

**OFFICIAL MINUTES  
COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA  
REGULAR MEETING  
8:30 A. M., April 2, 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.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Plyman moved and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the Meeting of March 19, 1997. The motion passed unanimously.

**COMPUTER SOFTWARE BIDS**

The Director of Data Processing appeared before the Commission to submit a recommendation on computer software for all City Departments. He submitted the following bids:

Software for PC Based LAN  
Data Processing Department

Vendor	Comments	Total
American Data Group per bid Fort Myers, Fl 33908	This is the lowest specification	85,000.00
Banyon Data Systems 101 West Burnsville Pkwy Burnsville, Mn 55337	Open end bid -not a fixed price as requested in the bid package, also no price to do the conversion	24,005.00
Computer Center Software 225 U.S.Hwy.278 East Cullman, Al 35055		152,200.00
Keck & Wood, Inc. 4878 Manhattan Dr. Buford, GA 30518	Not a fixed price open end bid, Did not fully address bid.	29,995.00
Manatron 3011 South Memorial Dr. Greenville, N.C. 27834		91,508.00
Westover Consulting 55 Huggert Ct. Newman, GA 30263	Would have 2 major conversions also did not quote 2 modules inventory, fleet	85,000.00

management.

Mayor Wilson questioned the difference in the software packages.

The City Manager stated that the software package includes the training of City employees. Commissioner Jennings asked if all City Departments are on the City's computer system. The Director of Data Processing stated that a small number of Departments are not on the computer system and all City Departments will be placed on the PC based computer system.

Mayor Wilson asked if the new computer software will make the City Departments more efficient. The Director of Data Processing stated that the new software will allow each Department to independently operate software programs and also handle utility billing.

Commissioner Lawrence asked when will the City begin to notice improvements. The Director of Data Processing stated that the City will completely recoup the price in two years.

Commissioner MacLeod questioned whether the lifetime of the software was at least for five years. The Director of Data Processing stated that the software will last that long. The Director of Data Processing stated the maintenance on the old system will increase every year about \$30,000.00.

Commissioner MacLeod moved and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion to accept the low bid of American Data Group in the amount of \$85,000.00. The motion passed unanimously.

## **DELEGATION**

Jim Walker, representing The Savannah Group appeared before the Commission to discuss constructing a facility to withdraw water from the Altamaha River. Mr. Walker stated that his company would manage water in Coastal Counties. Mr. Walker asked if he could help with the City of Brunswick with water problems. Mr. Walker stated that he met with the Environmental Protection Division in Atlanta to discuss the moratorium on withdrawing water from the Floridian Aquifer and capping the usage of water. There has been over pumping causing salt water intrusion and future generations will not have the same quality water supply. Mr. Walker proposed capping the Floridian Aquifer and development of a regional plan and the use of alternate water supplies.

Commissioner MacLeod stated that once the wells are capped then there would be only the use of rain water. Commissioner MacLeod stated that the City should come up with an alternate water source.

Commissioner Jennings questioned whether the Federal Government could restrict the use of water and whether the State Government could force EPD restrictions upon Municipalities.

Mayor Wilson stated that the City knew about the problem for a long time and surface water would have to be used. Mayor Wilson stated that he supports the use of surface water because the City Council has discussed the issue.

Commissioner Plyman stated that 30 years ago Wiedman & Singleton wrote a similar report when Mr. Holtzendorf was Mayor of the City of Brunswick. Commissioner Plyman questioned how much money will be spent.

Mr. Walker estimated the cost at 18 million dollars. Mr. Walker stated that they finished sampling the water on the Altamaha River. Mr. Walker stated that the water would be piped from the plant into Glynn County and the water will be drinking water quality.

Commissioner Plyman questioned the capacity of daily withdrawals. Mr. Walker stated that it would be fifty million gallons of water a day.

Commissioner Plyman questioned the cost of the water to consumers. Mr. Walker stated that the cost of treating river water and making it drinking water quality will cost less than \$2.00 per month to each customer over what they are currently paying. Commissioner Plyman stated that a gray surface water study was conducted 30 years ago and he was not sure why the City Council members did not vote on the issue.

Mr. Walker requested to meet with a City representative to discuss his plan. Commissioner Lawrence recommended that the City gather input from Industries before a vote is taken to find out how the plan would effect other businesses in the community.

Mr. Walker stated that he could bring a proposed draft of exactly what they are looking for and discuss rates with the staff whenever it is convenient for the City. Mr. Walker stated that they are a long ways from breaking ground. Mr. Walker stated that their company asked the State for a letter of concurrence and upon approval the company will withdraw and treat water to make it available on a wholesale basis to Municipalities, Industries and Developers.

It was the consensus of the Commission to authorize the City Manager to speak with local industries to find out their concerns about this project. The City Manager was instructed to set up a meeting at the earliest possible moment.

