

OFFICIAL MINUTES
COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GA
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M., NOVEMBER 7, 1994

Present: His Honor Mayor Homer L. Wilson, Commissioners
Roosevelt Lawrence, Doris A. Davis and Ken Plyman.

Absent: Commissioner Dr, James MacLeod

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

Paul Warwick, representing Comp Management Associates appeared before the Commission to make a Presentation on the Worker's Compensation Incentive Program. Mr. Warwick outlined the program and now it would be administered. Mayor Wilson stated that the Commission would study the proposed. Mayor Wilson thanked Mr. Warwick for his presentation. No action was taken.

The City Manager brought up for discussion the upcoming holiday which was Veterans day. He stated that the County receives two more holidays than the City. Veterans day the County does not have the landfill open and what the City has done in the past was pay the overtime expense of \$523.28 to keep the landfill open so that the City Manager recommended that the City authorize him to allocate the funds to the county to pay the necessary overtime for use of the County landfill.

Commissioner Plyman questioned whether the priority was for Commercial boxes and asked why the City could not bring in a crew on Saturday.

The City Manager stated that the cost in overtime would exceed \$523.28 on Saturday.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that he mentioned the last time the matter was discussed that the only problem he had was paying the overtime and other people could use the landfill along with the City.

The City Manager stated that he was assured the entrance gate to the landfill would be locked and the City trucks would only be allowed to come in the landfill.

Commissioner Polyamine questioned if the City would have the landfill opened for a half day to cut the expenses. The City Manager stated that the landfill was actually open for half a day and the \$523.00 covered four hours for two persons plus equipment rental. The total for last year was \$415.00 for equipment rental and \$107.88 for two employees for four hours.

Commissioner Plyman stated that the City should consider purchasing front end loader garbage trucks to cut out eight people and the truck would require just a driver.

Mayor Wilson stated that many Companies would have to change containers from loading at rear to front end loaders. Commissioner Plyman stated that the Companies would have to go through a transition period because the front end loaders are much safer.

The Commissioner discussed the amount of boxes that had to be picked up on Friday.

Mayor Wilson stated that the matter should be discussed at a joint City/County meeting.

Commissioner Plyman stated that the County could not make any accommodations to the City for all the money the City pay for tipping fees.

Commissioner Plyman moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion authorizing the City to pay \$523.28 for use of the county landfill on veterans day. The motion passed unanimously.

The City Manager stated that the Veterans Day Holiday falls on Friday and the banks will be closed as well. He stated that City employees will be paid on Thursday so that they will be able to get their checks to the bank.

Commissioner Plyman stated that he asked the City Manager to bill the Church for cleaning a lot on the corner of Martin Luther King and First Street, and he was told that the Commission must give permission to bill the church.

The City Manager stated that he needed to get clarification on a couple of instances where lots were cleaned up in the City. The lot on Martin Luther King and First Street was cleaned by Commissioner Plyman, Public works employees and Community Service workers on the weekend and requested that the City bill the owners for the clean up. The City Manager stated that since the lot was not cleaned on regular hours as the city normally would do, he needs clarification on how to handle it and other issues that may arise on sending bills to other lots that Commissioner Plyman cut in the City.

The City Manager stated that he would like to set clarification on whether the City will bill people if City employees were not used and City equipment.

Commissioner Lawrence asked how the City could bill persons without sending notices that the City will cut their lots.

The City Manager stated that the Church was given a clean up notice and the notice had expired.

The City Manager stated that lots were being cleaned on the weekend with City equipment and Commissioner Plyman

requested that the persons be billed for the lots that were cut.

Commissioner Plyman stated that each lot that was cut had received a clean-up notice from Mrs. Harris the Sanitation Inspector and Mrs. Mobley mailed four or five notices to the Church and they had been given ample time.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that since Commissioner Plyman was in the process of cleaning lots the owners may have assumed that the lot was being cleaned at no cost to them.

Commissioner Plyman stated that adopt a block did not go on private property and cleaned lots. Sidewalks were cleaned and edging was done on City property.

