

**OFFICIAL MINUTES  
COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA  
REGULAR MEETING  
7:00 P.M., JANUARY 19, 2000**

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

**INVOCATION:** Commissioner Jonathan Williams gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by everyone in attendance.

**MINUTES:** Commissioner Williams made the motion and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion approving the minutes of the meeting of January 5, 2000. The motion carried.

**DELEGATIONS:** Dick Newbern, Glynn County Grants Coordinator appeared before the Commission to discuss the tie in of approximately ten homes into the City of Brunswick's Water System by extending two inch lines from the new eight inch line along Sweet Gum Street northward up both sides of Ash and Magnolia Streets. The line will loop westward down Popular Street into the new 12 inch line that will soon be installed on Habersham Street.

The purpose of this project is to provide public water to at least ten homes that have water well problems. Most of the wells have high counts of sodium and/ or iron, and at least one home has bacteria.

Glynn County plans to apply for \$22,000.00 to the Governor's Discretion Fund for funding assistance to install the water lines.

Dick Newbern requested that the City Commission submit a letter of support and endorsement for the project to Glynn County.

Mayor Brown explained that the total expense will be paid by a grant and the individual households will be responsible for the meter installation and water hook-ups to their homes.

Commissioner Lawrence questioned whether the City and County would bear any costs that exceeds the projected cost of \$22,000.00, Commissioner Williams pointed out that material could go up at any time and he objected to the language.

Glynn County Commissioner Jeff Chapman stated that the water installation project is in his district and felt that the price of the project would not exceed the grant amount of \$22,000.00. Glynn County applied for a grant from the Governor's Discretionary Fund.

Following a lengthy discussion Commissioner Williams made the motion and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion approving a letter of support to Glynn County for the Water Extension Project for Ash and Magnolia Streets, which will

cost \$22,000.00. Grant Funds from the Governor's Discretionary Fund will be used for this project. The motion carried.

**BIDS:** The following bids were received for a walk-in Cooler for the Multipurpose Center:

<b>VENDOR</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
*Georgia Refrigeration, Inc. Brunswick, Georgia	Delivery Aro. (2) weeks	*\$12,510.00
Air Management Systems Baxley, Georgia		\$14,445.00
Beckham Heating and Air Brunswick, Georgia	Description-alternate from specifications	\$16,243.98
Golden Isles Food Equipment Co. Brunswick, Georgia		\$14,725.00 alternate \$17,085.00
Conditioned Air Concepts Brunswick, Georgia		\$13,000.00
Hawk/Richard A. Mills Montgomery, Alabama		\$14,105.02

\*Recommended Bid

The City Manager recommended the low bid of Georgia Refrigeration in the amount of \$12,510.00.

Commissioner Davis made the motion and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion accepting the recommendation of staff the low bid of Georgia Refrigeration in the amount of \$12,510.00. The motion carried.

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE RENEWALS:**

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

Chrystal Clark at CC Beverage Center/Chrystal Lounge, 1411 "L" Street;

Jay Coen at P & J Dakoto's, 4441 Altama Avenue;

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

Bobbie e. Lee at Dixville Package Store, 1502 1/2 London Street;

**To Retail beer and wine for consumption on premises:**

Vinnia M. Copeland, Viv's Place, 1408 Monck Street;

**To retail beer and wine for consumption off premises:**

Helen Copeland at Winn Dixie, 1941 Glynn Avenue;

Yong H. Ignagnia at Five Points Supermarket, 2806 Altama Avenue.

**CITY MANAGER ITEMS:** The City Manager stated that he had an opportunity to look at other buildings in 1998 and they did not have vaults nor adequate parking. He mentioned that the City may have to look many years for a building to relocate in. He stated that he would like to discuss the sites in an Executive Session.

Commissioner Jennings questioned how long did the City know about the renovation and when did a buyer purchase the Barnett Building? He stated that the City should have moved faster. The City Manager stated that the City did not have the money to purchase the Barnett Bank Building.

The City Manager mentioned that a provision in SPLOST funds for relocation could be made.

Commissioner Jennings questioned how much money will SPLOSH pay for relocation. The City Manager stated that he could bring it back in 2 weeks. Commissioner Jennings stated that planning should have gone into this. Commissioner Jennings asked the City Manager if he looked at a lot of buildings in the downtown area.

The City Manager mentioned that the City needed two vaults and vaults in the building were outdated, the City Clerk needs a good vault. The City needs parking and handicap accessibility.

