

An employee should be free to file a grievance without any repercussion. Any supervisor or city employee proven guilty of harassment of any type will be subject to dismissal.

7. The City Manager is instructed to have an immediate inspection made of all equipment used by city employees and submit a detailed report in writing to the Mayor and City Commissioners.

Commissioner Darrisaw stated that employees must know that he or she has a right to file a grievance with that Department Head without any repercussion. He recommended that all employees receive a copy in their paychecks and asked the Commission to discuss the release.

Commissioner Herrington stated that the Commission was quite a way from balancing the budget. Commissioner Herrington expressed that he would like to clarify item no. 1 and wanted it to be clear, because the Commission is along ways from balancing the budget. He explained that was his only reservation.

Commissioner Davis agreed with the release 100% and stated that the City will try to squeeze a raise out for employees.

Commissioner Herrington asked when was the last time City employees received a raise. The City Manager stated that the last raise was included in the 1990-91 Budget. Commissioner Lawrence questioned the City Manager about the raise. The City Manager stated that it was correct according to his calculations.

Commissioner Darrisaw moved that the News Release be accepted as submitted and placed in the Brunswick News. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Lawrence and was unanimously carried.

Mayor Wilson stated that he is certainly in favor of a raise, however he would have to agree with Commissioner Herrington that there is going to be some reduction in personnel, because he cannot in good conscience sit and watch the City go deeper. The City of Brunswick is struggling to try and balance the budget. The Commission will have to keep the City solvent and the Commission does not want to do it at the expense of the city employees. He stated that he did not know where the City would get the money.

The City Attorney stated that he had a request from the GPA to modify the minutes of the July 15 so that they will have no question that the documents that have been executed by the Mayor and City Clerk were properly authorized by the City Commission. He asked the Commission to revise the language under the item execute document for sale of Farmer's Market so that that language will read as follows: The City Attorney stated that the documents have been drafted for closing the sale to the GPA. He recommended that the Commission approve the agreement for sale to the GPA and an agreement to identify lawyer's total insurance Co. against the deed to secure debt that was not satisfied on record when the City acquired the property and that the Commission authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute those agreements in addition to an appropriate deed and the other closing documents.

Commissioner Lawrence moved that the Commission approve the agreement and the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the agreement and appropriate deed and the other closing documents. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Darrisaw on call for question the motion carried by vote of 4 to 1. Commissioner Herrington voting no. That is the first paragraph so it would reflect the parcfific approval of sales approval.

Commissioner Darrisaw asked if that was the revision that he was speaking of.

GPA consulted with their attorney they did not see a copy of our minutes until after all the closing documents were signed and they were not satisfied with the minutes fully reflecting the authorization of the approval by the Commission of the sales agreement and the authorization of the Mayor and Clerk execute all the domentns.

The City Attorney pointed out that the Resolution for the street closing was not included in

the minutes and that the minutes would have to be amended to also include the Resolution.

The City Attorney will submit amendments for changes at the next meeting for approval.

Commissioner Lawrence moved that the Mayor be authorized to execute a quit claim deed in favor of Richard Perry to property of Janie L. Perry. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Darrisaw and was unanimously carried.

Commissioner Lawrence moved that the Mayor be authorized to execute quit claim deed conveying alley to Mrs. McGarvey. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Darrisaw and was unanimously carried.

Commissioner Herrington moved that the City Manager immediately look at a better record system for the City and give a progress report at the next meeting. Commissioner Darrisaw suggested that a room upstairs be used to utilize and store records. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Herrington and was unanimously carried.

Commissioner Herrington moved that the Mayor be authorized to execute quit claim deed to Bernard Grossman. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Lawrence and was unanimously carried.

Commissioner Lawrence moved to Recess the meeting until 5:00 P. M. August 20, 1992. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Herrington and was unanimously carried.

MEETING RECESSED.

Mayor

Attest _____
City Clerk