

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
COMMISSION MEETING OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P. M., JUNE 17, 1998**

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

INVOCATION: The invocation was given by Commissioner Jonathan Williams.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the Mayor, Commissioners and everyone in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner Davis second the motion to approve the minutes of the Called Meeting of May 27, 1998, Rescheduled Regular Meeting of May 27, 1998 and Regular Meeting of June 3, 1998. The motion carried.

APPOINTMENT TO HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD

Mayor Brown appointed Tony Doliveira, 1110 Prince Street to serve the expired term of Fred E. Tullos on the Housing Authority Board to June 20, 2003.

APPOINTMENT OF HOUSE BILL 489 CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The City Manager submitted the names of the following residents for consideration to serve on House Bill 489 Citizens Advisory Committee.

Ronnie Perry
Arnold Wood
Eddie Turner
Lewis Harden

The Commission by a show of hands voted on each name submitted to serve on House Bill 489 Citizens Advisory Committee.

Ronnie Perry received 4 votes, Arnold Woods receive 0 votes, Eddie Turner received 4 votes and Lewis Harden received 4 votes.

Commissioner Davis moved and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion appointing Eddie Turner to serve as a minority representative on House Bill 489 Citizens Advisory Committee. The motion carried.

Commissioner Jennings moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion appointing Ronnie Perry and Lewis Harden to serve on House Bill 489 Citizens Advisory Committee. The motion carried.

Commissioner Davis recommended that the appointments be submitted to the County at the next joint City/County meeting.

DELEGATIONS

Gary Lee appeared before the Commission to request placing a four way stop sign at the intersection of Q or R Street to prevent accidents in the Reynolds Street area. Mr. Lee submitted a petition signed by residents and Church

members.

Commissioner Jennings moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion authorizing the Traffic Engineer to conduct a traffic study to determine which streets Q or R to place the 4 way stop on. The motion carried.

Don McGlamory appeared before the Commission to give an update on programs that the Housing Authority offer residents.

Mr. McGlamory submitted two checks in the amount of \$24,346.00 for payment in lieu of City taxes. Mayor Brown thanked Mr. McGlamory for his presentation.

Commissioner Williams mentioned that a request was made from the Housing Authority to block off K and L Street on Amherst Street. Mr. McGlamory told the Commission that K and L Street traffic is very heavy and residents are speeding. He pointed out that blocking off the streets to traffic would stop a lot of activities.

Commissioner Williams pointed out that he suggested that a fence be placed in the area to see if this may help the problem. The City Manager stated that he have not made contact with owners of businesses on L Street to get input. Mr. McGlamory Pointed out that it would be impossible to fence off the entire area.

Gail Drew resident of the City of Brunswick appeared before the Commission to thank the Commission for purchasing the smoke helmet for the Fire Department. Mrs. Drew stated that the helmet helped save the life of her son when her house caught fire.

BOND UNDERWRITERS

The Director of Finance recommended that Interstate Johnson Lane be considered as the Bond Underwriter for the City of Brunswick.

Following a discussion Commissioner Davis moved and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion accepting Interstate Johnson Lane as the Bond Underwriter for the City of Brunswick. The motion carried.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RIGHT-OF-WAY AGREEMENT

The City Manager stated that a request was received from the Department of Transportation for acquisition of the right-of-way for widening of State Road 25 Highway 17.

Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion to make the right-of-way property available to Department of Transportation at no cost. The motion carried.

INSURANCE RENEWALS

The Director of Finance submitted the following insurance renewals recommendations.

Automobile	1998-99
AIG	\$66,032.00
General Liability	
AIG	\$45,850.00
Law Enforcement	
AIG	\$38,914.00
Public Officials	

AIG	\$11,548.00
Property Hartford	\$73,951.00
Worker's Compensation	1998-99
Claims Admin HRH	\$21,000.00
Excess Coverage Safety National	\$27,133.00 plus payroll
Loss Control HRH	\$11,400.00

Commissioner Jennings moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion to accept the recommendation of staff for the Renewal of the City's Liability Insurance. The motion carried.

CONSTRUCTION OF THIRD FIRE STATION

Mayor Brown announced that a Public Hearing was held at 6:00 p. m. to allow citizens to voice their opinions on the construction of a fire facility on the North End of Brunswick by the Department of Corrections prisoners. He stated that the Commission would discuss the construction of the facility.

Commissioner Lawrence led the discussion with a series of questions. What is the cost for constructing the facility? Will the Department of Corrections warrant their work? Who will repair the structure if it leaks? The City Manager told the Commission that the City would pay for all the construction materials. The Fire Chief stated that he did not have an exact figure on how much the construction would cost. The City Manager stated that the cost would be approximately \$100.00 per square foot and it would cost \$500,000.00 to construct the fire station and the labor would be approximately one half of the construction cost.

