

**OFFICIAL MINUTES  
COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA  
REGULAR MEETING  
8:30 A. M., February 1, 1995**

**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 MacLeod moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 16, 1995. The motion passed unanimously.

**LIBRARY BOARD**

The City Manager reported that Selma Bunkley and Hattie Coleman submitted applications to fill the expired terms on the Library Board.

Commissioner MacLeod moved and Commissioner Plyman seconded the motion appointing Selma Bunkley to serve on the Library Board for a term of two years. The motion passed unanimously.

**DELEGATIONS**

Fred Tullos, County Commissioner appeared before the Commission to request that the City study the joint effort of privatization of Solid Waste in Brunswick and Glynn County.

Commissioner MacLeod stated that the City would like to study the proposal before a decision is made.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that he would like for the City to be included in the study and kept abreast of the cost for the survey.

It met the general consensus of the Commission to participate in the study.

Commissioner Plyman suggested that the City and County have a joint meeting to discuss the Solid Waste study.

Bishop George Robinson appeared before the Commission to request that the City support the Drug Outreach Ministry. He stated that the Outreach Ministry offers programs for Drug Counseling, Transportation, Computer Labs, Shelter referrals and Tutoring.

Mayor Wilson stated that the Outreach Ministry was doing a good job and explained that the City was no longer receiving grants for projects. Mayor Wilson further stated that the City could not spend money supporting programs outside of government, because the City was prohibited by law.

Commissioner Plyman suggested that Bishop Robinson meet with the Director of Community Development to find out if any funds are available for the Outreach Ministry.

Mayor Wilson suggested that Bishop Robinson contact the Board of Health for contributions.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that the City looked at the program last year and the City did not have funds to support the program. Commissioner Lawrence asked if the program was the same as Mrs. Herrington's program. Bishop Robinson stated that his program was different from any program in Brunswick. Mr. Brooks stated that the Outreach program was trying to raise \$30,000.00.

Commissioner Plyman pointed out that the Outreach Ministry was doing the work of the Health Department and should receive grants from the Health Department.

Al Aine appeared before the Commission to discuss collecting commercial garbage in the City. The City Manager stated that Lil'Champ was interested in having Mr. Aine collect their garbage and place receptacles at their stores in the City. Mr. Aine showed the Commission a video of Molok USA Recycling program that started in May of 1992. Mr. Aine stated that warehouses are located in Brunswick, Georgia and West Palm Beach Florida.

The City Manager stated that Mr. Aine's request was brought before the Commission to receive approval from the City to collect trash.

The City Manager stated that this technology could be used as a part of the solid waste study with the County.

Commissioner Lawrence asked if other companies were using their services. Mr. Aine stated that B & W and Neptune Park were using receptacles.

Commissioner MacLeod suggested that the City hear from other Cities that are using the receptacles and have the City Manager speak with the City Manager of West Palm Beach.

Mr. Aine offered the City the use of the Molok containers to test them.

Mayor Wilson thanked Mr. Aine for his presentation and stated that the City would take the matter under advisement.

Ferman Ricks appeared before the Commission to request that Coastal Collections, Inc. be allowed to collect fines for the Municipal Court for twenty percent of all collections received through the company. Mr. Ricks stated that he would like to see a company in the City collect fines for Municipal Court.

Mayor Wilson asked why the previous Company stopped collecting fines. The City Manager stated that the Company felt they were not collecting enough money. The Company collected \$30.00 per month from persons that were placed on probation.

The City Manager stated that the Police Department has a person on staff that could collect fines and issue warrants. He recommended that the City look at collecting fines in house with the personnel on staff and look at contracting the service out at budget time.

Commissioner Plyman stated that the City never had community service workers until the corrections company came in the City. Commissioner Plyman stated that he would like for Mr. Ricks to collect fines until the end of the fiscal year.

Following a discussion the City Manager was asked to submit a breakdown on the fees that would be collected in Municipal Court.

Mayor Wilson stated that the Commission would take the matter under consideration.

Mrs. Brown submitted a list of all fines collected by Coastal Corrections Inc., in State Court. Mrs. Brown stated that the City lost fines in the amount of \$93,000.00 in Municipal Court.

Mr. Dorman McDonald, representing the Norwich Street Business Association appeared before the Commission to request that businesses on Norwich Street be included in the City's Downtown Development Authority district.

Richard McKinna, Secretary of the Norwich Street Business Association stated that the businesses on Norwich street are often over looked and notices were mailed to business owners on Norwich Street informing them about the request to join the Downtown Development Authority.

Commissioner MacLeod asked if the majority of business owners on Norwich Street were in favor of joining the DDA.

Commissioner Plyman stated that the boundaries of the Downtown Development Authority end at L Street and Norwich Street and merchants would like to see the boundaries extended to the City limits at Fourth Street.

Mayor Wilson stated that it would be great to see Norwich Street revitalized and regain its past.

