

**OFFICIAL MINUTES**  
**COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**8:30 A. M., June 1, 1994**

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

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner MacLeod moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 18, 1994. The motion passed unanimously.

**BIDS**

The following bids were submitted for a Diagnostic System for the Public Works Department:

Vendor	Bid
Brooks Auto Parts	\$4,876.00
McMillian Auto Parts	4,500.00
Langford Auto Parts	4,925.77

Mayor Wilson and Commissioner Lawrence asked specific questions about the performance of the Diagnostic System.

The Director of Public Works was present and answered all questions concerning the performance of the system. The Director stressed the need for the Diagnostic System in the Public Works Department.

Commissioner MacLeod moved and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion to accept the low bid of McMillian Auto Parts in the amount of \$4,500.00. The motion passed unanimously.

The following bids were submitted for a Car Lift for the Public Works Department:

Vendor	Bid
Brooks Auto Parts	\$3,600.00
Mo Hawk South	4,785.00

Commissioner Lawrence questioned the need for a car lift in the Public Works Department. The Director of Public Works stated that forty two vehicles are serviced in his Department. The City Manager stated that Public Works uses a floor jack and it is difficult to work on automobiles with that type of equipment. The City Manager recommended that the bid of Mo

Hawk South in the amount of \$4,785.00 be accepted. He pointed out that the bid of Brooks Auto Parts did not meet specifications.

Commissioner MacLeod moved and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion to accept the bid of Mo Hawk South in the amount of \$4,785.00. The motion passed unanimously.

## **DELEGATIONS**

Police Chief T. C. Cowan appeared before the Commission to give an update on crime in the City of Brunswick. Chief Cowan submitted crime statistics for Brunswick from January thru April. Chief Cowan figures showed that burglary and rape were down, and there have been no murders in the City. Chief Cowan reported that Motor vehicle thefts dropped and armed robberies.

Commissioner Lawrence mentioned a case that involved a car that was stolen from a person that was on jury duty.

The Chief of Police explained to Commissioner Lawrence that he could not elaborate on that case because he did not know everything about the case.

Commissioner Lawrence asked Chief Cowan when he would give another report. Chief Cowan stated that he would give another report in six months.

Mayor Wilson stated that the City Council stands behind the Police Department to make sure that the City is a safe place to live.

## **OTHER CITY BUSINESS**

The City Manager reported that the Farmer's Market is in operation for the summer. He stated that he was asked to remove the tents to make room for more farmers to sell their crops.

The City Manager reported that the County has three million dollars in interest from the previous Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax and since the funds must be used for SPLOST projects, he recommended that a portion of the remaining funds be used to reimburse the Water and Wastewater Department for water and sewer lines that had to be moved on Martin Luther King Blvd.

Commissioner MacLeod moved and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion authorizing the City Manager to send a letter to the County Commission requesting that funds be used to reimburse the Water and Wastewater Department. The motion passed unanimously.

The City Manager reported the he received complaints about the condition of the house located at 500 L Street. The City Attorney stated that the owner of 500 L Street has been taken to Municipal Court.

Mayor Wilson stated the he would like to go on record stressing that the City Council has been very benevolent with Mr. Goodyear and the City have done everything they possibly could to assist him.

The City Manager reported the Housing Authority trash has previously been picked up by dumpsters and now tenants have an opportunity to use garbage carts. The City Manager pointed out that this would be an increase in garbage rates for the City.

The City Manager reported that he was invited to attend a Housing Authority meeting to discuss the collection of garbage. He stated that he would bring back a report to the Commission.

Mayor Wilson stated that he would like for the City Manager to attend the meeting. Mayor Wilson stated that the Council would have to look at how the tenants would be serviced and also the cost.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that he was concerned about the elderly placing their garbage in the right area for pick-up.

The City Manager reported that he received complaints about the condition of the City's cemetery. He explained that cemetery lots are private property and the owner should clean their property. The City Manager stated that Commissioner Lawrence gave some suggestions on keeping the lots clean. He stated that the owners would be contacted to clean up their own cemetery lot. The City will bill owners whenever their lots are cleaned by the City.

