

OFFICIAL MINUTES
COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GA
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M., NOVEMBER 20, 1996

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

INVOCATION: The invocation was given by Rev. Calder Kinney of Christian Renewal Church of Brunswick.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Plyman moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 6, 1996. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION

Mayor Wilson presented a proclamation to Harold Johnson proclaiming November 24-30, 1996 as Christian Heritage Week in the City of Brunswick.

Mr. Johnson stated that no nation can prosper without having trust in God almighty.

WRECKER ORDINANCE

The City Attorney submitted the wrecker ordinance to the Commission for adoption. Commissioner Plyman requested to review the wrecker ordinance before approval of the ordinance.

After reviewing the ordinance, Commissioner Plyman moved and Commissioner MacLeod seconded the motion to adopt the following ordinance. The motion passed unanimously.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE XV OF CHAPTER 13 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK SO AS TO PROVIDE A SCHEDULE OF MAXIMUM FEES AND CHARGES FOR TOWING OR HAULING AND STORING WRECKED OR DISABLED VEHICLES; TO AMEND SEC.13-588 PROVIDING FOR THE INSPECTION OF WRECKER VEHICLES; TO AMEND SEC. 13-570 PROVIDING FOR REPORTING AND RECORDING OF INFORMATION; TO ADD A PROVISION FOR CALLING IN SOME INSTANCES WRECKER SERVICES HAVING SPECIAL CAPABILITIES; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. Article XV of Chapter 13 of the Code of the City of Brunswick is hereby amended by striking subsection

(b) of Sec. 13-595 thereof and by substituting in lieu of the same a new subsection (b) which shall provide as follows:

"(b) In the implementation of subsection (a) above, the following schedule of maximum fees and charges is hereby established:

- (1) Attaching and towing or hauling
a vehicle\$65.00
- (2) Indoor storage per day \$15.00
- (3) Outdoor storage per day\$10.00

(4) All other services performed within reasonable time, including but not limited to, righting and overturned vehicle, removing vehicle from marsh, cleaning accident scene, etc., to be pro-rated per hour\$30.00

- (6) Righting an overturned vehicle or winching, when recovery is more than 20 feet from edge of roadway or is in water or marsh.....\$35.00"

Section 2. Said Article is further amended by striking from Sec. 13-588 thereof the word "semiannual" and by substituting in lieu of the same the word "annually," so as to require annual rather than semiannual inspections following the initial inspection and approval of a wrecker vehicle.

Section 3. Said Article is further amended by striking Sec. 13-570 thereof and by substituting in lieu of the same a new Sec. 13-570 which shall provide as follows:

"Sec. 13-570. Records.

"After towing or hauling a wrecked or disabled vehicle, a wrecker service shall immediately make a written record of the following information, which shall be maintained for a period of one (1) year and which shall be made available for inspection and copying by the chief at all reasonable business hours:

- (1) The name of the owner of the vehicle;
- (2) The make, model and serial number of the vehicle;
- (3) The date and time towed or hauled;
- (4) The location of the wreck or disablement;
- (5) The place where such vehicle was stored or other disposition of the vehicle; and
- (6) An itemization of the charges made by the wrecker service for towing the vehicle and the charges made or accruing for storage of the same."

To retail beer only for consumption off premises:
Dale W. Cardwell, Eckerd Drugs #2341, 1945 Glynn Avenue;

Dale W. Cardwell, Eckerd Drugs #439, 4535 Altama Avenue.

CEMETERY DEEDS

On motion of Commissioner Plyman seconded by Commissioner Lawrence the following Cemetery Deeds were unanimously granted:

- 1) Petition received to transfer Lot No. 4, Section No. 190 in Palmetto Cemetery from Joe Collins to Linda Amazon. Original deed lost or misplaced, but City records verify ownership.
- 2) Petition received to return for resale Section No. 4, Lot No. 6A, Plots E & F in Palmetto Cemetery from Ruth Patterson. Original deed surrendered.
- 3) Petition received to return for resale Section No. 219, Spaces C&D in Palmetto Cemetery from Glenda Worth. Petitioner to retain Spaces A&B of said lot. Original deed surrendered.

MONTHLY REPORTS

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

OTHER CITY BUSINESS

The City Manager reported that a meeting was held with Mr. Lyde concerning the Boone building. The City Manager stated that the City did not have the equipment needed to salvage the bricks on the Boone Building. The City Manager stated that Mr. Lyde would contact another company to find out if they have the equipment to do the job.

Mayor Wilson questioned where the bricks will be cleaned. The City Manager stated that Mr. Lyde was willing to take the bricks to another location to be cleaned.

Commissioner Jennings stated that he was concerned with liability. Commissioner Jennings questioned whether the City had a vacant lot that could be used to clean the bricks. The City Manager stated that he will check to if the City had any property available.

