

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA
REGULAR MEETING
8:30 A. M., July 3, 1996**

PRESENT: His Honor Mayor Homer L. Wilson, Commissioners Roosevelt Lawrence,
Harold E. Jennings, Dr. James
MacLeod and Ken Plyman.

INVOCATION: The invocation was given by Commissioner Harold E. Jennings.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion approving the minutes of June 19, 1996. The motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION PRESENTED TO BOB EGGLESTON

Mayor Wilson presented a Resolution to Bob Eggleston in recognition of his wife Majorie Eggleston for her distinguished service to the City of Brunswick's Solid Waste Advisory Committee Board.

DELEGATION

Willie Moore appeared before the Commission to request an extension on a 24 hour notice for removal of trash at a residence he owns at 1505 G Street. Mr. Moore stated that a tenant moved out and left trash inside and outside the house. Mr. Moore pointed out that he would have the trash removed by the City as soon as renovations on the rental home are complete.

Commissioner Plyman stated that he had an opportunity to speak with Mr. Moore about removing the trash in front of the resident and explained to Mr. Moore that the City will enforce the garbage ordinance which would prevent citizens from destroying neighborhoods.

Commissioner Lawrence asked Mr. Moore how much extra time would be needed to complete renovations on the resident. Mr. Moore stated that two more weeks was needed to complete the job.

Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner MacLeod seconded the motion granting Mr. Moore two weeks to complete the renovations and remove all articles and trash from the residence at 1505 G Street.

Commissioner Plyman stated that the City ran an ad in the newspaper advising citizens that the City intended to begin enforcing the City's litter law. Commissioner Plyman pointed out that Mr. Moore already had three weeks to remove the garbage and he was opposed to granting Mr. Moore an extension for two more weeks. Commissioner Plyman stated that the City was violating their own ordinance and playing political interference. Commissioner Plyman stated that he was fed up with citizens throwing trash in the City.

Commissioner Plyman moved to amend Commissioner Lawrence's motion requiring Mr. Moore to remove the trash that has been piled in front of the resident for 1 month. There was no second to the motion. The motion died for lack of a second.

On call for the question of the original motion the motion passed by vote of 4 to 1. Commissioner Plyman voted no.

The City Manager explained that Mr. Moore would move the trash as soon as he completes the renovation of the rental property.

Commissioner Plyman stated the Commission at a previous meeting agreed to enforce the trash ordinance and fine citizens who discard appliances and garbage on City streets.

Commissioner Plyman stated that the City's Sanitation Inspector would have the power to enforce the law and ticket violators.

Commissioner Jennings stated that Mr. Moore was a tax paying citizen who contributes rental housing to the community.

Mayor Wilson stated that there has always been an exception and condition. He stated that the City is willing to work with a citizen on the conditions.

Commissioner MacLeod stated that Mr. Moore has shown good faith and asked for an extension. Commissioner MacLeod thanked Mr. Moore for appearing before the Commission and requesting extra time.

Jackie Edwards appeared before the Commission to request the use of Howard Coffin Park to hold a Gospel Jubilee to benefit the Philadelphia Church of Christ upon the Rock of the Apostolic Faith building fund. Jackie Edwards requested the use of the kitchen to sell food at the Jubilee. The event is scheduled for August 24, 1996.

Commissioner Plyman moved and Commissioner MacLeod seconded the motion approving the use of Howard Coffin Park on August 24, 1996 to the Philadelphia Church of Christ. The motion passed unanimously.

REDEMPTION DEEDS

Redemption requested in the name of present owner Ollie Mae Cross for Lots 2 and 3 Dixville East of Stonewall between George and London Streets, property was acquired by the City at tax sales. All taxes, interests and costs have been paid. Commissioner Plyman moved and Commissioner MacLeod seconded the motion authorizing the Mayor to execute the deed as petitioned for. The motion passed unanimously.

Redemption requested in the name of the present owner Ollie Mae Cross for New Town Lots 2583 and 2584, property was acquired by the City at tax sales. All taxes interest and costs have been paid. Commissioner Plyman moved and Commissioner MacLeod seconded the motion authorizing the Mayor to execute the deed as petitioned for. The motion passed unanimously.

OTHER CITY BUSINESS

The City Manager reported that Mr. Ramsey appeared before the Commission at the last meeting concerning a development on Old Cypress Mill Road and since that time Mr. Ramsey has been working with the City Engineer and they have been looking at the drainage for that area. They are checking to see how the drainage could be accommodated and looking at some options.

The City Manager reported that he wrote a letter to the Executive Director of the Coastal Georgia Regional Development Center and spoke with Cheryl Bullard, the Finance Director concerning RDC Membership dues. Ms. Bullard reported that Vernon Martin was out of the office and would return on Monday. The City Manager pointed out that Savannah pays a reduced fee because they do not use all the services the RDC has to offer. Ms. Bullard indicated that the low rate was because of Savannah's population. Commissioner Plyman stated that the City does not use all of RDC's facilities. Commissioner MacLeod questioned whether RDC used a rule to determine the amount of dues that are paid by population.

Savannah is the only City that pays 40 cents per capita instead of 90 cents per capita. The rate is based on the variable of population. The City Manager pointed out that the rationale is used to compute membership dues.

Commissioner Plyman stated he would like to hear a report at the next meeting and also receive a list of the programs that RDC offers to the City.

The City Manager reported that the County has awarded a contract for their garbage pick-up and published the rates. The price that Glynn County received from a private carrier providing a 90 gallon cart for the first year is \$7.50, the second year \$7.66, the third year \$7.85, the fourth year \$8.04 and the fifth year \$8.25. The City Manager stated that the City would have to increase the cost over a five year period \$1.00, from \$7.50 per month to \$8.50 per month in order for the City to amortize the cost for the price of the 90 gallon carts. The City Manager stated that the City should make a decision on whether to offer the same service at \$7.50 or provide the carts to residents and increase the price to \$1.00 or explore the possibility of using a private hauler based on the information the City received from the County.

Commissioner Plyman recommended leasing the carts to residents for \$1.00 a month and retain ownership. The City Manager agreed that it would be necessary for the City to maintain ownership of the carts.

It met the consensus of the Commission to authorize the City Manager to receive proposals for costs of the 90 gallon carts.

The City Manager reported that the Georgia Municipal Association discussed changes in State Law on Inspections of Plumbing Contractors. Plumbing contractors can be self certified and exempted from Building Inspections unless the City adopts an Ordinance which specifically states that the City will continue to do its own inspections. The City Manager stated that he spoke with the Building Inspector and he recommended that the City continue to conduct Building Inspections to maintain the integrity of our system. The City Manager stated that he agreed with the Building Inspector.

Commissioner MacLeod stated that he would like to have more information about the law. Commissioner Jennings stated that it was a political ploy.

The City Attorney stated that he was in the process of drafting an ordinance on Building Inspections. He stated that the ordinance should outline the functions of the Building Inspector.

The City Attorney stated that he would present an amended ordinance to the Commission which would address the power to issue administrative warrants.

The City Manager reported that a new State Law allows Municipalities to accept credit cards to make payments on taxes. Commissioner Plyman stated that if citizens could get a credit card then they can write a check to make payments.

The City Manager was instructed to check with other Municipalities to see if they are using credit cards to make payments.

Commissioner Jennings recommended sending a Resolution to DOT Commissioner Wayne Shackelford and the Railroad Company requesting placing a bridge over the railroad tracks at 4th Street and Newcastle.

Commissioner Plyman pointed out that the traffic count in the area does not allow a traffic light on Fourth and Newcastle Street Extension.

Commissioner MacLeod moved and Commissioner Plyman seconded the motion authorizing the City Manager to request a study of the traffic on Fourth Street to find out whether a

traffic lights could be installed on Fourth Street. Commissioner Plyman recommended adding the resolution along with the County's resolution.

On call for the question the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner MacLeod reported that the new telecommunications law will allow towers to extend to 7500 feet. Commissioner MacLeod stated that he would like the City to draw up an ordinance or prepare a resolution to license and control the number of towers in the City of Brunswick. A Waiver should be placed in the ordinance for historic districts and river fronts.

Mayor Wilson instructed the City Manager to look at the type of ordinance the City would have to address to comply with the telecommunication law.

Commissioner Plyman requested using a community service worker to build a block house to place City equipment in at Palmetto Cemetery. Commissioner Plyman stated that the old building is dilapidated and should be replaced. The Community service worker would be used to lay bricks instead of cutting grass.

Commissioner Lawrence questioned whether the worker would show up for his community service work. Commissioner MacLeod asked Commissioner Plyman if the community service worker would be working under his supervision. Commissioner Plyman told Commissioner MacLeod that the Director of Public Works and Mr. O'Berry are in charge of all community service workers.

Commissioner Plyman requested that the City change the name of Altama Avenue to Altama Parkway. Commissioner MacLeod recommended having input from the citizens on whether they want the street name changed.

Mayor Wilson questioned the amount of paid workers the City has working on weekends. The City Manager stated that the Supervisor is working on straight time and his schedule includes working on weekends.

The City Attorney reported that he read an article in the Brunswick News concerning delinquent tax sales. The City Attorney stated that a delinquent tax collection law is in place and mortgage holders must be notified. In the past these procedures were not followed and the title work must be done by abstractors. The delinquent tax procedure is a whole lot more complicated than what the County uses. The City could probably collect more than \$100,000. The City Attorney stated that he would present the delinquent tax collection ordinance at the next meeting.

Commissioner MacLeod recommended speaking with the Tax Commissioner about handling delinquent taxes for the City along with the County taxes. Commissioner MacLeod stated that this would be less costly to have delinquent taxes collected jointly with the County. The City can revert the delinquent taxes back to the City if it does not work.

The City Manager stated that the City should speak with the Tax Commissioner about billing and collecting taxes for the City, pointing out that the County collects taxes for the School Board.

Mayor Wilson instructed the City Manager to meet with the Tax Commissioner to discuss billing and collecting taxes for the City.

Mayor Wilson discussed using community service workers to paint the Glynn Patton building.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

Mayor

Attest _____
City Clerk