Commissioner Davis was nominated to serve as voting delegate and Commissioner MacLeod was nominated to serve as alternate delegate to attend the Georgia Municipal Association Annual Business Session in Savannah on June 28, 1994. This met the consensus of the Commission.

Commissioner MacLeod expressed his concerns about cleaning buildings in the City. He stated that buildings should be safe in the City and recommended solutions for demolishing unfit buildings in the City.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that most buildings in the City are historic buildings. Commissioner MacLeod stated that the buildings should be occupied and not left vacant for fifteen years. Commissioner MacLeod mentioned the building that collapsed and recommended that the building be demolished.

Commissioner Lawrence recommended that the City Manager work with Mr. Boone on his building that collapsed.

Commissioner MacLeod asked the City Manager about the progress of the buildings on the causeway property. The City Manager stated that he spoke with the Realtor and he will bring a report back to the Commission.

Commissioner Lawrence requested that all traffic lights on Gloucester Street be changed to operate at the same time.

The City Manager stated that he would talk with the Department of Transportation.

Commissioner Lawrence reported that Mr. Lewis a business owner on Martin Luther King Blvd. and G Street requested that the road block be removed so that he could have access to his property. The City Manager stated that he would talk with the Department of Transportation.

The City Manager reported that he made a request to the Department of Transportation to pave the west side of Martin Luther King Blvd.

Commissioner Lawrence reported that he received complaints about sewer problems. The City Manager stated that the problems could be corrected by making claims to the contractor who are working on the lines.

The City Manager reported that last year the Council gave permission to alleviate a portion of the silting problem at the Marina. Mayor Wilson directed the City Manager to contact someone about removing more silt.

Commissioner Davis reported holes in the road that should be barricaded.

Mayor Wilson stated that it disturbs him when he see residents buying bottled water from Winn-Dixie. He stated that he would like to assure people that the water is safe. He recommended that the Director of Water and Wastewater give a report on the City's drinking

water.

Robert Bradley a member of the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax Committee was present and requested that the Commission attend the Committee meetings as a citizen to give input.

Commissioner MacLeod stated that he hesitated to appear at the meeting because he thought the meeting was for citizens and not City officials.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that he did not attend the meetings because he thought the meeting was called to elect officers. He stated that he was not informed about the meeting date.

Commissioner Davis stated that she was planning to attend the meeting, but she received input from citizens stating that the Commissioners would not be welcomed at the meeting.

Mayor Wilson stated that he certainly did not want the members of the committee to attend the meeting without being prepared. He stated that information could have been received from Department Heads, the City Manager and the City Attorney.

Commissioner MacLeod recommended having a work session with committee members, the Commission and the City Manager.

Mr. Bradley reported that he could not get any equipment from Public Works to clean up Dixville. Mr. Bradley stated that the trash that was collected was placed on MLK Blvd. He stated that he called Public Works to pick up the trash and they have not picked it up. Mr. Bradley pointed out that he needed the support of the City.

Mr. Bradley asked the Commission permission to place two small basketball courts in the Dixville park. He stated that the courts would be furnished at no cost to the City.

Commissioner Lawrence asked about the liability of placing the basketball courts in the park. The City Attorney stated that it was not a problem with liability.

The City Manager stated that there are problems with the big kids tearing down the courts. The City Manager stated that the City's investment need to be protected.

Commissioner Lawrence questioned the procedures that were used when the citizens cleaned up the Dixville area. Commissioner Lawrence recommended that the citizens get with the City Manager to notify him about the clean up date.

The City Manager stated that the City have been supportive of the Dixville clean up project. He asked the Commission to give him direction on how to cover the expense and overtime that is required when Public Works assist the citizens when they clean the area.

Commissioner Lawrence recommended that the citizens notify Public Works on Monday for trash that was collected over the weekend.

**MEETING ADJOURNED.**

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Mayor

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City Clerk