J. J. Johnson who was in attendance told the Commission that the construction cost on the facility is \$82.00 per square foot according to construction cost data and the median is \$70.00 per square foot. The Fire Chief questioned the per square foot cost quoted by Mr. Johnson. The Fire Chief stated that the mean or average figure would be around \$100.00. Commissioner Williams stated according to his calculations the mean should be around \$80.00 per square foot.

The Fire Chief told the Commission that the Department of Corrections has an inspector who inspects the construction work on a daily basis. Commissioner Lawrence expressed his concerns about building a facility with prison labor without any warranty or guarantee on the facility. The City Attorney stated that he have not seen a contract stating that the Department of Corrections will assume any liability. Commissioner Williams stated that the Commission needs to know who will be held responsible if the facility falls down or need repairs.

The Fire Chief expressed his concerns about why the City needs an additional fire station on the North End of the City of Brunswick. Commissioner Lawrence stressed that the Commission is not questioning whether the City needs another fire station the question is who will construct the fire station a contractor or the Department of Corrections. He further stressed that the City needs a warranty or written contract on the work that will be done.

Commissioner Williams moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion to table this until the Commission gets all the information, including a warranty on Buildings constructed by the Department of Corrections. Mayor Brown stated that the City could request the information and have it by tomorrow.

On call for the vote the motion carried.

The Commission scheduled a Called Meeting for Friday June 19th at 2:00 p.m.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE RENEWAL

Petition received from Edwin K. Wylie to retail beer for consumption off premises at Triton #602, 4528 Altama Avenue. Commissioner Davis moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion granting the petition. The motion carried.

CEMETERY DEEDS

Petition received to transfer Lot No. 3, Section 13-A in Palmetto Cemetery from J. E. Mize to Ms. Dorothy Goodbread. Original deed has been lost, misplaced or destroyed, but City records verify ownership. Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion to grant the petition. The motion carried.

Petition received to transfer Lot No. 12, Section No. 165, in Palmetto Cemetery from Howard V. Etherthon to Mr. Eugene A. Tippins. Original deed has been lost, misplaced or destroyed, but City records verify ownership. Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion to grant the petition.

PUBLIC HEARING FISCAL YEAR BUDGET 1998-1999

This being the date, time and place for a Public Hearing to discuss the Fiscal Year Budget 1998-1999 for General Fund and Community Development.

The City Manager announced that the Water and Wastewater Budget would not be submitted because of the bond refinancing.

Mayor Brown stated that the Budget would be scheduled for adoption on July 1, 1998.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Following the Executive session, no action was taken.

OTHER CITY BUSINESS

Roosevelt Harris, Interim City Manager stated that he is currently working on connecting sewer service to residents on the north end of the City.

Commissioner Jennings reported that citizens are walking at the City Recreation Park track and when it rains the road is very messy. Commissioner Jennings requested that the City bid out the paving of the road next to the walking track at the City Recreation Park.

Commissioner Davis reported that a Beauty Shop opened in Windsor and no one is currently living at the resident and the shop is in the home. Roosevelt Harris, Interim City Manager stated that he was told that someone is living in the house. The Building Inspector toured the resident and saw evidence that someone is living in that house.

Commissioner Williams questioned whether the City named the street near

Community Action Authority Building. The City Manager stated that he would have the information at the next meeting.

Commissioner Williams requested information on the Drainage system in College Park at the next meeting.

Commissioner Williams reported that a Town Hall Meeting would be held on Tuesday June 23, 1998, 7:00 P.M., at Risley Middle School Cafeteria. He requested that the Director of Water and Wastewater be present at the meeting.

Commissioner Jennings suggested that all residents walking dogs at the City Recreation track should be on a lease. He stated that dogs who is not on a lease should be taken to the dog pound. The City Manager stated that this is an enforcement job for the Animal Control Officer.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that Coastal Area is moving out of the building and 1000 Youth March Organization is interested in moving into the building. Commissioner Lawrence recommended that the 1000 Youth March Organization speak with Mr. McGlamory at the Housing Authority about using the building.

Mayor Brown told the Commission that he used a poor choice of words during an interview, and apologized for the comments he made. Mayor Brown asked the Commission to accept his apology.

Mayor Brown stated that the Public Hearing on the Construction of a third fire station was very good.

Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

/s/Bradford S. Brown
Mayor

Attest: /s/Georgia E. Marion
City Clerk