

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA
REGULAR MEETING
8:30 A. M., January 5, 1994**

PRESENT: His Honor Mayor Homer L. Wilson, Commissioners Roosevelt Lawrence,
Doris A. Davis, Rev. G. E.
Darrisaw and Dr. James MacLeod.

OATH OF OFFICE TO MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS

The Honorable Judge William R. Killian welcomed the large number of citizens who were assembled in front of City Hall. Homer L. Wilson was sworn into office as Commissioner at Large-Mayor of the City of Brunswick and Roosevelt Lawrence was sworn into office as Commissioner of the North Ward, the oaths of office being administered by the Honorable William R. Killian, Senior Judge, Superior Courts of Georgia, Brunswick Judicial Circuit.

Dr. James MacLeod was sworn into office as Commissioner of the South Ward, the oath of office being administered by Grady Jenkins, Chief Magistrate of Scriven County.

His Honor Mayor Homer L. Wilson addressed the citizens of Brunswick, expressing his goal to make Brunswick a safe place to live. Mayor Wilson stressed that participation is needed by mothers, fathers and the Police Department to win the battle.

INVOCATION: The invocation was given by Commissioner James MacLeod.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner Darrisaw seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of December 15, 1993. The motion passed unanimously.

MAYOR PRO TEM

The first order of business was the election of Mayor Pro Tem, Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion to elect Commissioner Darrisaw as Mayor Pro Tem. The motion passed unanimously.

1990 WATER BONDS

The City Manager reported that he received a letter from Gene Allen of Stephens, Incorporated regarding the refinancing of the Series 1990 Bonds. Mr. Allen explained in the letter that he realized that delay has had an impact on the City Budget's process. Mr. Allen recommended that the City proceed with refinancing the 1990 Bonds to receive a net savings over the life of the issue in the amount 400,000.00. The City Manager explained that the delay was caused when interest rates went up, however in December the interest rates have come down and the City should move forward to refinance the 1990 Series Bond. The City Manager stated that the final numbers can also be put in for the Water and Wastewater Budget.

Commissioner Darrisaw moved and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion to approve the refinancing of the 1990 Series Bonds. The motion passed unanimously.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSES RENEWALS

The following alcoholic beverage petitions for 1994 license renewals were submitted, having been approved by the Chief of Police and City Manager, were on motion of Commissioner Lawrence seconded by Commissioner Davis unanimously granted:

To retail beer and wine for consumption on premises:

L. E. Thomas at Twin Oaks Res., 2618 Norwich Street;

David W. Earl at the Royal Cafe, 1618 Newcastle Street;

To retail beer only for consumption off premises:

Jo Anne Boone at In and Out Mart, 1603 L Street;

Jo Anne Boone at J. B.'s Grocery, 2802 Altama Avenue;

Bobby Lee Hart at Hart to Hart Snack Island, 2527 Stonewall Street.

The following bids were received for chlorine for Wastewater Treatment Plant:

Vendor	Item	Unit Cost	Total
Apperson Chemicals Jacksonville, FL	150 lb cyl.	.43	51,600.
	1 ton cyl.	.232	23,200.
	HFS cyl.	.1312	1,968.
	Annually	76,768.00	
	Biannually	38,384.00	
P.B. & S. Chemical Jacksonville, FL	150 lb cyl.	.55	66,000.
	1 ton cyl.	.275	27,500.
	HFS cyl.	.17	2,550.
	Annually	96,050.00	
	Biannually	48,025.00	
Allied Universal Miami, FL	150 lb cyl.	.37666	45,192.
	1 ton cyl.	.1975	19,750.
	HFS cyl.	.1011	1,516.50
	Annually	66,458.50	
	Biannually	33,229.25	
Jones Chemicals Jacksonville, FL	150 lb cyl.	.34	40,800.
	1 ton cyl.	.20	20,000.
	HFS cyl.	.1085	1,627.50
	Annually	62,427.50	
	Biannually	31,213.75	
	Annually	(65,548.88)	
	Biannually	(32,774.44)	

Mayor Wilson discussed the 51% increase in chlorine prices. Commissioner MacLeod asked why the price of chlorine increased. The City Manager explained that the local supplier for the City of Brunswick was LCP Chemicals and they were having a number of problems.

