

OFFICIAL MINUTES  
COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA  
REGULAR MEETING  
8:30 A. M., MARCH 4, 1998

**PRESENT:** His Honor Mayor Bradford S. Brown, Commissioners Roosevelt Lawrence, Harold E. Jennings, Jonathan Williams and Doris Davis.

**INVOCATION:** The invocation was given by Commissioner Harold E. Jennings.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the Mayor and Commissioners and everyone in attendance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Commissioner Davis moved and Commissioner Williams seconded the motion approving the minutes of the meeting of February 18, 1998. The motion carried.

Mayor Brown introduced the new City Attorney M. Lynn Frey III.

**PROCLAMATION PRESENTED TO MARGARET MOBLEY**

Mayor Brown presented a proclamation to Margaret Mobley for the courageous and heroic actions shown in saving the life of her brother Drew. The City's Fire Chief stated that the Elected Officials allowed the Fire Department to train the children in the school system. He commended Margaret for rolling her brother on the floor to put out the flames. Commissioner Jennings presented a key to the City to Margaret Mobley.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

This being the date, time and place for Public Hearing to rezone an existing house located on I and Union Streets from GR General Residential District to OC Office Commercial District.

Deborah Taylor representing the Glynn County Planning and Zoning Department stated that the Staff recommends approval for the rezonings.

Mayor Brown stated that this is the first Public Hearing and the next public hearing will be held on March 18, 1998.

**SURPLUS PHOTO LAB EQUIPMENT**

The City Manager stated that the Police Department no longer processes their own film and after contacting teachers at Brunswick High School they felt that they can make some use to the equipment in the photo lab.

Commissioner Jennings moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion declaring the outdated photo lab equipment surplus and donating the equipment to Brunswick High School for use in their photo lab.

Commissioner Williams stated that he noticed that the equipment was being donated to the High School. He pointed out that the equipment might be an outlet for the middle school so that they could get this equipment and add it to their school property. He stated that the middle schools may be able to use the equipment better right now because the High School has other means of getting this kind of equipment.

The City Manager stated that he could look into the matter. He stated that if it was the desire of the Commission he could speak to Mr. Mosley and let him determine if there is an area in the school that can make more use of the photo lab equipment.

Commissioner Williams stated that he has no objections to the High School using the equipment, but he thought this would be an effort for some of the middle schools to get some of the equipment they normally can not get.

Commissioner Lawrence recommended that the photo lab equipment be shared with the schools that have a need or use of the equipment.

Commissioner Jennings agreed with Commissioner Lawrence's idea of sharing the equipment.

On call for the vote the motion carried.

#### **FUNERAL DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION**

Abe Brown representing the Funeral Directors Association appeared before the Commission to request that the City pass an ordinance to bury vaults underground due to the water level. He stated that this would keep the vaults from coming up. He next requested that the City clear off more space in Greenwood Cemetery and pave the streets in Greenwood Cemetery. Mr. Brown asked the Commission to pass this ordinance immediately.

The City Manager stated that this happens more at Greenwood Cemetery and burying the vaults underground will help stabilize the graves. The City Manager stated that in the other cemetery the vaults have been buried below the ground.

Commissioner Williams questioned whether the City has done any research on how far the vaults should be buried.

Mayor Brown directed the City Attorney to prepare a draft ordinance regulating the way vaults are buried in the City cemeteries by the next meeting.

Robert Cummings stated that the vaults should be buried underground and vault companies should take care of this problem.

Luis Lewis stated that he agreed with Mr. Cummings.

Alice Collins stated that she is accustomed to burying underground and that is the only way to bury.

#### **REDEMPTION DEEDS AND CEMETERY DEEDS**

Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion authorizing the Mayor to execute redemption deeds as petitioned for by the present owner R. W. Lampkin.

- 1) Town Commons between Wolfe and Albany N-2/3 of W-1/2 of Lot No. 518 and Lawrenceville lots 241, 284 and 285 for \$516.75 for the year 1986.
- 2) Town Commons between Wolfe and Albany N-2/3 of W-1/2 of Lot No. 518 and Lawrenceville Lots 241, 284 and 285 for \$516.75 for the year 1987.
- 3) Town Commons between Wolfe and Albany N-2/3 of W-1/2 of Lot No. 32 for \$170.92 for the year 1988.

- 4) Mayhew Lot No. 424 and Lot No. 425 for \$159.24 for the year 1998.
- 5) Lawrenceville Lot No. 241 for \$80.36 for the year 1988.
- 6) Town Commons between Amherst and Cochran W-1/2 or E-1/2 of Lot No. 146 for \$174.85 for the year 1988.
- 7) Town Commons between Amherst and Cochran W-1/2 of E-1/2 of Lot No. 146 for \$185.77 for the year 1989.
- 8) Lawrenceville Lots 284 and 285 for \$1403.52 for the year 1989.

