

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P. M., JANUARY 20, 1999**

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

INVOCATION: Commissioner Harold E. Jennings gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Mayor, Commissioners and everyone recited the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner Williams seconded the motion approving the minutes of the meeting of January 6, 1999. The motion carried.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE RENEWALS

The following 1999 alcoholic beverage license renewals were submitted and approved by the Chief of Police and the City Manager. Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion approving the following renewals:

To retail liquor including beer and wine for consumption on premises:

John Vara, O'Henry's
211 Monck Street;

To retail beer and wine for consumption on premises:

Gene M. Chow, New China Restaurant
3302 Glynn Avenue.

SPUR 25 BEAUTIFICATION

Marsha Smith representing the Spur 25 Beautification and Bike Path Project requested that the City and County file a joint application to the Department of Transportation for ISTEAs monies to install a bike path and landscaping along Spur 25 between Exit 8 and Highway 17. The Total cost of the project is approximately \$70,000.00 with 80% to be financed by DOT ISTEAs program. The City of Brunswick, Glynn County and business were asked to contribute to the project. The City and County contribution was estimated at \$30,000.00 from each governmental body.

Commissioner Jennings stated that he would like to pay upon the City's representation. Citizens in the City of Brunswick will not be able to ride on bike paths in the County.

Commissioner Jennings moved and Commissioner Williams seconded the motion to adopt a Resolution to participate in the project and the City's participation being within their linear feet. The motion carried.

STREET NAME CHANGE

Michael Downy representing King & Prince Seafood Corporation stated the Corporation is celebrating their 50th year. Mr. Downy requested that Lanier Boulevard between Albany and Union Streets be changed to King & Prince Boulevard.

Commissioner Davis moved and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion approving the name change of Albany and Union Streets to King & Prince Boulevard.

Mayor Brown stated that he was against street name changes.

On call for the vote the motion carried by 4 to 0. Mayor Brown abstaining.

COMPUTER HARDWARE

The following bids were received for computer hardware and computer software for the Police Department:

| <u>Vendor</u> | | <u>Total</u> |
|----------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Integrated Education | Computer Software | \$67,770.50 |
| Vision Software | Computer Software | 94,995.00 |

| <u>Vendor</u> | | <u>Total</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| The PC Store | Computer Hardware | \$36,444.80 |
| Gateway | Computer Hardware | 37,858.00 |
| Pizzazz Computers | Computer Hardware | 41,214.76 |

Police Chief Cowan recommended that the City accept the lowest bid.

Commissioner Jennings questioned the way the City accepts bids. Chief Cowan stated sealed bids are submitted to the Purchasing Director and they are opened in the presence of the Chief of Police and staff.

Commissioner Lawrence questioned whether the new system would be upgraded soon. It was stated that the system would not have to be upgraded until the software programs change.

Commissioner Jennings asked if the Computer system would be ready for the 2000. It was stated that the new system is ready for the year 2000.

Commissioner Jennings questioned when the City computers would be Y2K compliant. The City Manager stated that he would make sure that the City is compliant, but he could not give a specific date.

Commissioner Jennings moved and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion to accept the low bid of the PC Store for computer hardware in the amount of \$36,444.80 and the low bid of Integrated Education in the amount of \$67,770.50 for computer software. The motion carried.

MONTHLY REPORTS

The following reports for the month of December were submitted and were ordered filed as information:

- 1) General Fund
- 2) Water and Wastewater
- 3) Community Development
- 4) Municipal Court

Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion to accept the reports. The motion carried.

CITY MANAGER ITEMS

The City Manager discussed the recommendation of HB489 to merge the Recreation Departments. This was for information only.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that the Commission requested that the Recreation Director's position be advertised. The City Manager stated that the position is being advertised in-house.

The City Manager reported that he attended BATS meeting and was concerned about the Martin Luther King project. He pointed out that the plans included another retention pond on MLK and the City already has a pond. He stated that the widening of Fourth Street was discussed and a letter requesting the City to sign off on the utility right-of-way was mentioned. These funds are still in the Department of Transportation's Budget. The City Manager suggested that the City begin dialog with DOT to keep money in the budget. This was for information only.

