

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P. M., September 20, 1995**

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 MacLeod moved and Commissioner Plyman seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 6, 1995. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Plyman stated that he would like to receive the minutes two days in advance.

The City Clerk pointed out that the minutes of each meeting are placed in the Commissioners mail box at City Hall. She stated that in the past minutes were delivered to each Commissioner's home and she discontinued the deliveries because she did not receive gas mileage.

PUBLIC HEARING

This being the date, time and place for public hearing on proposal to rezone a parcel of land consisting of 3,375 square feet on I Street from General Residential to General Commercial. The City Manager stated that the first public hearing was held at the last meeting and the staff report from the County Zoning Office recommended denial of the rezoning because it did not meet off-street parking requirements in the City's Zoning Ordinance.

Wilson Marion submitted a list with names of persons living in the neighborhood who did not object to the rezoning.

Mayor Wilson asked if there was anyone present who objected to the rezoning.

The City Manager stated that a home occupation can be permitted in any residential district provided that such occupation is conducted by no other persons than family members of the family residing on the premises; is conducted entirely within the principal building; utilizes not more than twenty-five percent of the total floor area of the building; meets the requirement for off-street parking.

Mr. Marion stated that his wife and apprentice will be working in the beauty shop.

Mayor Wilson stated that if other persons are allowed to work in the beauty shop then the City could close it.

Commissioner MacLeod asked why the City could not change the ordinance to allow other persons to work in the beauty shop. Commissioner MacLeod asked if there was anything written in concrete stating that a person must live in the house in order to work in the shop. Commissioner MacLeod stated that he would like to see the ordinance amended.

Commissioner Plyman moved and Commissioner MacLeod seconded the motion tabling the

rezoning request until the next meeting to give the City Attorney an opportunity to review the ordinance. The motion passed unanimously.

This being the date, time and place for public hearing on proposal to rezone Lot No. 4, Block M in Goodyear Park Subdivision, 2311 Parkwood Drive from R-6 One Family Residential District to Limited Medical.

Mayor Wilson stated that he was opposed to spot rezoning in the Hospital area, and he would be opposed to any other request for rezoning in that area.

The City Manager stated that this particular lot is located within the area that have been designated for future medical use.

Commissioner Plyman moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion to approve the rezoning. The motion was unanimously carried.

CEMETERY DEEDS

Petition received from Clayton Goodwin to return for resale Spaces E & F of Lot No. 3, Section No. 20 in Palmetto Cemetery. Original deed lost, but City records verify ownership. Commissioner Davis moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion granting the petition. The motion passed unanimously.

MONTHLY REPORTS

The following reports for the month of August, 1995 were received and filed as information: (1) General Fund (2) Water & Wastewater Fund (3) Community Development (4) Metro Squad (5) Municipal Court and (6) Uncollectible Water Bills.

Commissioner Davis expressed concerns about the uncollected water bills. Commissioner Lawrence questioned why water customers did not pay a reasonable amount for a deposit.

The City Manager described the way water customers sign up for water service and the deposit amount required to have water turned on at a resident. The City Manager stated that he was in the process of meeting with the Director of Water and Waste water and his staff to work out a way to control the uncollected water accounts.

The City Manager suggested that the Commission appoint citizens to serve on the Recreation Board. Mayor Wilson stated that it is a good time to form a Recreation Board to serve under the new Recreation Director. This met the consensus of the Commission.

The City Manager reported that he received a letter from a local architect John Tuten, with a quote for design work for reroofing Old City Hall. The quote for the design work did not exceed \$3,000. The City Manager stated that the quote included a design plan, a roof plan, the scope of work involved and a cost estimate for construction.

Commissioner Davis stated that the roof needs to be repaired and not looked at by an architect.

Commissioner MacLeod moved to approve the request. Commissioner MacLeod withdrew his motion.

Commissioner MacLeod moved and Commissioner Plyman seconded the motion to table the matter until the City Manager speak with another architect about submitting a quote for design work. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Wilson suggested that the City Manager find another architect that would be interested in submitting a proposal for reroofing Old City Hall.

The City Manager reported that the Department of Transportation would like to swap a one half acre of land on U.S. 17 for 1.4 acres of land owned by the City Of Brunswick to construct their new office.

Commissioner MacLeod moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion to table the matter until the City Manager could study and investigate the property that DOT wants to transfer. The motion passed unanimously.

