

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA
REGULAR MEETING
8:30 A. M., March 1, 1995**

PRESENT: His Honor Mayor Homer L. Wilson, Commissioners Roosevelt Lawrence,
Doris A. Davis Dr. James
MacLeod and Ken Plyman.

INVOCATION: The invocation was given by Commissioner Dr. James MacLeod.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 15, 1995. The motion passed unanimously.

APPOINTMENT TO HOSPITAL AUTHORITY BOARD

Commissioner MacLeod nominated William W. Crosby, Dennis J. Sullivan and W. Wesley Jones for consideration to serve on the Hospital Authority Board. Mayor Wilson asked if there were any other nominations. There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed. Commissioner MacLeod moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion to forward the three names to the Hospital Authority for consideration. The motion passed unanimously.

APPOINTMENT TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Commissioner Lawrence nominated Robert Herrington to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Commissioner Plyman nominated LaRon Bennett to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals. The City Manager stated that the Ordinance requires that persons serving on the Zoning Board of Appeals must live in the City. Commissioner Plyman withdrew the name of LaRon Bennett because he was not a City resident.

It met the consensus of the Commission to appoint Mr. Herrington to the Board subject to Mr. Herrington accepting the appointment.

The City Manager recommended that the appointments be readvertised for the Zoning Board of Appeals because of the death of Carl Outlaw.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that the Commission should appoint persons to serve on the boards after they are advertised.

There were no appointments to the Solid Waste Advisory Board.

CEMETERY DEEDS

On motion of Commissioner Plyman seconded by Commissioner Lawrence the following petitions were unanimously granted:

- 1) Returning for resale N-10 feet of Lot No. 18, Section No. B-14 in Palmetto Cemetery From John T. Hunter. Original deed lost, but City records verify ownership.

- 2) Returning for resale Spaces C & D of Lot No. 9, Section No. 119 in Palmetto Cemetery from George Todd. Original deed lost, but City records verify ownership.
- 3) Transferring Lot No. 3, Section No. 127 in Palmetto Cemetery from Mrs. Willie Whitten to Billy Whitten. Original deed lost, but City records verify ownership.

SEP-TECH ENVIRONMENTAL INC. SLUDGE REDUCTION PRODUCT

Allen Fisher representing SEP-TECH Environmental Incorporated appeared before the Commission to discuss ways to reduce cost twenty percent in the Water and Wastewater Budget. Mr. Allen submitted his proposal to the Commission outlining the three ways to reduce cost by reduction in electricity, chemical polymers cost and dewatering analysis hours. The reduction would be forty five thousand dollars to seventy-five thousand dollars in cost.

The Director of Water and Wastewater stated that SEP-TECH has met all the requirements to reduce sludge. He further stated that the SEP-TECH Environmental Incorporated has offered their services to the City on a trial basis for sixty days at no cost. The Director of Water and Wastewater pointed out that the City would see an impact in thirty days.

Mayor Wilson asked Mr. Fisher how he planned to reduce the cost and will it be reduced with more conservative use of polymers. Mr. Fisher stated that the cost will be reduced by reduction of Polymers.

Commissioner MacLeod asked if the Director of Water and Wastewater met with other Cities that used the method for reducing sludge. Commissioner MacLeod asked for the name of companies that are now using the system.

Mr. Fisher stated that the nearest company that used their method was in Richmond Hill, Georgia.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that the City should have a three to four year guarantee that the sludge reduction will work.

Mr. Fisher stated that he would give a guarantee of twenty five percent reduction in the Water and Wastewater budget.

Commissioner Plyman stated that he would like to study the proposal and would like to have the City Manager speak with other cities that use the sludge reduction system.

Gregory Dyson stated that the City of Villa Rica, Georgia was presently using the process. Mr. Dyson explained the process that is also used in Woodstock, Georgia. Mr. Dyson stated that they have experienced some economic reduction and it is a super product. Mr. Dyson stated that the polymers do not break down anything it enables cells to flock together to form a much larger mass to settle much quicker.

It met the consensus of the Commission to table the matter until the next meeting.

FORWARD SUPPLY CONTRACT

The City Manager stated that Gene Allen could not be present to discuss the Forward Supply Contract. The City Manager discussed the contract and the procedure. The City Manager stated that the interest would be prepaid upfront instead of waiting twenty years.

Commissioner Plyman questioned the increase of interest rates. The City Manager stated that the City would earn roughly twelve percent.

Commissioner MacLeod moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion to accept the bid of Leman Brothers in the amount of \$303,611.50. Commissioner Plyman stated that he would like to have time to study the bids. The motion passed unanimously.

Dale Broussard, Manager of Century Cable requested that the City accept the name change of the franchise agreement from Century Cable to Century Venture, Inc.

Commissioner Davis moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion to accept the name change on the franchise agreement. The motion passed unanimously.

Colonel John McElvoy appeared before the Commission to request that the City give a long term lease on twenty acres of land west of Lanier Boulevard to the Aquamuseum. Mr. Elvoy stated that he first came to the City in 1992 with the Aquamuseum project. Mr. McElvoy stated that the Aquamuseum was willing to pay the same taxes that Shell Company Trust paid. Mr. McElvoy stated that the Aquamuseum would be an asset to the City and stressed the economic advantage. Mr. McElvoy stated that all school children would benefit from the museum and as soon as the City leases the land the museum will receive funds from the foundation.

