

**OFFICIAL MINUTES  
COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA  
REGULAR MEETING  
8:30 A.M., AUGUST 5, 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.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Davis moved and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 15, 1998. The motion carried.

**REQUEST TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING**

The City Manager requested to hold a Public Hearing to update citizens on House Bill 489. The City Manager stated that the purpose of the Public Hearing is to provide citizens with information on House Bill 489. He stated that the Public Hearing will be scheduled next week.

**DELEGATIONS**

Ken Plyman, resident of the City appeared before the Commission to discuss cleaning up areas in the City of Brunswick. Mr. Plyman submitted pictures to the Commission of neglected areas in the City. He requested that city employees empty and replace garbage bags in the litter barrels in the City of Brunswick.

Mr. Plyman pointed out that he cleaned areas in the City of Brunswick when he served as a Commissioner. Mr. Plyman told the Commission that he constructed the building at Palmetto Cemetery and had keys to the building. He stated that he used City equipment to cut the City's equipment. Mr. Plyman stated that Community Service workers have not been working and something needs to be done.

Commissioner Plyman requested the use of the City's lawn mower to finish cutting the City's right of way.

Mayor Brown told Mr. Plyman that he appreciated the volunteer work; however insurance problems, liability problems and damage to the City's equipment requires City employees only to use City equipment.

Mr. Plyman next requested that the City hire him for \$1.00 per year to work for the City.

Commissioner Williams stated that there is not a person who sits on the Commission Board who does not want citizens to clean up the City. He does not want citizens to clean up the City. He further stated that it is the Commissioner's duty to protect the City's liability and property. Commissioner Williams pointed out that the City can be held liable if citizens have keys and access to the City's equipment.

Commissioner Williams told Mr. Plyman that he has done a tremendous job in keeping the City clean. He stated that he appreciated Mr. Plyman's help and his loyalty. He told Mr. Plyman that he could not put citizens in harms way. Commissioner Williams pointed out that citizens have had the use of the City equipment for Community clean up in the City.

Commissioner Williams asked Mr. Plyman to call the Director of Public Works and give him a list of the areas that needs attention.

Mr. Plyman stated that he will return the keys that the City gave to him. He stated that he did return the Lowe's credit card and the City's radio.

Commissioner Jennings commended Mr. Plyman for doing a great job. Commissioner Jennings pointed out that he noticed a ditch on First Avenue that the City cleaned. He commended the new City Manager for cleaning the ditch and this was his eighth day.

The City Attorney stated that the things that concern him about the use of City equipment by a non-City employee is the potential or danger. He stated that he had cases in the past about injury to the person using the equipment and the insurance may not be able to cover that person. He stated that there are lawsuits everyday.

Commissioner Lawrence pointed out that the Director of Public Works must have knowledge of all equipment and the use of it by citizens.

Edward Windell, II stated that he lived at 818 Wolfe Street and have been a resident of the City since the 70's. He stated that Ken Plyman stated the Wrecker service in the City.

Mayor Brown explained to Mr. Windell that he was speaking about the clean up efforts in the City. Mayor Brown stated that the Agenda must be followed.

Arnold Wood resident of 808 Third Avenue stated that the City must stop using the lanes for Garbage Trucks. Mayor Brown stated that the City Manager stated that the alleys will be clean, but have not worked out a clean up schedule.

Commissioner Jennings explained how garbage is picked up. He stated that citizens who live in a resident facing the alley may place their garbage in the alley for pick up. Citizens that live in houses that face streets must place their garbage on the curb in front of their house.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that some properties face the alley and therefore garbage must be picked up from the alley in front of their house.

Commissioner Jennings stated that aging or handicapped citizens must call the City Manager to request aid in moving their garbage cans to the curb.

Mr. Wood requested that the City place an article in the News concerning aid to citizens with disabilities. Commissioner Lawrence stated that the City has advertised this before and the City will have it printed again.

## **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE RENEWALS**

The following 1998 alcoholic beverage license renewals were submitted and approved by the City Manager and Chief of Police. Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion granting the following license renewals:

To retail alcoholic beverages including beer and wine for consumption off premises:

Bobbie E. Lee at Dixville Package Store, 1509 ½ Lee Street;

To retail alcoholic beverages including beer and wine for consumption on premises:

Edwin K. Wyllie at Trinton #622, 3879 Altama Avenue;

Mary S. Harden at Friendly Express # 44, 1008 Bay Street;

Mary S. Harden at Friendly Express # 54, 2401 Gloucester Street;

Mary S. Harden at Friendly Express # 59, 1409 Gloucester Street;

Mary S. Harden at Friendly Express # 60 2722 Norwich Street;

## **CEMETERY DEED**

Petition received from Roy A. Soper to return for resale Section No. C-6, Lot No. 4 in Palmetto Cemetery. Original deed lost, but City records verify ownership. Commissioner Williams moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion granting the petition. The motion carried.

Mayor Brown announced that this is the City Manager's first official meeting and he has done a great job.

The City Manager thanked the Commission for appointing him to the position of City Manager. He told the Commissioner that the City of Brunswick was second to none and there are areas in the City that needs improvement.

Commissioner Jennings stated that the Commissioner chose a fine man to move the City forward, pointing out that the City Manager works on Saturday.

## **CITY MANAGER'S ITEM**

The City Manager submitted pictures of the damaged South End of the City Dock at Mary Ross Waterfront Park. He requested that the Commission consider closing the South End portion of the dock to access the damage and to prevent damage to boats.

Commissioner Jennings questioned whether the City's insurance will take care of the damage.

The City Manager stated that the cause of damage must be determined and research done before submitting a claim.

Mayor Brown pointed out that most of the damage appears to be natural deterioration and may not be covered by insurance.

The City Attorney stated that a rate change for the City Dock is currently being researched and problems need to be addressed before an Ordinance is adopted to change the docking fees.

Deputy Marshall Dickerson was present to answer questions concerning boats docked at the City Dock.

Commissioner Williams stated that pilings are deteriorated and at low tide the boats are damaged. Commissioner Williams recommended that the City does not increase fees until work can be done.

Commissioner Jennings moved and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion authorizing of the City Dock for ninety days. The motion carried.

The City Manager reported that he will interview for a Human Resource position next week. He pointed out that fifteen people appeared for the position.

The City Manager reported that he reported that he met with several Department Heads to discuss the Water Rate study. He stated that he did not feel comfortable with the figures. He requested for additional time to present the Water Rate Study. He stated that the figures would be present at the next meeting.

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The City Manager reported that he received information concerning a fire that damaged City's Vac-Con Truck. He stated that the Vac-Con Truck was in operation when the fire started and no one was injured.

Commissioner Jennings suggested that the City speak with company they purchased the Vac-Con Truck from.

The City Manager reported that the Auto Fuel Management System will be in operation soon. The process for switching to the new system will be gradual. He pointed out that the underground gas storage tanks will be out of the ground by November, 1998.

Ferman Ricks requested that the City grant a three-year contract for probation services. He stated that the first contract was for three years and last year a one-year contract was granted.

Commissioner Jennings moved and Commissioner Williams seconded the motion granting a three-year contract to probation services. The motion carried.

The City Manager reported that the notice to proceed on South End project was given. Martin Luther King, Jr., BLVD Phase II project is in process and the paper work will be completed.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

/s/ Bradford S. Brown  
Mayor

Attest: /s/ Georgia E. Marion  
City Clerk