Mayor Wilson thanked Mr. Walker for his presentation. Mr. Walker requested the City's permission to meet with Harold Rehis of EPD to discuss the project.

Commissioner Jennings moved and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion authorizing Mr. Walker to meet with Harold Rehis of EPD to discuss the project. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commission authorized the City Manager to advertise for appointments to the Park and Tree Board, Zoning Board of Appeals and the Downtown Development Authority.

## **OTHER CITY BUSINESS**

Commissioner Plyman moved and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion adopting a resolution naming the four lane park on Highway 17 after Federal Judge Anthony A. Alaimo. The motion passed unanimously.

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable Anthony A. Alaimo, United States Judge for the Southern District of Georgia, is an exemplary citizen of the United States of America and of Glynn County, Georgia; and

**WHEREAS**, Judge Alaimo, a distinguished veteran of World War II and a former prisoner of war, has dedicated his life to the service of his country and his fellow man; and

**WHEREAS**, Judge Alaimo has served the legal profession and the general public with great distinction in many capabilities and has promoted our region economically and has greatly enhanced the quality of justice and the quality of life in our region; and

**WHEREAS**, it is deserving, fitting and proper for us to express our recognition of and our deepest appreciation to Judge Alaimo for public service that he has rendered; and

**WHEREAS**, Judge Alaimo promoted the development of port facilities at Colonel's Island, to accommodate world trade serving a large region of this country, and it would therefore be especially appropriate to recognize his contribution by naming in his honor a stretch of U.S. Hwy 17 leading to and traversing Colonel's Island;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Commission of the City of Brunswick, Glynn County, Georgia, that this City does hereby endorse and support the naming of U.S. Highway 17 from the foot of Sidney Lanier Bridge to the intersection of U.S. Highway 82 and U.S. Highway 303 in honor of the Honorable Anthony A. Alaimo, in recognition of his accomplishments for Coastal Georgia; and

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City of Brunswick does hereby request and urge the Department of Transportation of the State of Georgia to adopt a resolution to name the said stretch of U.S. Highway 17 in honor of Judge Alaimo

**SO RESOLVED**, this 2nd day of April, 1997.

The City Manager reported that basketball goals were installed in Orange Park and the City is in the process of installing basketball goals in Howard Coffin Park.

Commissioner Lawrence asked the City Manager to check the basketball goals in College Park.

The City Manger reported that the problems have been addressed concerning the roof on Old City Hall.

The City Manager presented a copy of the first check received from the Special Local Option Sales Tax. He stated that the amount is not what the City anticipated. The Director of Finance stated that the amount of the first check was \$578,230.32. He stated that the City anticipated \$800,000.00. The Director of Finance was instructed to rethink the sales tax cash flow and come up with another plan and bring it back to the Commission.

Commissioner Plyman recommended that the City wait until they receive next month's check before the City discusses other plans.

Commissioner Jennings reported that there are still problems in Goodyear Park. Commissioner Jennings asked the City Manager to investigate and solve the problems.

Commissioner Lawrence stated at the last Commission meeting a statement was made concerning the City Commissioners not being able to get along with each other. Commissioner Lawrence stated that he has no feeling of dislike for any Commission member. Commissioner Lawrence pointed out that he disagrees on issues with other members, but that does not make any member dislike each other. Commisisoner Plyman stated that it is just a difference of opinion. Commissioner Jennings stated that he spoke to several persons who were concerned about the problem. Mayor Wilson pointed out if the Commission members agreed with everything then they do not need to be in office.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that he had a serious problem with the City sending a Police Detective to Goodyear Park to film trash on the ground. Commissioner Lawrence warned employees that the City have to spend too much time investigating crime rather than spending time filming trash.

Commissioner Plyman reported that weights should be placed in the trash cans in Goodyear Park to keep them from falling.

Sam Cofer was present and shared his thoughts on surface ground water. Mr. Cofer stated that he served on the Glynn County Board of Commissioners 18 years ago. Mr. Cofer

suggested that the City Manager speak with Red Ringling about the process. Mayor Wilson recommended that the City Manager invite Mr. Cofer to attend the meeting with the Industries in the City of Brunswick.

Mayor Wilson mentioned the City told disabled persons that they would received a smaller trash container because they did not assign anyone to carry the trash cans for the disabled persons. The City Manager stated that he contacted the supplier to get a price for the smaller trash containers. Mayor Wilson authorized the City Manager to purchase the smaller trash containers for disabled City residents.

Commissioner Lawrence asked the City Manager whether the water collection payment contract was completed for Five Points Supermarket. The City Manager stated that the City Attorney is in the process of drawing up the contract.

Mayor Wilson instructed the City Manager to help Mt. Olive Baptist Church with their sidewalk problems.

Commissioner Lawrence reported that the Boone property on Albany Street has not been cleared.

**MEETING ADJOURNED.**

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Mayor

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City Clerk