

**OFFICIAL MINUTES  
COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA  
REGULAR MEETING  
8:30 A. M., JULY 7, 1999**

**PRESENT:** His Honor Mayor Bradford S. Brown, Commissioners, Harold E. Jennings, and Doris A. Davis.

**ABSENT:** Commissioners Roosevelt Lawrence and Commissioner Jonathan Williams.

**ALSO PRESENT:** City Manager, Roosevelt Harris, Jr., City Attorney, M. Lynn Frey, III, City Clerk, Georgia E. Marion and Police Chief T. C. Cowan.

**INVOCATION:** Commissioner Harold E. Jennings gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALEGIANCE:** Recited by everyone in attendance.

**MINUTES**

Commissioner Davis made the motion and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of June 16, 1999 and Called Meeting of June 23, 1999. The motion carried.

**RECOGNITION**

Mayor Brown presented a plaque and a gift to Wayne Bullard, Director of Public Works in recognition of 35 years of dedicated service to the City of Brunswick Public Works Department.

**PROCLAMATION**

Mayor Brown presented a proclamation to Adia Fields the winner of America's Cover Miss Pageant representing Brunswick and the State of Georgia. Mayor Brown proclaimed July 7<sup>th</sup> as Adia Fields Day in the City of Brunswick.

**DELEGATES**

Architect David Newton representing First Bryant Baptist Church, requested JF Mann Way to be made a one-way street. He next requested that the City give First Bryant Baptist Church air rights over the sidewalks and plant area and extend the curb five feet to protect the columns of the church.

Commissioner Jennings suggested that the one-way street proposed change be discussed with the owner of the bus station and the property owner next door to First Bryant Baptist Church.

Mayor Brown pointed out that building something over the public right-of-way is setting a bad precedent. He asked who would be liable.

Mr. Newton explained that this type of construction has been done in Atlanta, Georgia several times.

Commissioner Jennings suggested making JF Mann Way one-way south. Mayor Brown suggested that Dan Vaden Chevrolet be informed about making JF Mann Way a one-way street. Commissioner Jennings recommended that the church bring a letter from Dan Vaden Chevrolet and the Greyhound Bus Company stating that they do not object to changing JF Mann Way to a one-way street.

No action taken.

Mayor Brown instructed the City Attorney to investigate the proposed project.

Bob Ingram, resident of 711 Albany Street, appeared before the Commission to request that a Stop sign be placed at the intersection of Albany Street and Dartmouth Street.

Commissioner Jennings pointed out that Albany Street and First Street already have stop signs. City Police Chief, T. C. Cowan stated that he received many complaints about stop signs all over town. He stated that installing speed bumps have been discussed with the City Manager. The Police Chief recommended that the City cease placing four way stop signs in the City. He suggested that the City adopt guidelines for citizens to follow when requesting a four-way stop sign. He pointed out that patrol officers would enforce the speed limit in all subdivisions. The speed wagon will be placed more often in the residential area on Union Street.

Commissioner Jennings made the motion and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion to table the matter until Police Chief Cowan and the City Manager give guidelines on where stop signs should be placed in the City. The motion carried.

### **APPROVALS**

The City Manager submitted a map showing new cemetery plots at Palmetto Cemetery.

Commissioner Davis made the motion and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion to approve additional cemetery plots in Palmetto Cemetery as presented by staff. The motion carried.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

The following names were submitted for consideration for appointment to the Housing Authority Board: Linda Combs, David Low, Nelson Westbrook and Mildred Clemons. Mayor Brown reappointed Nelson Westbrook for a term of five years and appointed Mildred Clemons as a representative who lives in the Housing projects for a term of five years.

### **CITY MANAGER'S ITEMS**

The City Manager reported that the response from citizens was great concerning the First Annual Report. He stated that copies would be available for citizens to pick up from City Hall.

The City Manager reported that a balanced budget would be submitted to the City Commission with possible increases for City employees. He stated that Personnel Director, Bonnie Dvorak will present salary adjustments to the City Commission.

The City Manager reported that the Director of Water and Wastewater, William Powell requested \$105,000.00 to be used for the Salt Water Intrusion project. The City of Brunswick will be reimbursed under the joint funding agreement. The City is required to pay one-fourth, Glynn County one-fourth, Hercules, Inc. one-fourth and Georgia Pacific one-fourth.

Commissioner Davis made the motion and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion approving \$105,000.00 for the Salt Water Intrusion Project with the City's share being one-fourth under the joint funding agreement. The motion carried.

The City Manager gave an update of SPLOST projects.

### **MAYOR AND COMMISSIONER'S ITEMS**

Mayor Brown reported that a palm tree died on Gloucester Street east of Bay Street, he requested that the City remove the tree. He next reported that the City had a good Fourth of July Celebration and many people attended.

Commissioner Davis reported that she received complaints from citizens in Magnolia Park concerning snakes on their porches and in their yards. She reported that ditches in Magnolia Park are full of mosquitoes and needs cleaning.

She reported that citizens are complaining about the neglect of Oak Grove Cemetery.

Commissioner Davis reported in the 1300 block of Sycamore Avenue a cut out was made in the street and it has not been repaired.

The City Manager stated that a crew from Public Works will take care of the cemetery and Parks and Recreation will go out and clean the ditches. The City Manager stated that the Director of Water and Wastewater would have to schedule many street repairs and make sure they are done at the same time.

### **CITY ATTORNEY'S ITEM**

The City Attorney reported that delinquent tax notices have been mailed out and recording of executions and notice of sale must be filed.

Commissioner Davis moved and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion authorizing staff to proceed filing executions with the Superior Court Clerk for the City's tax sale. The motion carried.

### **CITY CLERK'S ITEMS**

Petition received from Myra J. Adams to return for resale Lot 92-A, Spaces A, B, C, and D in Palmetto Cemetery Catholic Section. Original deed returned. Commissioner Davis made the motion and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion approving the petition. The motion carried.

Redemption requested in the name of (H & D of) Thomas Williams on Dixville Lot 6, W of Gordon between London and Prince Street for the Year 1989. All taxes, interest and costs in the amount of \$67.57 have been paid and account is clear. Commissioner Davis made the motion and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion authorizing the Mayor to execute Redemption deed. The motion carried.

Petition received from Richard H. Taylor as Attorney for Steve Morgan, for Quitclaim deed in favor of his client the present owner to New Town Lots 654 and 655 to clear title record of tax deed for 1980 and 1983 City taxes, which deed was subsequently redeemed but was lost, misplaced or destroyed without being recorded. Commissioner Davis made the motion and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion authorizing the Mayor to execute quitclaim deed. The motion carried.

The City Clerk requested that the Mayor and Commissioners each appoint at least four persons to serve on the Complete Count Committee for Census 2000.

**MEETING ADJOURNED.**

/s/ Bradford S. Brown  
Mayor

Attest: /s/ Georgia E. Marion  
City Clerk