#### CEMETERY DEEDS

- 1) Petition received from Mrs. Allie Lotson to return for resale Lot 1, Section No. 57, in Greenwood Cemetery. Original deed surrendered. Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion to grant the petition.
- 2) Petition received to transfer Lot No. 7, Section No. 102 in Palmetto Cemetery from Thad Dankel to John B. Dankel. Original deed surrendered. Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion to grant the petition.

#### OTHER CITY BUSINESS

The City Manager stated that the HM Bark Endeavour will be in Brunswick March 20-30th, 1998.

The City Manager reported that the South End Water and Sewer Project bids would be opened on April 2nd.

The City Manager reported that the City would advertise for the paving of Coral Park Drive.

The City Manager reported that Youth in Government Day will be held on Thursday at 8:30 A.M. and everyone will meet at the Court House.

The City Manager reported that proposals were submitted for the Management of the Waterfront Park from the Golden Isles Arts and Humanities Association and the Downtown Development Authority.

The City Manager reported that a request was received to change the name on 4th Street to Community Action Drive.

Commissioner Jennings recommended that the name be changed to Leonard Dawson Drive. No action taken by the Commission.

Commissioner Jennings questioned whether the City required an ordinance regulating Parking on Dartmouth Street.

Commissioner Lawrence asked if the trucks were obstructing the vision of drivers on Dartmouth Street. Commissioner Davis stated that the trucks are obstructing the vision of the City Streets.

Following a discussion it was recommended that the City Attorney draw up an ordinance prohibiting trucks to drive and park on City Streets.

The City Attorney stated that he would research the General State Law that pertains to parking. The City Attorney stated that he could research other cities and find what parking procedure was used for their City.

Commissioner Jennings asked the City Manager how is the budget doing.

The City Manager told the Commission that the budget is being put together by each Department Head and will be submitted to him and each Department Head will meet to discuss their budget before submitting it to the Commission.

Commissioner Jennings recommended that the Director of Water and Wastewater submit their budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Commissioner Jennings stated that the Water and Wastewater Budget was hidden for three years.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that the Water and Wastewater Budget was not hidden, but everytime the Department Head was scheduled to come before the Commission someone was out sick.

Commissioner Davis reported that she received calls from citizens concerning activities going on late at night on Pinewood Drive and Formosa Circle. Commissioner Davis requested that Police Officers patrol the area more at night.

Commissioner Davis reported that drivers are making U-turns to get onto the causeway causing near fatalities. Commissioner Davis recommended that citizens place their trash behind the curb and not on the street.

Commissioner Davis questioned whether research was conducted to place a stop sign on Prince and Albany Street. The City Manager stated that he did look at this and the Commission if they desire, can place a stop sign in the area.

Commissioner Davis moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion authorizing a four way stop sign to be placed on Albany and Prince Street. The motion carried.

Commissioner Williams reported potholes on the corner of M and Stonewall Street near the Adult Education Center.

Commissioner Lawrence requested that the appointments to Zoning Board of Appeals, Hospital Authority and RCD Board be advertised in the Brunswick News.

Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion to hold an Executive Session to discuss a Personnel matter. The motion carried.

Commissioner Jennings asked whether the Judge Pro-Tempore position requested by the Municipal Judge to sit in on cases in case of his absence was temporary or permanent.

The City Manager stated that the Judge Pro-Tem would sit in upon the absence of the Municipal Judge and his salary would be based on the time he was used in Court.

Commissioner Jennings asked if any applicants applied for the position. The City Manager stated that applicants could submit their requests until March 13th.

Commissioner Jennings stated that Judge Ligon requested hiring a prosecutor to handle cases for the Police Officers. Commissioner Jennings questioned how can the City hire a prosecutor when citizens do not have an attorney representing them.

The City Attorney stated that a prosecutor can be hired, however it is a matter of what is fair and legal and a matter of policy. He stated that he did not feel the City had to hire a prosecutor.

Mayor Brown stated that it was his understanding from Judge

Ligon that Police Officers can not prepare their cases because of their workload and when they get to court they are unprepared. The prosecutor can take some of the workload off of the Police Officers and they could be on the street protecting citizens and not being in the office preparing paper work for a court case. Mayor Brown stated from that angle he thought it makes sense.

Commissioner Jennings stated that he believes that the City needs to be fair if the City is going to have a prosecutor then the City should have a Defense Attorney for the people in court. He stated that this would run into a lot of money.

The Commission moved to the Council Board Room to hold an Executive Session.

Following the Executive Session Mayor Brown stated that the Personnel Matter was turned over to the City Attorney and City Manager for resolution.

Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion to adjourn.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

/s/Bradford S. Brown

Mayor

Attest: /s/Georgia E. Marion  
City Clerk