The City Manager reported that he received a request from the organizers of First Night asking the City to participate in the fireworks activity.

Commissioner Plyman asked the cost of the fireworks. The City Manager stated that the cost would be \$10,000.00. Commissioner Plyman pointed out that fireworks displays are held on St. Simons Island and if the City spends that much money it should be on the Fourth of July.

The City Manager pointed out that there are a lot of fireworks in the County on the Fourth of July and there are no fireworks in the City on New Year's Eve. Residents look forward to having fireworks on New Year's Eve.

Commissioner Plyman stated that he did not have anything against First Night, but would like to see fireworks in the City on the Fourth of July and not have to compete with residents on St. Simons Island.

Commissioner Jennings stated that the City should use a safe place away from people to have the fireworks display. Commissioner Jennings recommended using professional people to handle the fireworks.

Commissioner Jennings moved and Commissioner Plyman seconded the motion approving \$5,000.00 for fireworks for First Night and \$5,000.00 for fireworks for the Fourth of July. The motion passed unanimously.

The City Manager stated that the City should resolve the issue of naming the Waterfront Park and determining who will manage the park.

Commissioner Plyman recommended naming the Waterfront Park, Mary Ross Park.

Commissioner Jennings questioned whether the public could give input. The City Manager stated that it will be placed on the next agenda.

Commissioner Plyman stated that he would like for the City to manage the Waterfront Park so that the City could recoup some of the money.

Commissioner MacLeod stated that the City should assign management for the Waterfront Park like the City did with the Ritz Theater.

Commissioner Lawrence recommended following the same procedure used before and placing an ad in the newspaper.

Mayor Wilson suggested having the Downtown Development Authority appear before the Commission to offer their services to the Commission.

Commissioner Plyman suggested that the City stipulate who will be responsible for maintenance of the Waterfront Park. He mentioned that the City is paying for maintenance of the Ritz Theater.

The City Manager pointed out that there are specific stipulations that should be considered in the ISTEPA contract.

Commissioner Jennings suggested that the City begin rank and file participation selecting committee members from each department brainstorming for solutions to City Government problems and potential City projects and offering solutions to management. He pointed out that these Human Resources will save the City money.

Commissioner MacLeod recommended setting up a hotline to handle complaints in City Hall. The City Manager stated that the software would be in operation soon.

Commissioner MacLeod announced that the Adopt-A-Park brochures are available

and could be picked up in the City Manager's Office.

Commissioner MacLeod expressed his concern about the cluttered and dirty alleys in the City. He suggested that the City address the conditions of the alleys.

The City Manager stated that City employees would clean up the alleys on the weekend.

Commissioner Plyman mentioned since the County has stopped picking up trash and the landfill is closed, alleys in the City are being used as dumping grounds. Commissioner Plyman suggested that the Commission create a bounty and whatever fines are generated the persons reporting the dumping will get half.

Commissioner MacLeod stated that the idea would have to be reviewed and discussed by the Commission before the idea could be used on the hotline.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that the City did not need something that would create a problem. He felt that the person who turns in another person should not be revealed.

Commissioner Plyman reported that Greenwood and Palmetto Cemetery buildings are completed. Commissioner Plyman stated that he would like to meet with the City Manager to discuss the Police Department's roof.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that several citizens reported that Police Officers are being placed at one location in the City because of breaking and entering. He stated if this is happening then everyone in the City is entitled to this service.

Commissioner Plyman stated that Commissioner Lawrence was speaking of his business. He stated that an officer was placed on the roof to catch criminals who broke in his business. He stated that they still broke in while the officer was on the roof and they were finally caught.

Commissioner Jennings recommended paying installments to the contractor for the water improvement project beginning in March or April.

Mayor Wilson stated that the Engineers will be asked to accept their payment in March.

Mayor Wilson reported that trash items are placed on the street by people who have no means of transportation to get to the dump. He pointed out that the City could prosecute persons that are caught littering the City. Mayor Wilson questioned what will the City do about people who cannot afford to pay the fine for littering.

Commissioner Plyman stated that the City has been successful in getting items removed from the streets and charging persons who are caught littering.

The City Manager explained that there is no way of identifying persons who place furniture on the street.

Mayor Wilson stated that the final analysis is the City will have to pick up the trash.

Robert Herrington stated that the City needs to take into serious consideration the renters who move overnight and leave trash. Property owners do not know these people moved. He suggested that landlords appear before the Commission to discuss their trash problems.

Commissioner Jennings recommended having two more employees to help the Sanitation Inspector. He stated that until the City hires more people to enforce the trash ordinance the trash problem will not disappear.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that the Sanitation Inspector handles all the garbage calls and there is no response from the law enforcement officers. The Sanitation Inspector is not successful because of this. He pointed out that it is useless to hire anyone else.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

Mayor

City Clerk