Mayor Wilson stated that the City has very limited property and other organizations are also looking at the property.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that the property could be an exclusive area for building thirty or forty homes.

Commissioner Plyman stated that Mike Fairman owns a recycling yard in the area and the Aquamuseum would be located next to Mr. Fairman's property.

Mr. McElvoy stated that he spoke with Mr. Fairman and he was willing to move his business. Mr. Fairman is a member of the Aquamuseum Board.

Mayor Wilson stated that Mr. McElvoy has appeared before the Commission several times to discuss leasing property from the City. He stated that he would like to have the Commission discuss the matter and make a decision.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE RENEWAL

Petition received from Agolghasem Bakhshizad to retail alcoholic beverages for consumption on premises at 1618 Newcastle Street, having been approved by the Chief of Police and the City Manager, Commissioner Plyman moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion granting the petition. The motion passed unanimously.

Petition received from Rydell Thomas to retail alcoholic beverages for consumption on premises at Ray's Lounge/Two Spot Package Store, at 1807 L Street, having been approved by the Chief of Police and the City Manager, Commissioner Plyman moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion granting the petition. The motion passed unanimously.

CENTRALIZATION OF 911 EMERGENCY SYSTEM

The City Manager stated that he spoke with Jack Mills about problems with 911 Emergency calls. The City Manager stated that he spoke with the Chief of Police about the problems and changes have been made in the department.

Commissioner MacLeod stated that he would like to have a feasibility study conducted on the 911 system to centralize the system.

Commissioner Plyman stated that he would like to know the cost of the City to operate the 911 Emergency system. Commissioner Plyman stated that he would like for the City Manager to find out if it would be a rate reduction if the City centralize the 911 system.

The City Manager stated that the City have eight dispatcher, one GCIC Coordinator and the cost of operation and new equipment.

Jack Mills expressed his concerns about the 911 system. He pointed out that 911 calls are a public safety issue, and the public's safety is at stake. Mr. Mills stated that there are three different 911 systems. The systems are in the City, County and Jekyll Island. Whenever a call is made from the City the 911 call goes to the City Police dispatchers and the County goes to the County and the Jekyll Island calls go Jekyll. Mr. Mills stated that the City and County need a unified area of Public Safety. Mr. Mills requested that the City meet with the County to establish a unified City/County system for public safety.

Mayor Wilson thanked Mr. Mills for his concerns. Mayor Wilson stated that the City Manager have taken steps to get with the County to discuss the 911 system.

OTHER CITY BUSINESS

The City Manager reported that the Composting Plant received the third place award and the award would be presented at an awards luncheon on March 14 in Atlanta.

The City Manager stated that the Waterfront Enhancement Project would also receive an award.

The City Manager stated that the Family Resource Center located on New Jesup Highway requested a letter of support from the City and County. The Family Resource Center will offer a family training program.

Commissioner MacLeod stated that the Building Official travels out of town to attend classes and a temporary Building Official should be named. Commissioner MacLeod recommended that Tommy Horton be designated as the temporary Building Official.

Commissioner Plyman stated that Inspector P. J. Blanchard should be considered as the temporary Building Inspector.

Commissioner MacLeod stated that the Commission should direct the City Manager to designate a temporary Building Official.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that the Director of Community Development should meet with the City Manager and discuss the temporary Building Official.

The City Manager stated that someone should be designated to serve as a temporary Building Official because of problems.

Commissioner Davis asked the City Manager to address the uncollected Water Bills.

The City Manager stated that the Water Accounts are turned over to a collection agency for collection.

Commissioner Plyman stated that he would like to know what it would take for all City Government employees to retire after thirty years of service.

The City Manager stated that he would speak with the Company that handles the City's Pension Plan.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that trash was a concern in the City and an Ordinance needs to be in place to help with the trash pick up. Trash should not be on the streets on the weekend.

The City Manager reported that the Philadelphia Church of God on Fourth Street would like to have the pipes removed from in front of their property.

The City Attorney reported that the City issued a tax execution in 1930 in the name of Joseph Taylor and all taxes, interest and charges were paid in full. The City Attorney recommended that the Mayor execute a quit claim deed in favor of Mr. Taylor.

Commissioner Plyman moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion authorizing the Mayor to execute a quit claim deed in favor of Mr. Taylor. The motion passed unanimously.

The City Attorney reported that he would submit an ordinance for the referendum of Sunday sales of Alcoholic Beverages.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that a number of houses were being built in the City without space in between the lots.

The City Manager stated that there are set back requirements in the Zoning Ordinance and he would ask the Building Official to look at the set back requirements.

Mayor Wilson reported that he met with the Department of Transportation Commissioner Wayne Shackelford in Atlanta to request that Union Street be resurfaced from Gloucester Street to Lanier Boulevard at no cost to the City. Mayor Wilson also asked that a small lot be deeded to the City from the Department of Transportation to add additional parking for Spanky's restaurant. Mayor Wilson asked Mr. Shackelford to take another look at widening Highway 17 and the businesses that would be affected on Highway 17. Mayor Wilson stated that Mr. Shackelford was very gracious and the meeting was a success because the City was granted funding for resurfacing of Union Street and the City would receive the lot from the Department of Transportation with or without a charge and the Department of Transportation would do everything to please everyone on widening Glynn Avenue.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

Mayor

Attest _____
City Clerk