

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA
CALLED MEETING
9:30 A. M., February 24, 1997**

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 Commissioner Dr. James MacLeod.

His Honor Mayor Wilson announced that this meeting has been called to discuss the sewer problems on the Southend of Brunswick.

Commissioner MacLeod stated that the issue of paying the contractor for completion of the demolition of the Boone Building should be considered by the Commission.

Commissioner MacLeod moved and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion to pay J.R. Construction \$10,000.00 for the demolition of the Boone Building. The motion passed unanimously.

The City Manager discussed the status of SPLOST funds budgeted for Water Improvements and Storm Sewer improvements.

The City Engineer mapped out the design of flow pipes in the City of Brunswick. The City Engineer discussed recommendations for improving residential flow and reducing ground water from entering the sewer system to prevent flooding of homes on the Southend. The City Engineer also discussed replacing the old lift station with a new lift station.

Commissioner Lawrence questioned whether the new lift station would be equipped to handle new additions on vacant lots. The City Engineer stated that consideration of new homes was included in the plans.

Commissioner Plyman questioned what funds would be used to correct the current problems. He stated that the SPLOST projects would not start until the City receives SPLOST funds.

The City Manager stated that it will take one year to begin SPLOST projects and suggested that the City find a solution to stop sewer from backing up in houses.

Commissioner MacLeod recommended issuing temporary stop orders on building permits.

Commissioner Jennings stated that citizens called him about problems they have had for thirty years. Commissioner Jennings recommended taking care of the sewer problems immediately.

Mayor Wilson asked Mr. Paul Ferra if the water and sewer lines were checked by the City. Mr. Ferra stated that he did not know if the old clay lines running to his property were checked by the City. Mayor Wilson stated that the clay lines could possibly be leaking.

Commissioner Lawrence asked what could be done about the old clay lines that the City installed many years ago.

The City Engineer stated that the plans require installing laterals in the backyard of all property owners on the Southend of Brunswick.

Mr. Ferra stated that grease is blocking the lines and every time this happens he has to call a

plumber to correct the problem.

The Director of Water and Wastewater explained that guards are placed in man holes to keep rain water out. He recommended replacing service laterals. Mayor Wilson stated that this suggestion was made to the Director of Water and Wastewater last year. The Director of Water and Wastewater stated that there was no way to replace service laterals last year.

The City Manager stated that the City would like to hold off on trying to replace the sewer main. He recommended replacing lines in the yard out to the main to solve problems on a temporary basis. The City Manager suggested starting the work this week and complete it in two to three weeks.

Commissioner Plyman recommended building a catch basin and putting in a two inch line with twin pipes. The six houses in question can be tied to the catch basin.

The Director of Water and Wastewater pointed out that the man hole is not full and the line should be maintained. He stated that grease is coming into the system. The City Manager stated that he could not find out where the grease was coming from.

The Director of Water and Wastewater stated that it would cost a minimum of \$10,000.00 to correct the problem.

Jerry Kennedy stated that this is the first time he heard of grease causing sewer problems on the Southend.

The City Manager stated that the grease traps will be checked at King & Prince Company. The City Manager suggested alleviating the problems on a temporary basis.

Commissioner Jennings recommended that the Director of Water and Wastewater give a monthly report to the Commission on the situation.

It met the consensus of the Commission to alleviate the sewer problems with the recommendation made by the City Manager and Director of Water and Wastewater not to exceed \$10,000.00.

Commissioner Lawrence reported that L and Wolfe Streets flood during heavy rains. He suggested that the City look at other areas in the City that flood.

Commissioner Lawrence reported that he received complaints from citizens concerning Water and Wastewater employees; whenever, they investigate a sewer problem they advise the homeowner that the City is not responsible for the sewer problems.

Commissioner MacLeod stated that all flooding problems in neighborhoods need to be addressed. The City Manager stated that some service problems will have to be addressed by the citizens who will have to call a plumber to solve the problems on their service lateral.

Mayor Wilson stated that the City can alleviate citizens having to hire a plumber for some of their sewer problems.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

Mayor

City Clerk