Commissioner Plyman stated that when a person is billed for cleaning a lot the money goes in the general fund.

Mayor Wilson stated that since the persons were served a notice that it would be in the best interest that the bill be conservation as the City can make it. A notice should be sent with reference being made to when they notified about when their lot was to be cleaned and the date the cleaning was done.

Mayor Wilson stated that the many churches in the City are not surviving financially and churches do play a part of the overall rise of this Community because without the churches you may have to carry attack dogs home with you.

Mayor Wilson stated that the City Manager should be given a chance to negotiate and work out something acceptable with the church.

Commissioner Plyman stated that the City put on many hours in cleaning the property and damage was done to the equipment and the conservation figure should be reasonable.

This met the consensus of the Commission to bill the church and authorize the City Manager to negotiate with the Church, and the other properties that was cleaned should also be billed.

Commissioner Plyman stated that the City has a lot of ditches to clean out and he received a price on a ditch cleaning machine from Virgil Ross with a warranty of five years for \$52,000,00 Commissioner Plyman stated that he thought it was a good investment for the City.

The City Manager stated that the Machine could be purchased through the GMA Lease Pool Program.

The Commission discussed at length about ditches that needed to be cleaned and piped in the city.

No action was taken because of the absence of Commissioner Macleod.

Commissioner Plyman stated that he would like for the Commission to instruct the City Manager to write a letter to load Master to find out whether they have changed their design on the new ones and whether the city would get any relief on the old ones. It was a design error in the old ones and if the company have liability insurance the City should request that the Company recall the old ones,

Commissioner Plyman stated that he received several calls about Century Cable he stated that he also received a letter from County Commissioner Gladys Lyde about the Company taking six months to run cable at Grace Moore Nursing home. Commissioner Plyman stated that he contracted Century Cable and was back ordered and they would have it installed soon.

Commissioner Plyman stated that he was told by a resident that he tried to get cable and lived a few blocks away and was told by the Cable installed. Commissioner Plyman stated that installers are paid \$15.00 per hour and the Commission need to find out why the cable company was not taking care of their customers.

Mayor Wilson stated that he agreed that the cable company does have an obligation to the customers in the City limits.

The City Manager stated that he did not realize that Commissioner Plyman contacted Century Cable because he also called the Company and they assured him that the cable would be ordered from some place else and will have it installed in a few days. The City Manager stated that the Nursing home has been waiting since February.

The City Attorney reported that the property of Corrine Ramsey was seized by the Federal Government and the City filed a claim in 1992 and the taxes were paid. The City Attorney stated that the City has no way of collecting the 1993 taxes and asked that they be exempted for that year.

Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion to exempt the taxes for Corrine Ramsey for 1993 because the property was seized by the Government. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Wilson stated that it disturbs him a great deal when trying to reach someone in the Water Department in an Emergency and no one is available. He stated that he has gone over this many times, when he was the City Manager he did not mind getting up in the middle of the night to turn on water. The Department Heads who are paid salaries are out playing golf and people cannot get their water turned off in an emergency. The Superintendent cannot be located and dispatcher announces that they just came on duty and do not know anything. In the past when people called about their water being off at 11:00 a service person was called and their water was turned on in 15 minutes with an employee that had a key and the water department would be notified the next day.

Mayor Wilson stated that it upsets him when a person calls and tells him he could not get anybody to cut on his water and the council has to call four and five people. He requested that a notice be placed in their newspaper stating who is on duty in case of emergency and what numbers to call and what numbers to call and if they cannot be reached where the Director can be reached.

The Mayor stated that if this happens again he will ask the City Manager and the Council to dismiss the Director or the Superintendent.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that a person is on call and that person cannot be located.

The City Manager stated that the dispatcher position is being re-examined and he is looking at changes that have to be made and address it.

The City Manager stated that a person is always on call.

Mayor Wilson stated that he would like for each Council member to be given that pager number of the person on call.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

Mayor

Attest: _____
City Clerk