

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P. M., August 17, 1994**

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 Macleod seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of August 3, 1994. The motion passed unanimously.

BAY STREET PROPERTY

The City Manager reported that the property located behind the City's Police Department was for sale by First Georgia Bank for the price of \$225,000. The City Manager stated that the property was used as a parking lot for Police vehicles, and was purchased by Ralph Hodges in 1986 for \$48,600.00. First Georgia Bank foreclosed on the property a year ago and has continued to allow the Police Department to park on the property. Commissioner MacLeod stated that he opposed purchasing the property for 225,000. the price was too high.

Commissioner MacLeod moved that the City reject the offer to purchase the lots for \$225,000. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

Commissioner Lawrence questioned the deadline to purchase property and why the City sold the property in 1986 for \$48,000.00.

Mayor Wilson stated that the City sold the property to Mr. Hodges to operate his diesel business. Mayor Wilson went on record stating that in 1986 he opposed the sale of the property to Mr. Hodges.

Following a discussion Commissioner MacLeod moved to amend his motion to allow the City to negotiate a reduced price with First Georgia Bank. Commissioner Plyman seconded the Motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MONTHLY REPORTS

The Following reports for the month of July were received and filed as information: (1) General Fund (2) Water/ Wastewater Fund (3) Community Development (4) Metro Squad (5) Municipal Court and uncollectible water accounts. Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner MacLeod seconded the motion to accept the monthly reports. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Wilson asked Police Chief Cowan why Patrol Officers were patrolling in the area on Martin Luther King Boulevard between G and H Streets.

Police Chief Cowan indicated that the speed limit on Martin Luther King Boulevard has

changed and there are now four lanes. Patrol Officers are patrolling the area to make the streets safe.

The City Manager stated that he received several complaints from citizens about the 35mph speed limit in a Residential district.

Police Chief Cowan stated there have been warnings given to persons for failing to stop at stop signs in the area.

PARK AND TREE COMMISSION

Commissioner MacLeod nominated David Layman to serve on the Park and Tree Commission. Commissioner Plyman moved that the nominations be closed. Motion was seconded by Commissioner MacLeod. On call for the question the motion passed unanimously David Layman was appointed to serve the unexpired term of the late Rev. J. F. Mann to January 1, 1998.

OTHER CITY BUSINESS

The City Manager reported that a list of City Streets for approval of resurfacing was being prepared.

Commissioner MacLeod recommended that the City Manager get feed back from citizens who were interested in having their streets resurfaced.

Mayor Wilson questioned whether the Railroad Company would resurface the railroad on Fourth Avenue.

The Consensus of the Commission was to authorize the City Manager to contact the railroad to find out whether or not they would pave the railroad.

The City Manager reported that he will meet with Century Cable to discuss renewing the franchise agreement along with representatives from the Georgia Municipal Association.

Commissioner MacLeod asked for update on the property located on the Causeway.

The City Attorney stated that he met with the Realtor and he was advised that the Realtor would meet with the owner to discuss the property.

Commissioner Plyman expressed the need to have a full time janitor at City Hall.

Commissioner MacLeod stated that having a janitor placed in City Hall was a luxury and not a need and he could not see the Commission approving a custodian at City Hall.

Commissioner Plyman next requested to advertise for members on the Cemetery Commission.

Commissioner Plyman moved to advertise for members to serve on the Cemetery Commission. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Commissioner MacLeod stated that he would like to know if the county would agree to appoint members to the Cemetery Commission.

Mayor Wilson asked if it would be a problem with forming a Cemetery Commission. The City Manager stated that it would be an advisory board like other commissions and an ordinance must be drawn up by the City Attorney and advertised before it is adopted.

Commissioner Plyman stated that many people have expressed their interest in serving on the

Cemetery Commission.

Commissioner MacLeod moved and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion to place the matter of forming a Cemetery Commission on the next Agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Plyman stated that he received a request from a citizen to place a sidewalk at Lanier Boulevard from London to Gloucester Street. Commissioner Plyman expressed his concern about increased traffic in the area and the danger created from this traffic. Commissioner Plyman requested that lights be placed in the area.

Commissioner MacLeod stated that he would like the matter investigated by the City Manager and prepare a cost estimate.

Commissioner Plyman asked the City Attorney if he reviewed the Litter Ordinance and the Cemetery Ordinance. The City Attorney stated that he have not completed the ordinances. The City Attorney stated that citizens purchase an easement in the Cemetery from the City and they are required to follow the rules and regulations. The City does not provide maintenance for Cemetery lots.

Mayor Wilson suggested that the City discontinue issuing Cemetery deeds and issue Cemetery easements to citizens.

Commissioner Lawrence recommended that the speed limit for Martin Luther King Boulevard be set at 25 mph and signs be posted in the area.

Commissioner Lawrence reported that the concrete driveway was cracked in the 2300 Block of Bartow Street and repairs have not been made. Mrs. Baker was told that the concrete could only be painted.

The City Manager stated that he would investigate the matter.

Robert Bradley was present to request that the City support Dixville Park.

Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion to hold an Executive Session to discuss a Personnel matter.

Jerry Kennedy asked the Commission why they could not join in and clean and up the Cemetery lots in the City. Mr. Kennedy stated that most people have forgotten about persons buried in the Cemetery.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that he and Commissioner Davis have participated in cleaning up areas in the City.

Mayor Wilson stated that he addressed a letter to the National Guard to ask for help in cleaning up the City.

The Commission discussed a Cemetery Ordinance from the City of Cordele which addressed Cemeteries. No action was taken.

Following the Executive Session the meeting was adjourned.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

Mayor

Attest _____
City Clerk