

**OFFICIAL MINUTES  
COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA  
REGULAR MEETING  
7:00 P. M., June 15, 1994**

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

**INVOCATION:** The invocation was given by Mark Mitchell, City Manager.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 1, 1994. The motion passed unanimously.

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE**

Petition received from Alben W. Yarbrough to retail alcoholic beverages including beers and wines for consumption on premises at Spanky's 1200 Glynn Avenue. A copy of the diagram of the building was attached to his application as required by the City Ordinance, having been approved by the Chief of Police and the City Manager Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion to grant the petition, pending issuance of a certificate of occupancy. The motion passed unanimously.

**DELEGATIONS**

Don McGlamory, Executive Director of the Housing Authority presented a check in lieu of taxes in the amount of \$26,059.17. Mr McGlamory next reported that a fence has been placed around the field at McIntyre Court. Commissioner Lawrence suggested that a fence be placed on Martin Luther King Blvd and K Street for the safety of children in the Housing complex.

Bill Powell Director of Water and Wastewater appeared before the Commission along with Keith Morgan, Superintendent of Water to discuss the quality of drinking water in the City of Brunswick. The Director stated that all the water in the City was safe to drink. The water that the City uses is pumped from wells from the upper Floridian Aquifer and the City is not using ground water. The Director further stated that the City has to meet certain requirements for water and he submitted a copy of a news article printed by the Georgia American Water Works Association. The Director pointed out that bottled water is not regulated by the Safe Water Drinking Act and any water bottled in Georgia does not have to meet Environmental Protection Division regulations, Municipal Water is safer than bottled water. The Director answered the concerns of the Commission about the quality of Brunswick's Drinking Water. Commissioner MacLeod expressed his concerns about big industrial growth being at a stand still in Brunswick.

Commissioner MacLeod recommended that studies be conducted to determine whether surface water could be used by Industries.

Mayor Wilson stated that Industries will have to resort to the use of surface water or this will curb or circumvent the growth in the City.

A concerned citizen stated that he lived on the South End of town and he did not have forty pounds of water pressure. The City Manager was instructed to check the citizen's water meter.

## **FLEET INSURANCE RENEWALS**

The Director of Finance submitted the following recommendation renewing the City's Fleet Insurance. American Southern Insurance Company in the amount of \$49,836.00. Commissioner MacLeod moved and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion to accept the recommendation of the Finance Director. The motion passed unanimously.

## **MONTHLY REPORTS**

The following reports for the month of May, 1994 were received and filed as information: (1) General Fund (2) Water and Wastewater Fund (3) Community Development (4) Metro Squad (5) Municipal Court and (6) Uncollectible Water Accounts. Commissioner Davis moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion to accept the monthly reports. The motion passed unanimously.

## **OTHER CITY BUSINESS**

Mr. Spaulding resident of the South End appeared before the Commission to discuss flooding in the area. Mr. Spaulding stated that after the recent rain and thunderstorms a foot of water accumulated in front of his house. It was explained that a flood gate was in the upcoming budget and will be installed in that area. Mayor Wilson stated that he was familiar with the area and concerned about the flood gates when the tide backs up and the mouth of the flood gates cannot close. The City Manager discussed the combined sewer overflow and a number of other drainage problems in the City.

Mr. Spaulding next reported that ten wheel trucks did not stop at the stop signs in that area. He pointed out that there are no speed limit signs in the area and kids will get hurt. Mayor Wilson suggested that Mr. Spaulding speak with the owner of the trucking company about his concerns and also to the Chief of Police.

Joseph Francis, chairman of the Dixville Inner City Coalition for Growth appeared before the Commission to ask for the City's help in repairing the play ground equipment in Dixville Park. Mr. Francis stated that he was promised that the basketball goals would be replaced in the park before school was out. Mr. Francis stated that the residents have banded together to clean up the area and they are working together to keep the kids off the streets giving them something to do. Mr. Francis next requested that the City Recreation Department pick up kids during the basketball season and carry them to and from the Community Center on H Street to participate in the basketball league.

Mayor Wilson stated that he would get the City Manager to put the equipment in Dixville Park. Mr. Francis requested the use of sway cars to clean up Dixville on June 25th. Commissioner Lawrence stated that the collection of trash was discussed at the last meeting and it was made clear that the trash should be place in one particular area for pick up on Monday morning.

Miriam Perrone, Recreation Therapist and Writer appeared before the Commission to request \$1,500.00 to help with expenses for the Note of Hope actors from the City of Brunswick to travel to Mississippi to perform.

The Commission took the request under advisement.

Gary Johnson, representing the Exchange Club of Brunswick appeared before the Commission to request a variance to place a 16'x 80' mobile home on the Exchange Club property for the caretakers to live in. Mayor Wilson stated that it was necessary for the Exchange Club to have security and the mobile home would be located in the back of the fair grounds. He stated that he did not find it objectionable. Commissioner Lawrence asked the Commission to keep in mind that two or three other people came to request the same type of variance and if the

City was going to approve it for one or for any it should be on a temporary basis. Emery Dawson was present and stated that the Exchange Club pays business taxes and property taxes and this was certainly an asset to the Community. Following a discussion Commissioner MacLeod moved and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion to grant a variance to place a mobile home on the Exchange Club property. On call for the question the motion passed by vote of 3 to 1. Commissioner Lawrence voted no.

Lee Stewart, Fire Chief appeared before the Commission to report that the Insurance Services Office Commercial Risk services has lowered the Brunswick Fire Department's rating from a class 3 to class 2. Chief Stewart stated that the Brunswick Fire Department was the smallest department in the State to have such a rating.

The City Manager reported that Bob Torras has placed a fence around his property and the gates close at 7:00 pm to 7:00 am and persons wishing to travel to Andrews Island will not have access to get to the Island. Mayor Wilson stated that this problem should be addressed to the Georgia Port Authority and the Georgia Core of Engineers.

The City Manager reported that Mr. Theophilis Coley has resigned from the SPLOST committee.

Commissioner MacLeod recommended that the City Manager place the old motel at the foot of the F. J. Torras Causeway on the list with other properties in the City to begin legal action.

Commissioner Davis requested that the Director of Water and Wastewater and the City Manager give a report on the progress of the Compost Plant.

The City Manager reported that the first compost will be available to residents soon and the construction of the plant have gone extremely well.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that his reason for objecting to the variance for the mobile home was because everyone should have the same opportunity to place a mobile home in the City.

Commissioner Lawrence asked the City Attorney to explain a case that involved soliciting money on State owned roads. The City Attorney stated that the case relates to municipal streets and the Georgia Code prohibits soliciting on those types of streets.

Mayor Wilson stated that it was brought to his attention that the City owned property in Mallory Park. He recommended that the City Manager find out what portion of the park the City owns.

Mayor Wilson stated that he would like to make sure that the City receives their fair share of funds for the sales tax.

Commissioner Davis moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion to hold and Executive Session to discuss a legal matter. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Davis moved and Commissioner seconded the motion authorizing the Mayor to execute a document of evidence to East Bay Holding Company and Spanky's. The motion passed unanimously.

**MEETING ADJOURNED.**

Mayor

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City Clerk