Commissioner Davis moved and Commissioner Darrisaw seconded the motion to accept the low bid of Jones Chemical for six months in the amount of \$31,213.75. The motion passed unanimously

BUILDING INSPECTIONS OFFICE

Commissioner Darrisaw stated that in the last meeting the Commission discussed taking action at the January 5th meeting.

The City Manager reported that he continued to stay in touch with the Building Inspections Office and they have been very helpful in providing the City with information. The City Manager stated that a couple of classes are coming up that the city could send someone to. The person that is selected as the Building Inspector is not required to be certified. Certification classes are offered at the University of Georgia for Building Inspectors. The City Manager recommended that the person selected should be trained over the next few months. The City Manager further stated that the County has offered to allow the person selected as Building Inspector to ride with their Inspectors to see the kind of inspections the County performs.

The City Manager explained that before the City can reestablish the Building Inspections Department it would require some modifications in the City Ordinances. The City Ordinance is currently set up and states that the City inspections would be carried out by Glynn County. The City can take action to move the Department from the County and have the necessary ordinance change ready for adoption at the next meeting. These changes would have to be made before the City begins to implement it or start inspections. The City Manager recommended that the City have some transition period between making a decision to move the Inspections Department and actually implementing it.

Commissioner Darrisaw stated that he certainly would like to see the Building Inspections Department back in the city. Commissioner Darrisaw stated that he received information on the amount of profits the County received from the City's inspections, and the City certainly have been losing money.

Commissioner Darrisaw moved that the City move immediately to put the ball in motion on getting the ordinances in place by the next meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner MacLeod. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner MacLeod stated that Commissioner Herrington, his predecessor, certainly did some real good homework on the Building Inspections Department. Commissioner MacLeod further stated that he would like to carry out this for him because he put a lot of work into pushing the issue, although sometimes Commissioner Herrington was not always recognized.

CEMETERY DEEDS

Petition received to transfer Lot No. 6-A, Section No. 18 in Palmetto Cemetery from Wayne Anderson to Betty H. Anderson. Original deed surrendered. Commissioner Darrisaw moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion to grant petition. The motion passed unanimously.

OTHER CITY BUSINESS

A concerned citizen appeared before the Commission to state that Altama Presbyterian

Church opposes the name change of Altama Avenue to Martin Luther King, Jr., Blvd. He stated that it would pose a hardship on residents and businesses to have their signs and advertising changed.

Mayor Wilson updated Commissioner MacLeod on the proposed changing of the street name from Altama Avenue to Martin Luther King Jr., Blvd. Mayor Wilson stated that the name change was recommended by the MLK committee.

Mayor Wilson stated that the City would take the proposed changing of the street under advisement.

Commissioner Darrisaw thanked Commissioner Lawrence for nominating him as Mayor Pro Tem. Commissioner Darrisaw next discussed working on crime in the City.

Commissioner Darrisaw moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion to have a progress report on crime in the City and a report on the selection of a Police Chief at the next meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Lawrence recommended that former City Commissioner Otis Herrington be considered for the position as Building Inspector for the City, if it would not be a conflict of interest.

Commissioner Lawrence reported that he received information about a City police officer harassing an employee at the Hospital about insurance. The City Manager was asked to look into the matter.

The City Attorney reported that he would submit a curfew ordinance at the next meeting.

Mayor Wilson asked how much progress have the city made in removing dilapidated houses in the City. The City Manager stated that he received a few responses from property owners who would like to repair or remove their houses. Mayor Wilson next requested a report on revenues that the City collect for removing houses. The City Attorney explained the collection process to the Commission.

Mayor Wilson stated that he would like to take a look at productivity of City employees. Mayor Wilson next discussed the use of the City's reserve fund.

The City Manager explained to the Commission the budget process and how the City reserves are used and replaced if they are used to balance the City's budget.

Commissioner Lawrence moved that each Department Head give a budget report to the Commission every six months. Commissioner Darrisaw seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Lawrence asked for a report about the zones that would be set for the Sanitation workers in the Public Works Department. The City Manager stated that the Director of Public Works would make a report at the next meeting.

Commissioner Darrisaw stated that he would like to discuss the grievance procedure that should be followed by employees at the next meeting in an Executive Session.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

Mayor

Attest _____
City Clerk