Mr. McDonald mentioned the accumulation of tires on Norwich Street started when persons were asked to pay for disposal at the dump.

Commissioner Plyman pointed out that the State charges \$2.00 per tire and they should discontinue charging the fee for tires or start picking up tires in Brunswick.

Commissioner Plyman recommended that the City Manager be instructed to send a letter to the State asking them to discontinue charging the fee for tires or pick up the tires in the City of Brunswick.

Richard McKinna mentioned that it was also problems with disposal of car batteries in the City.

## **RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Commissioner MacLeod stated that he understood that the City Attorney would have to draw up an ordinance to create a Recreation Advisory Committee. The City Manager stated that the City created an ordinance in 1970 appointing members to the Recreation Advisory Committee, but the committee was disbanded.

Commissioner MacLeod moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion authorizing the City Attorney to draw up an Ordinance to create a Recreation Advisory Committee for the Commission to review. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner MacLeod pointed out that the Recreation Advisory Committee would consist of City residents who would give input to the Recreation Director.

## **GOLDEN ISLES MOTEL PROPERTY**

The City Manager stated that the Golden Isles property was discussed at the last Commission meeting and the City Attorney stated that the City could begin condemnation proceedings in Municipal Court. Commissioner MacLeod expressed his concerns about the motel property and stressed that action be taken to rid the City of the eyesore. The City Manager recommended that the Building Inspector, Fire Inspector and the Sanitation Inspector survey the property and submit in writing the violations of the unsafe building ordinance.

Commissioner MacLeod moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion authorizing the City Attorney to proceed with condemnation of the Golden Isles Motel property in Municipal Court. The motion passed unanimously.

## **OTHER CITY BUSINESS**

The City Manager announced that the Department of Transportation would have a meeting on the widening of Highway 17 at Howard Coffin Park on February 7th from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The City Manager stated that he had an opportunity to attend meetings with Commissioner Plyman concerning reactivating the Spring Fiesta in Downtown Brunswick. Commissioner Plyman stated that Community leaders and Art groups would be willing to be in charge of putting on the fiesta.

Mayor Wilson stated that he felt the City should participate in the Spring Fiesta and endorse it and promote it to make it a success.

Commissioner MacLeod stated that he was not in favor of the City sanctioning the Spring Fiesta.

Commissioner MacLeod stated that he would like to see the Park and Tree Commission place low maintenance shrubbery on Highway 17 as a beautification project.

Commissioner MacLeod stated that he would like to add to the Lover's Oak sign directing the public to the waterfront park and the shrimp docks.

Commissioner MacLeod stated that he would like for the Park and Tree Commission to draw up rules for adopting a park in the City. The City does not have a policy in place on adopting a park.

Commissioner Davis reported the need for pot holes to be filled in the City. Commissioner Davis stated that she spoke with Mrs. Thomas in the 1700 Block of Bartow Street and she reported that her steps were broken by the City. Commissioner Davis reported that a lot of Street signs are down in the City.

Commissioner Plyman reported on dogs that are running loose in Dixville. Commissioner Plyman reported that wrecked cars and garages in front yards are located in the City. He requested that the ordinance be reviewed and fine owners of cars that are violating the City ordinance.

Commissioner Lawrence reported that trash needs to be picked up at 1919 Ellis Street. Commissioner Lawrence reported that trash on Stonewall and Wolfe streets and L and R streets has not been picked up properly.

Commissioner Lawrence requested that the Director of Community Development draw up a grant allowing the City to loan money to citizens to purchase homes in the City.

Commissioner MacLeod recommended that a path be created from Overlook park to Spanky's on Highway 17 for citizens to park their cars and walk to Spanky's.

Commissioner Plyman stated that he would like for the City to call a referendum on Sunday Liquor Sales the third Tuesday in March. The City Manager stated that adoption of the referendum would have to be called and the election would have to take place in forty days and an ordinance would have to be drawn up, advertised and adopted.

Commissioner MacLeod stated that drinking on Sundays could not take place until 12:30 p. m.

The City Manager stated that only restaurants could serve alcoholic beverages on Sundays.

Mayor Wilson stated that the City should consider the quality of life of citizens in Brunswick. Mayor Wilson pointed out that Brunswick was tourist oriented.

Mayor Wilson stated that pot holes should be filled in the City and asked the City Manager to meet with the Director of Public Works to fill in the holes in the City.

Mayor Wilson stated that the speed limit should be reduced on Martin Luther King Boulevard before a fatality happens.

The City Manager stated that Martin Luther King Boulevard would be turned over to the City and the speed limit could be changed by the City at that time.

Commissioner Plyman requested that a Joint meeting be set up between the City and County.

The City Manager stated that he spoke with Stephens Inc., and a letter will be mailed about the increase in the water and sewer rates to keep in good standing with the bond holders. The City Manager stated that the City Attorney will draw up an ordinance and submit it at the next meeting.

**MEETING ADJOURNED.**

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Mayor

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City Clerk