

**OFFICIAL MINUTES  
COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA  
REGULAR MEETING  
7:00 P. M., September 21, 1994**

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

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner Plyman seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the Called meeting of August 29, and meeting of September 7, 1994. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPOINTMENT TO RDC BOARD**

The City Manager stated that the county nominated Rev. Howard Head to serve as the Joint City/County appointee on the Coastal Georgia RDC Board. The City Manager pointed out that the County has already advertised the opening in the local paper and selected Rev. Head to serve on the Board. The City Manager indicated that the City could accept that person or advertise for persons to serve on the board.

Commissioner Lawrence questioned the nomination of Rev. Head and the procedure the County used in selecting the appointee.

Commissioner Plyman moved and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion to reject the nomination until at such time the City could investigate it. Commissioner Plyman stated that the City should have had more input. Commissioner MacLeod stated that the City should table the nomination. Commissioner Plyman withdrew his nomination. Commissioner MacLeod moved and Commissioner Plyman seconded the motion to table the nomination. The motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Plyman suggested that the City meet with the County to discuss the nomination at a Joint City/County meeting.

**SURPLUS EQUIPMENT**

The City Manager submitted a list of surplus equipment to the Commission. He requested that the list of items be declared surplus. The City Manager indicated that the Data Processing equipment will be sold separately.

Commissioner Davis moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion declaring the list of items as surplus. The motion passed unanimously.

**CITY UNIFORMS**

The City Manager stated that the maintenance and Rental Contract was up for renewal to purchase uniforms for City employees. The City Manager stated that the maintenance and upkeep of uniforms has not worked. The City Manager stated that the city should return to issuing five uniforms to employees and they would be responsible for cleaning their own uniforms. The City Manager recommended that the low bid of AraTex be accepted in the amount of \$15,103. Following a discussion Commissioner Davis moved and Commissioner MacLeod seconded the motion to approve the recommendation of the City Manager to accept the bid of Aratex in the amount of \$15,103.00 to purchase uniforms for City employees.

## **MONTHLY REPORTS**

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

## **REDEMPTION DEED**

Redemption requested in the name of the present owner Deborah Latham to North 1/2 of Old Town Lot No. 73. All taxes interest and costs in the amount of \$355.35 have been paid and account is clear. Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion authorizing the Mayor to execute redemption deed.

## **DELEGATION**

Rev. Zack Lyde appeared before the Commission to request funding for the African American Tourist Consortium. Rev. Lyde stated that he would like to fund the Consortium with money collected from the City's hotel/motel tax revenues to increase African American tourism in the City and the County. Rev. Lyde stated that tourism trade was a big business in this area. Rev. Lyde stated that the Glynn County Commission will contribute \$10,000.00 from their hotel/motel tax revenues.

Commissioner MacLeod stated that he would like to know how much funds the City generates from hotel/motel taxes. The City Manager stated that the City and County set their own bed tax and the City's tax is three percent and the County's bed tax is five percent. The City contribute seventy percent of the bed tax to the visitor's bureau. Commissioner Plyman stated that he was not in favor of the City raising its bed tax. Commissioner MacLeod stated that the City needed more hotels and advised the Commission to keep the bed tax low.

Mayor Wilson stated that he would like for the City to consider Rev. Lyde's request and added that the City was still working on its budget.

Jerry Kennedy stated that he discussed cleaning the cemeteries with three Commissioners and questioned why the Cemeteries were not clean.

Commissioner Plyman stated that employees were transferred from their duties at the cemeteries and placed on the garbage trucks because of a shortage of employees.

Mayor Wilson expressed his concerns about the deeds that are issued when persons buy a cemetery plot. He stated that all cemetery deeds should be returned to the City because they are just easements.

Commissioner Lawrence told Mr. Kennedy that he cleans the Cemetery lots in the City that are owned by his family.

Commissioner Plyman stated that there are four thousand graves that are unattended in the cemeteries and that was why he would like to create a Cemetery Commission.

Mr. Kennedy stated that he would like to know why the City was opposed to creating a Cemetery Commission.

The City Manager stated that the Park and Tree Commission would like to take over the duties in the Cemetery. Commissioner Lawrence stated that the Park and Tree Commission should be paid for the work they will perform.

Commissioner Plyman stated that the Park and Tree Commission would identify unmarked graves and contact family members to request that they clean the graves.

### **OTHER CITY BUSINESS**

The City Manager reported that Eugene Roberts a member of the Glynn County Water and Sewer Commission requested to meet with the City Staff to discuss developing a plan for Water and Wastewater Systems through out the County. Commissioner MacLeod instructed the City Manager to meet with the Water and Wastewater Committee to find out the details and report back to the Commission.

The City Manager stated that he received a letter from Mr. Keith Kase who is assisting Mr. Earl Goodyear requesting an extension for removing his condemned house. The City Manager stated that the City was dealing with this matter since 1991. The City Manager stated that the City has bent over backwards to help Mr. Goodyear. Mr. Goodyear placed a trailer on his property after his house was burned in a fire. The Commission denied Mr. Goodyear a variance to place that trailer on his property. Commissioner Lawrence pointed out that the problem with Mr. Goodyear has been going on since 1987 and the Commission has been lenient with Mr. Goodyear.

Mayor Wilson stated that Mr. Goodyear was endangering the lives of persons that lives in the neighborhood.

Commissioner Plyman stated that Mr. Goodyear added a utility pole and connected electricity with extension cords. Commissioner Plyman pointed out that Mr. Goodyear almost burned down a house he owned.

Commissioner Plyman moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion to deny Mr. Goodyear's request for an extension. The motion passed unanimously.

The City Manager reported that several street lights were turned in to Georgia Power and work has been done for the cost estimate for sidewalks on Lanier Boulevard.

The City Manager next reported on the work that was being done on the sidewalks on F and Grant Street.

Commissioner Davis was nominated by the Commission to serve as voting delegate at the Annual Congress of Cities on December 4, 1994 in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that he would like to present a Proclamation to William A. Taylor during a Commission meeting.

Commissioner MacLeod requested that tourist signs be placed in the City directing people to Lover's Oak.

The City Manager reported that the Commission will be attending the Pre-Legislative Conference in Augusta on October 19th and the Commission meeting was scheduled on the same date. The meeting was rescheduled for Wednesday October 26, 1994 at 7:00 P. M. This met the consensus of the Commission.

### **MEETING ADJOURNED.**

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Mayor

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City Clerk