

**OFFICIAL MINUTES**  
**COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**7:00 P. M., September 15, 1993**

**PRESENT:** His Honor Mayor Homer L. Wilson, Commissioners 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 and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 1, 1993. The motion passed unanimously.

**DELEGATIONS**

Gene Allen stated in 1990 the City received a rate analysis for the 1990 Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds, at that time he worked out a rate increase for the City's Water and Sewer customers. Instead of implementing the whole increase at one time a big portion of it was implemented in 1990 and it was decided to phase in the rest of the increase over a period of many years. The 1994 fiscal year which is the current year is where another ten percent of the total rate package is added. The old 1990 Bond Documents were reviewed and the bonds were refinanced in 1992 for construction of a composting plant. Mr. Allen stated that interest rates have dipped down and the 1990 Bond Issue can be refinanced and save \$18,000 a year on the 1990 Bond payment, over the life of the Bond, and the City of Brunswick would save \$399,000 on Bond Payments. According to the City's Audit of the City's Water and Wastewater Department everything was in line with Revenues and expenses as was projected. The City is on target.

Mr. Allen asked the City Council to consider at the next Commission meeting the Water and Sewer rate Ordinance phasing in the ten percent rate increase that was originally planned in 1990. The Bond Document states that sixty days after the motion is made then the City could proceed to refinance the 1990 Bond.

Mayor Wilson asked if the low interest rates would be locked in. Mr. Allen stated that they are locked in.

The Commission asked a series of questions concerning the ten percent rate increase and refinancing the 1990 Bond.

The City Attorney explained that the bond Covenant requires the City to follow through with the rate increase and that is something that the City has agreed to do and not doing it the City would not be fulfilling its obligation under the bond covenants to the holders of the bond. There are also EPD regulations that require rate increases. The City is required by EPD regulation to review the rates to make sure that the City has enough revenues to pay off the bills, and pay off the debts.

Mayor Wilson stated that the City Attorney and City Manager would look into the Bond Issue and bring back a full report to the Commission.

Ken Plyman presented a gift to retiring Lieutenant Jesse Wofford. Mr. Plyman stated that Lt.

Wofford and other experienced officers with one hundred years of service left the Police Department. Mr. Plyman stated that he questioned the reason why an officer of Lt. Wofford's age would retire from the Police Department. He also questioned the failure of the Commission to take action to replace the Chief of Police after the Chief submitted his resignation which was over sixty days ago. Mr. Plyman further stated that he would like to see the Chief of Police's position filled.

Commissioner Herrington stated that there were no problems with Lt. Wofford's retirement, because it was not brought to the City Manager or the City Commission.

Commissioner Herrington stated that the information in the Newspaper was erroneous concerning the former Chief of Police. Commissioner Herrington stated that he did not have anything to do with it and apologized to Jack Sidoran.

Mr. Plyman stated that he asked the City Manager if any inroads have been made to appoint a new Police Chief, and was told no.

Commissioner Darrisaw stated that the Commissioner has asked the City Manager to look at the job description of the Police Chief.

Jennifer Detloff a member of the Metropolitan Transportation Planning Committee extended an invitation to the Commission to attend the Transportation Planning Seminar Friday on Jekyll Island.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

This being the date, time and place for public hearing on proposal to rezone Lot 2468, in New Town from GR General Residential District to GC General Commercial District.

The City Manager reported that the property located at 1108 1/2 L Street will be converted to a welding shop which would be operated by Abraham Ingram. The City Manager stated that there are currently three uses on the above property, a church, residence and non-conforming use. The area is a very mixed area with residences, churches and Commercial property.

Mr. Ingram stated that he thought the property was already zoned commercial, but he found out later that the property was not zoned commercial. He stated that he is retired and would like to use the building to operate his small welding shop.

Mayor Wilson asked if there was anyone present that objected to the rezoning. There was no opposition.

Commissioner Davis stated that she was concerned with the parking on L Street. Mr. Ingram stated that his business was small and he didn't anticipate many customers.

The Commissioner scheduled another public hearing for October 6, 1993 at City Hall.

#### **PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES**

Mayor Wilson presented a proclamation to Mrs. Helen Alexander proclaiming October as National Arts and Humanities month in the City of Brunswick.

#### **RECOGNITION OF RETIRING CITY EMPLOYEE**

Mayor Wilson presented a plaque and gift to Lieutenant Jesse Wofford in recognition of 23 years of dedicated service with the Brunswick Police Department. Received with appreciation.

## **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE**

Petition received from L. E. Thomas to retail beers and wine at Twin Oaks, 2618 Norwich Street for consumption on premises, having been approved by the Chief of Police and City Manager. Commissioner Herrington moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion to grant petition. The motion passed unanimously.

## **HOSPITAL AUTHORITY APPOINTMENT**

The City Manager stated that a list of names were submitted for consideration for appointment to the Hospital Authority Board. Commissioner Lawrence nominated Dr. N. E. Armstrong, Commissioner Herrington nominated Laura Hicks and Commissioner Davis nominated Claudia Herrington. Mayor Wilson asked if there were any other nominations. There being no further nominations the nominations were closed. Commissioner Darrisaw moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion to submit the nominations to the Hospital Board Authority. The motion passed unanimously.

## **MONTHLY REPORTS**

The following reports for the month of August were submitted and were filed as information: (1) General Fund (2) Water and Wastewater (3) Community Development (4) Metro Squad and (5) Municipal Court. Uncollectible Accounts in the amount of \$10,214.75 and Uncollectible Accounts paid in the amount of \$1,247.44. Commissioner Davis moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion to accept the monthly reports. The motion passed unanimously.

## **CEMETERY DEED**

Petition received to transfer N-1/2 of Lot No. 8, Section No. 79 and Lot No. 34, Section No. 8 in Greenwood Cemetery from Len Killens to Ophelia J. Killens. Original deed lost, but City records verify ownership. On motion of Commissioner Davis seconded by Commissioner Darrisaw the petition was unanimously granted. The motion passed unanimously.

## **OTHER CITY BUSINESS**

The City Manager reported on the Marketing Strategy for the compost that would be generated from the composting plant. He recommended that the Commission enter into a contract with

Compost Marketing Consultants to do a marketing analysis for the City in the amount of \$8,900.00.

Commissioner Lawrence asked if this Company was the only one that was contacted. The City Manager stated that this company was the only company in the area that handles marketing analysis.

Commissioner Herrington moved and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion to accept the City Manager's recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

The City Manager submitted a report about a burned structure at L and Newcastle Street. The consensus of the Commission was to give the City Manager the latitude to see what could legally be done to get the home owner to bring his house to living standards.

The City Manager reported that he received complaints about the Cable Television new rates. He asked to file a complaint with the FCC about the cable rates to see if the cable rate

changes meets the 1992 Cable Laws.

Commissioner Darrisaw moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion authorizing the City Manager to file form FCC 329. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Lawrence questioned the 38 City lots that were requested by Habitat. The City Manager stated that the actual number of lots is 11 and some are too small and others are occupied.

**MEETING ADJOURNED.**

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Mayor

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City Clerk