

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA
REGULAR MEETING
8:30 A.M., JUNE 4, 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by everyone in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner Plyman seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of May 21, 1997. The motion passed unanimously.

RECOGNITION OF ELLEN CHARLES:

Mayor Wilson read a proclamation honoring Mrs. Ellen Charles for 185 years of distinguished service as a Juvenile Court Probation Officer and dedicated services to citizens of this community. Mrs. Charles was not in attendance. The City Manager was instructed to deliver the proclamation to Mrs. Charles. Commissioner Plyman commended the work of Mrs. Charles because she changed the life of a lot of young people in this community.

RECOGNITION:

Mayor Wilson presented a certificate of appreciation to employees of the Brunswick Fire Department for saving the life of a man in a burning house on Stonewall Street:

- Deputy Chief Jerry Allen
- Captain John Madala
- Engineer Lonnie McKenzie
- David Minter
- Mitch McDaniel
- John Ligon

Fire Chief Lee Stewart praised the firefighters for doing an excellent job.

PUBLIC HEARING:

This being the date, time and place for a public hearing to rezone day tract portion of Lot No. 210 from R9-One Family Residential District to Highway Commercial. Commissioner Plyman moved and Commission Lawrence seconded the motion approving the rezoning. The motion passed unanimously.

Ellen Charles arrived at the meeting. Mayor Wilson presented a proclamation to Mrs. Charles for a lifetime of unselfish, dedicated service to citizens of this community. The City Manager was instructed to present the proclamation to Mrs. Charles at church.

DELEGATIONS:

Attorney Kevin Gough submitted a request to the Commission to abandon and convey the alley between 902 and 904 "G" Street to the property owner.

Commissioner Plyman stated that the City's policy is to get some type of compensation for alleys.

Commissioner Plyman stated that the property owners have given compensation by tearing down and renovating buildings. He pointed out that the City would reap benefits from advalorem taxes.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that he is concerned with the word abandon. Commissioner Lawrence stated that if the City abandons the property it means that the City can walk off and leave it and anyone can claim the property.

The City Attorney stated that legislation is on the books authorizing the City to convey the alleys to citizens and not get compensation because the alleys are not wide enough for any useful purpose.

Commissioner MacLeod recommended that the City convey the alley to Attorney Gough.

Commissioner MacLeod moved and Commissioner Plyman seconded the motion authorizing the City to convey the property to the property owners for \$25.00. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Wilson stated that the alleys in the City need to be divested. He recalled that in the past the City took action on selling the City property and received compensation.

Billy Grines representing the Coastal Health Unity appeared before the Commission to discuss plans for a proposed parking lot at the Winchester (Gateway) Building. Mr. Grines stated that he submitted a sketch of the proposal parking spaces to the Park and Tree Commission. Mr. Grines submitted plans to the Commission for additional parking spaces.

Mayor

Attest: _____
City Clerk