The City Manager reported that the City was working on correcting problems in Riverside Subdivision and the flooding. Commissioner Plyman stated the he would like to meet with Riverside Association to discuss alternatives to keep the road dry. Mayor Wilson stated the City Manager and Engineer should meet with the property owners to discuss correcting the flood problems.

The City Manager reported that the Structural Fitness Board met and after the City receive the minutes of that meeting, the Structural Fitness Board will hold another meeting.

Commissioner Davis was nominated to serve as voting delegate and Commissioner MacLeod was nominated to serve as an alternate voting delegate for the Georgia Municipal Association Pre-Legislative Conference on Friday, October 6, at the Holiday Inn on Jekyll Island.

Commissioner Davis was nominated to serve as voting delegate for the National League of Cities Business meeting held on Saturday, December 2 at the Congress of Cities in Phoenix, Arizona.

Commissioner MacLeod stated that he would like to discuss the memo from the City Manager about garbage collections. The City Manager stated that the City's Sanitation Department lost \$14,000 in cost in commercial solid waste collections.

The City Manager stated that the City collect commercial solid waste three times a week and use three employees per truck. Since the solid waste is transferred to Habersham Street workers save one hour of time by not having to transfer waste to the Cate Road landfill.

Mayor Wilson suggested that workers clean other parts of the City and place workers not involved in collecting garbage in another area within the City.

BFI Attorney Tom Lee was present and stated that the Company had a license in the City since 1993. He stated that he met with the City Manager about operating their business in the City.

Commissioner Plyman stated that the City Manager mailed a seek and resist letter to BFI and the company is continuing to do business in the City by bringing in more dumpsters.

Commissioner Plyman recommended holding a work session at the City's earliest possible convenience to discuss the matter.

The City Attorney stated that the City did ask him to look at the problem and it would be difficult for the City to police operations of companies in the City. He explained that a lot of cities do not handle solid waste and stated that the City should not prohibit businesses from using companies that have modern equipment.

Commissioner Lawrence recommended that the City Attorney gather information and report back to the Commission about solid waste collections.

Commissioner MacLeod pointed out that other cities have gone into privatization and city employees could be placed in other areas of the city.

It met the consensus of the Commission for the City Manager and City Attorney to gather information about solid waste collections by other companies and report back to the City so that a work session could be scheduled.

Commissioner MacLeod instructed the City Manager to mail a letter of disapproval to the State Health Planning Agency for the Hospital's certificate of need application.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that he now have the facts about the hospital's need. He stated that the price was lowered from 54 million dollars to 48 million dollars.

Commissioner MacLeod stated that the Hospital's need us excessive. He pointed out that the hospital was asking three times what the school system needs to construct three schools.

Commissioner Davis stated that she did not change her mind about the hospital and still feels that 48 million dollars was too much for a hospital in this community.

Commissioner Plyman stated that the hospital was sitting on a 35 million dollar cushion.

Commissioner MacLeod stated that he asked the City Attorney to draw up and word a straw poll on the waste transfer station.

Commissioner Lawrence asked how the straw poll would work. The City Attorney stated that he ran into a problem because there is no statutory law regarding straw polls. He stated that the City could not use public funds to hold a straw poll. He stated that he would contact the Board of Elections and the Secretary of the State about the non-binding straw poll.

A concerned citizen reported that tree limbs were hanging on wires in front of her house. She next mentioned having a septic tank replaced with City sewer because her house was located within the City.

The City Manager stated that the Park and Tree Commission generally inform the City whether or not limbs could be cut from a tree or a tree removed. The City Manager stated that limbs could be removed from the wires.

Mayor Wilson stated that the City would like to determine whether sewer lines could be placed in that area. He instructed the City Manager to take the City Engineer and Director of Water and Wastewater to look at the problem

Mayor Wilson stated that he felt that the members of the Hospital Authority were competent. He stated that if the Hospital had a 30 million dollar bond issue and use the existing 10 million dollars then there would be no increase in rates. He stated that they should reduce the need to another level or make greater use of the reserves. He stated that he found it hard to rationalize 48 million dollars.

Commissioner Davis questioned how the City was doing with the compost. She stated that she heard that people were selling the compost.

The City Manager stated that the City initially discussed selling the compost and decided to give it away free to citizens. He recommended placing a sign stating that the compost is not for resale.

Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

Mayor

Attest _____
City Clerk