

**OFFICIAL MINUTES**  
**COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**7:00 P. M., September 17, 1997**

**PRESENT:** His Honor Mayor Homer L. Wilson, Pro-Tem Dr. James MacLeod, Commissioners Roosevelt Lawrence, Harold E. Jennings and Homer L. Wilson.

**INVOCATION:** The invocation was given by Mark Mitchell, City Manager.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the City Commission and everyone in attendance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion approving the minutes of the meeting of September 3, 1996. The motion passed unanimously.

**PRESENTATION OF KEY TO THE CITY AND PROCLAMATION**

Mayor Pro-Tem James MacLeod presented a key to the City to Davis Love, III and Commissioner Roosevelt Lawrence presented a key to Davis Love, III on behalf of his brother Mark.

Commissioner Harold Jennings presented a proclamation to Davis Love, III proclaiming proclamation to Davis Love, III day in the City of Brunswick.

Davis Love, III thanked the City Commission for honoring him.

**RECOGNITION OF RETIRING CITY EMPLOYEE**

Mayor Wilson presented a plaque and gift to Sergeant Carl Manning retiring after thirty-four years of service to the Brunswick Police Department. Received with appreciation. Mayor Pro-Tem MacLeod recognized Mrs. Carl Manning.

**DELEGATION**

Mary J. Dryden appeared before the Commission to request permission to place a flagpole in Mary Ross Park behind the monument in the park.

Commissioner MacLeod moved and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion approving the installation of a flagpole in Mary Ross Park near the monument. The motion passed unanimously.

**SURPLUS LIST**

The City Manager submitted a Surplus List for the City County Auction. Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner MacLeod seconded the motion approving the Surplus List for the City/County Auction to be held October 18, 1997.

**1997-98 BUDGET**

Commissioner MacLeod moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion adopting the 1997-98 Fiscal Year Budget. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Wilson advised the City Manager on spending money that is not in the City's budget. He reminded the City Manager that the budget is used as a guideline only and money should not be spent just to be spending at the end of the fiscal year.

Commissioner Jennings recommended that the City have a separate Emergency Fund set aside for emergencies. Commissioner Jennings stated that the City should use a strong maintenance program in Public Works for the upkeep of vehicles.

Commissioner Jennings recommended that the City work on a Capital Budget for next year for Capital improvements. Commissioner Jennings commended the Staff for an excellent job in preparing the budget.

**BID RECOMMENDATION FOR 1622 STONEWALL STREET**

The City Manager submitted the following bid for the purchase of 1622 Stonewall Street:

| <b>Vendor</b>  | <b>Comments</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|--|-----------------|--------------|
| Donna J. Casborne<br>2004 Cleburne Street<br>Brunswick Ga. 31520 |                 | 10,000.00    |

Commissioner MacLeod moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion accepting the bid in the amount of \$10,000.00.

Mayor Wilson stated that he failed to see why such a restriction would be placed on the property.

Commissioner Jennings pointed out that it is legal to put a restriction on a private homeowner.

The motion passed unanimously.

**REDEMPTION DEEDS AND QUIT CLAIM DEEDS**

On motion of Commissioner Jennings seconded by Commissioner Lawrence the Mayor was authorized to execute the following deeds.

1. Redemption requested in the name of present owner Earl Dart on Washington Heights Block G, Day Tract Block 29, Lots 15 and 16, acquired by the City at tax sale for years 1983, 1984, and 1986. All taxes, interest, and costs in the amount of \$443.62 have been paid.
2. Petition received from James D. Benefield, III as Attorney for Earl Dart for quit claim deed to Washington Heights Block G, Day Tract Block 29, Lots 15 and 16 to clear title record of tax deed taken by the City which was subsequently redeemed, but lost, misplaced, or destroyed without being recorded for the years 1960 and 1987.
3. Petition received for James D. Benefield, III as Attorney for Julia M. Dart for quit claim deed to Urbana, Lots 182, 183, and 184 to clear title record of tax deed taken by the City which was subsequently redeemed, but was lost, misplaced, or destroyed without being recorded for the years 1941 and 1942.

The City Manager stated that no one is on staff to determine the problem. The City Manager stated that the Park and Tree Commission may have someone who has the knowledge. The City Manager pointed out that other cities hire staff to take care of and inspect trees.

Mayor Wilson recommended that the City recognize Oscar Covington an employee of Georgia Pacific who will retire after 37 years of service. Mayor Wilson recommended giving Mr. Covington a key to the City.

Commissioner Plyman moved and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion to recognize Oscar Covington at the next Commission meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Lawrence thanked Mayor Wilson and the City Manager for attending the NAACP Awards Banquet.

Mayor Wilson reported that the City is in good financial standing and employees have done a good job. Mayor Wilson thanked the Commission for creating a sound government in 1996.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

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Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk