

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA
REGULAR MEETING
8:30 A.M., MARCH 3, 1999**

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 Harold E. Jennings

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Davis moved and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion approving the minutes of the meeting of February 17, 1999. The motion carried.

RECOGNITIONS

Mayor Brown presented a Proclamation to Jim Weidhas, Chairman of the American Red Cross proclaiming the month of March as National Red Cross Month.

REZONING – PUBLIC HEARING

This being the date, time and place for Public Hearing to rezone R-9 one Family Residential to LM, Limited Medical Zone on Lot 3, Block M, in Goodyear Park Subdivision.

Deborah Taylor, representing Glynn County Community Development Planning and Zoning recommended approval of the proposed rezoning: She stated that the request is to rezone a lot fronting 100 feet on the west side of Heron Street between East Park Avenue and Kemble Avenue. She pointed out that all lots on Heron Street have been zoned and utilized for medical use. The owner is seeking to rezone the property to enable him to sell the property to be used as a medical office.

Commissioner Jennings questioned the date a public hearing will be held to re-evaluate the property surrounding the hospital. Commissioner Lawrence pointed out that the City has been asked to hold a public hearing since 1997.

The City Manager stated that the City has not been able to hold a public hearing, but he did meet with Chuck Taylor to discuss the issue. The City Manager pointed out that the City would like to hold a Public Hearing at Coastal Georgia Community College Conference Center.

Commissioner Lawrence recommended that the City stop rezoning property near the hospital until a Public Hearing is held.

It met the consensus of the Commission to take the proposed re-zoning under advisement and make a decision at the next meeting.

Commissioner Williams asked Mrs. Bankston if she presently lives in the house. Mrs. Bankston stated that she does not live in the house, it was inherited from her late mother.

Commissioner Willilams asked if the hospital pressured any residents to sell their property. Mrs. Bankston stated they did not.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE RENEWAL

To retail beer and wine for consumption off of premises:

Mary S. Harden, Friendly Express
3319 Glynn Avenue

To retail beer and wine for consumption on premises:

Delores M. Pierce, Brendon's Sport Bar and Grill
1001 Martin Luther King Jr., Blvd.

BID RECOMMENDATION

The following bid was received to purchase a Compact Utility Tractor for the Recreation Department:

VENDOR	COMMENTS	TOTAL
Power South * 3045 Knight Avenue Waycross, GA	Delivery (15) days	\$10,964.00*
Ocmulgee Tractor Co. P.O. Box 177 Hazlehurst, GA		\$12,146.00
Lion Crest, LTD 4458 New Jesup Hwy. Brunswick, GA		\$12,397.97
Burch-Lowe, Inc. 5710 Riverview Rd. Mableton, GA		No Bid

*Recommended Bid

CITY MANAGERS ITEMS

The City Manager reported that Elmo Richardson, representing Tribble and Richardson Engineering was present to discuss drainage problems on Union Street.

Elmo Richardson stated that he visited the area at Howe and Union Street. He reported that the layout of the storm sewer is 48" and there is evidence that the other sewer pipes were not tied in. He recommended that the City hire a company to televise the sewer system to find out what is there. He stated that he does not know a solution to the problem.

Mr. Richardson stated that the cost would be under \$10,000.00 at \$1.50 to \$2.00 per feet.

Commissioner Lawrence pointed out that the City does have a camera that could be used to investigate sewer lines. He stated that the City did update the camera.

Mr. Richardson pointed out that the sewer lines must be flushed out before the camera could be used to investigate the lines.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that the entire City flooding problems should be addressed.

Mr. Richardson pointed out that there is not an easy solution, flap valves should be installed.

Commissioner Davis stated that installing flap valves would be useless because of high tides. Flap valves were placed on the Southend.

Commissioner Williams instructed the City Manager to make sure the ditches are being cleaned as discussed in the last meeting. This should take place while the City is investigating the flooding in the area.

Mayor Brown point out that the City needs to determine first whether the sewer lines are clogged up.

The City Attorney requested to hold an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.

Commissioner Jennings reported that State law would be passed to raise property taxes. The City never raises millage rates. According to the new law, the Tax Assessor will not raise taxes unless a property owner sells the property. The City will have to hold Public Hearings on property taxes. He requested the Director of Finance look into this.

Commissioner Jennings reported that "SLOW CHILDREN PLAYING" signs should be posted in the 400 block of Albany Street, 1100 block of Union Street and the 400 block of Reynolds Street

The Chief of Police stated that he did not object to putting up "SLOW" signs.

Commissioner Jennings suggested placing dummies in police cars to slow down traffic.

The Chief of Police stated that the traffic wagon would be used on Union Street to slow down traffic. A traffic count is being conducted on Union Street

Commissioner Williams expressed his concerns about people who abuse STOP signs in the City. He pointed out that people are not regarding STOP signs, especially on Franklin and Third Street.

The Chief of Police stated that he would look into people abusing STOP signs. The Chief of Police expressed his concerns about the problem on Highway 17. People are running the red light at the intersection of the causeway and Highway 17.

Commissioner Davis recommended that the Police Chief check on persons making U-turns at the intersection of the causeway and Highway 17.

Commissioner Lawrence questioned whether traffic tickets are given to persons having conversations on the streets. Police Officers are involved in these conversations.

Commissioner Lawrence asked if making L Street a one-way street would cause problems on the causeway.

The Chief of Police stated that he was not sure of the solution to the problem.

Commissioner Davis asked that City Manager if anyone had been interviewed for the Recreation Director's position.

The City Manager stated that he interviewed one person and has five people to interview.

The City Manager stated that the Recreation Director's position was advertised without a closing date; however, a closing date has been sent.

Commissioner Lawrence reported that some people are refusing to purchase trash cans from the City whom live on the City/County line. These people are dumping trash into vacant lots. The City Manager was instructed to look into the illegal dumping into the City.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that residents are still having billing problems with their water bills. He pointed out that it would take problems off of the Commission if the City handled the concerns of the citizens. He requested an ad be placed in the newspaper informing citizens that all billing problems will be taken care of by the Water Department.

Mayor Brown announced that the Arbor Day Foundation named the City of Brunswick the Tree City. The Downtown Development Authority will meet Thursday morning at City Hall. The Keep Golden Isles Beautiful Seminar will begin Friday.

A Historic Preservation Public Hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, March 10, 7:00 p.m. at Howard Coffin Park Recreation Building to discuss the proposed ordinance.

Mayor Brown reported that the City should create policies for appointees who serve on City Board by setting a policy of attendance requirements and length of service requirements. He stated that this would be discussed at the next meeting.

Commissioner Lawrence moved and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion to hold an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. The motion carried.

Following the Executive Session, Mayor Brown reported that the Commission was updated on pending litigation by the City Attorney.

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