The City Manager stated that the new owners of the Barnett Bank Building would be willing to lease the facility for \$25,000.00 per month with an initial term of 5 years and options to renew for two additional five year periods with adjusted rent at the end of each five year period based on the increasing CPI.

Commissioner Jennings asked if the lease could be scaled back to a three-year lease.

Commissioner Lawrence expressed his concerns about having the funds to relocate. He stated that the City has allowed buildings to get away and the City turn right around and rent the same building that the City could have purchased.

Glynn County Commissioner Jeff Chapman mentioned that the office park building would soon be available. He asked that the City contact the new County Administrator.

Commissioner Jennings asked the City Manager to come up with three options.

The City Manager stated that the City should be prepared to pay more money for wiring and computer set up in other buildings the City might lease.

**MAYOR BROWN'S ITEM:** Mayor Brown stated that the City business license fees is based on businesses gross receipts. He pointed out that the City license fees are declining and Glynn County license fees are based on the number of employees.

Mayor Brown recommended that the City use the same license system as Glynn County. He mentioned that the Old Brunswick Mall and Highway 17 will bring in new businesses. He suggested that the City get some ideas and thoughts on the license process.

Mayor Brown stated that many large businesses have moved out the City and there may have been forty thousand to fifty thousand dollar losses.

The City Attorney stated that the State of Georgia allows the City calculate licenses based on employees. He pointed out that this system would bring in more money.

Commissioner Jennings recommended that the City Attorney, City Manager, and City Clerk work together to put in a new phase for business licenses.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that the City could not compete with the County and need to take a serious look at this.

The City Attorney suggested that the business licenses be placed in separate classes, the City already has this information.

Commissioner Williams stated that the City could not continue to have the same structures used in the past. The City need to compete with cost, and may have to drop percentage fees.

Mayor Brown stated that the Finance Director should be involved in the process. Commissioner Jennings stated that the City Manager, City Attorney and Director of Finance should come up with a recommendation.

Commissioner Jennings made the motion and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion authorizing the City Manager, City Attorney and Director of Finance to come up with a viable recommendation for the business licenses. Commissioner Jennings made an addendum to the motion to include the Director of the Chamber of Commerce, Woody Woodside. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that the City of Brunswick need to do something more than lowering the business license fees. The City needs to look at the whole aspect and take a serious look at business licensing.

The City Manager stated that the City is working on creating a web site.

## **MAYOR PRO-TEM DAVIS'S ITEMS**

### **Board Appointments**

Commissioner Davis questioned who have the authority to appoint members to the City boards. The City Manager stated that the decision should come from the Commission Board.

The City Attorney stated that the Commission needs to look at each particular Board. He stated that no committee has the power to select its own members.

### **New Police Officers**

Commissioner Davis stated that the City of Brunswick have so many new police officers. She recommended that the Chief of Police bring in new officers and introduce them to the Commission.

### **Recognition of Water and Wastewater Employees**

Commissioner Davis stated that the employees for the Water and Wastewater Department should be commended for the job that was done in Windsor Park. The job took two days for the repair of a drainage problem.

The City Manager stated that letters were mailed to Jeff Altman, Supervisor and employees Kenneth Crowder, Lila Hillery, David Knowles, Jamie Leggett and Kenneth Porter thanking them on behalf of Mayor Pro-Tem Davis for a job well done.

### **COMMISSIONER WILLIAM'S ITEM**

#### **Cleaning Area Under and Around Power Lines on City Streets**

Commissioner Williams stated that the areas South of the hospital and beyond the hospital, Kaiser Avenue, Hopkins Avenue, Maple Road, Hunter Street and Willet Street have growth on and around power lines which needs to be cleaned. Commissioner Williams stated that two trashcans are needed near Hercules fence because beer bottles and cans are being thrown in the area.

The City Manager stated that the City is responsible for the City's right of way.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioner Lawrence made the motion and Commissioner Williams seconded the motion to hold an Executive Session to discuss Real Estate and Personnel issues. The motion carried.

Commissioner Lawrence made the motion and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion authorizing the City Manager to label facilities A-F for possible relocation of City Hall and submit potential prices at the next Commission meeting. The motion carried.

Commissioner Lawrence made the motion and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. All voted by standing.

**MEETING ADJOURNED.**

/s/ BRADFORD S. BROWN  
Mayor

Attest: /s/ GEORGIA E. MARION  
City Clerk