The City Manager reported that the Northend Brunswick Fire Station is almost completed and the cost to date is \$50,000. The proposed amount for the construction of the Fire Station was \$110,000.00.

Commissioner Williams questioned repairing of the drainage ditch in College Park. The City Manager stated that he received a grant for the drainage in College Park and suggested using funds for another project.

Commissioner Jennings questioned whether it was legal for the Commission to change the list of SPLOST projects. The City Attorney stated that he would have to check and make sure that moving away from the SPLOST list will not cause a problem.

The City Manager recommended holding a Public Hearing to create new SPLOST projects.

The City Manager apologized for not inviting Commissioner Williams to the Liberty Ship Committee meeting. He reported a good meeting and the City will be ready to relocate the Liberty ship in April or May.

Commissioner Jennings questioned when the City Engineer would retire. The City Manager stated at the end of the year. Commissioner Jennings instructed the City Manager to advertise the City Engineer's position again. He suggested that the City Manager advertise at Technical Schools for potential employees.

Commissioner Davis questioned whether a No Parking Overnight sign was placed in Overlook Park. She reported that a vehicle was parked at Overlook Park for three nights.

Commissioner Davis requested that Committees that are appointed by the Commission give a report.

Commissioner Williams stated the City is making progress on cleaning streets. He instructed the City Manager to let employees know that the Commission noticed their work.

Commissioner Lawrence brought up for discussion the adoption of a Drug Free Work Place policy in the City of Brunswick. He stated that the Drug Free Work Place policy should be enforced and make sure that City Hall is Drug free. He pointed out that every employee should take a drug test.

Commissioner Williams stated that drug screening is administered to all new potential new employees and most agencies require this screening to protect workers.

The City Manager stated that he was not aware of the Drug Free Work Place Policy.

Commissioner Jennings stated that the City of Brunswick should follow industry and other governments and administer a drug test to everyone to see if anyone has a problem.

The City Attorney pointed out that there are already rules against using drugs in the Work Place. The City may follow the Industry rules. When testing employees there is a U. S. Constitutional Law. The City may test Safety sensitive departments such as Police, Fire and Heavy Equipment Operators. He further stated that the City of Brunswick could be held liable. The City may follow through with and have a program to put the Drug Free Policy into effect.

Commissioner Lawrence suggested finding grants for construction of sidewalks to eliminate children from walking in the streets. He suggested looking for grants to improve the playground in College Park. Commissioner Lawrence stated that he would like to go on record requesting that the City of Brunswick look for grants to help improve the beautification of this City.

The City Manager reported that the City has \$150,000.00 for playground equipment and the City also has funds for construction of sidewalks.

Commissioner Jennings reported that State Representative Rev. E. C. Tillman helped with funds for Dixville Park. He suggested that the City ask State Representative Rev. E. C. Tillman and Senator Ed Boshears to help get funds to refurbish the City docks.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that Senator Kemp will have some money available for parks.

Commissioner Williams questioned why the City does not have a drug dog. Commissioner Davis stated that the City did have a drug dog, but he retired. Commissioner Lawrence stated that Sgt. Holmes, the person who handled the drug dog, got promoted to another position.

Mayor Brown suggested that the Chief of Police come to a meeting to discuss the situation concerning the drug dog.

Mayor Brown announced that the Trolley Tour will begin at 3:30 at Old City Hall.

The City Manager announced that Georgia Municipal Association Mayor's Day will begin on Saturday January 23, 1999.

Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Rev. Zack Lyde asked the Commission to allow him to speak. Rev. Lyde stated that Commissioner Lawrence is putting into place a program to help persons who are burned out. He asked that Commissioner Lawrence continue working on the program.

The City Manager stated that he is looking into a fund to help victims of house fires.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that he would like to speak with the Executive Director of the Housing Authority Mr. McGlamory about temporary housing for fire victims.

The City Manager pointed out that recaptured funds can be used to assist fire victims.

The meeting was adjourned by the Commission standing.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

/s/ Bradford S. Brown
Mayor

Attest: /s/ Georgia E. Marion
City Clerk