

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M., FEBRUARY 16, 2000**

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 Pledge of Allegiance was recited by everyone in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Commissioner Lawrence made the motion and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion approving the minutes of the Called Meeting of January 28, 2000 and the regular scheduled meeting of February 2, 2000. The motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: This being the date, time and place for the second Public Hearing to rezone Town Commons Lot 109 E-38ft of the W- ½ from General Residential District to General Commercial District.

Charles Taylor, representing Glynn County Community Development recommended approval of the proposed rezoning. He discussed parking for the building and listed the following options:

- 1) The back of the building
- 2) Use of additional 7- ½ feet space
- 3) Applicant may request an access easement

Following a discussion of parking options Commissioner Lawrence made the motion and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion granting the rezoning of Town Commons Lot 109 E-38 ft of the W- ½ from General Residential District to General Commercial District. The motion carried.

William McCloud the owner of the property located next to 1503 "L" Street, submitted a letter from Wanda Richardson granting Mr. McCloud permission to park on her property which is a vacant lot.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor Brown nominated three interested citizens to serve on the Brunswick Historic Preservation Board:

- *Liane Brock to replace John Tuten,
- *Anthony Doliviera to replace Joy Craft
- *James Eppings to replace Ernest Stewart

Commissioner Lawrence stated that the Commission Board should have an opportunity to submit names along with the Mayor for appointments on the Brunswick Historic Preservation Board.

The City Attorney confirmed that the Commission could submit names of citizens for consideration for appointment to the Brunswick Historic Preservation Board.

Commissioner Lawrence made the motion and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion to table the Brunswick Historic Preservation Board appointment. The motion carried.

APPROVALS:

Loan Lease Pool agreement with Georgia Municipal Association

The Director of Finance explained the Loan Lease Pool Program Agreement administered by the Georgia Municipal Association. The City Attorney stated that he reviewed the Loan Lease Pool Agreement and it is in order.

Commissioner Jennings recommended that the Director of Finance advise the Public on the Savings to the City because of the Loan Lease Pool Program.

Commissioner Davis made the motion and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion approving the Loan Lease Pool Agreement. The motion carried.

BID RECOMMENDATION: The following bids were received for purchase of F-650 Truck for Water and Wastewater Department:

Vendor	Comments	Total
Dan Vaden Chevrolet Brunswick, GA 31520		\$37,063.27
King Colonial Ford* Brunswick, GA 31520	Immediate Delivery	\$33,670.00*
D&M International Sales Blackshear, GA 31516		\$36,563.32
Kenworth of Savannah Savannah, GA 31401		\$44,565.00

The City Manager recommended the low bid of King's Colonial Ford in the amount of \$33,670.00. Commissioner Davis pointed out that the bid was \$670.00 over budget.

Commissioner Lawrence made the motion and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion to accept the recommendation of staff for the low bid from King's Colonial Ford in the amount of \$33,670.00. The motion carried.

Commissioner Williams stated that he was glad to see local dealers being competitive.

MAYOR BROWN ITEMS:

Glynn County Drug Court

Superior Court Judge Amanda Williams appeared before the Commission to request funding for the Glynn County Drug Court. She explained the function of the Drug Court which has been in operation for a year and a half. Judge Williams asked the City to provide funding for Drug Court in the amount of \$25,000.00 per year for a total of two years beginning in October.

Following a discussion Commissioner Jennings made the motion to support the Drug Program for one year. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams.

Commissioner Williams stated that he would like to see statistics before committing to a two-year funding. The City Manager stated that the funding from the City could only be continued as a grant for two years.

Commissioner Jennings rescinded the motion and Commissioner William's rescinded the seconded.

Commissioner Williams made the motion and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion approving funding of the Drug Court Program for two years at \$25,000.00 per year. The motion carried.

CITY BUSINESS LICENSES:

Mayor Brown stated that the Commission would like an update on status of City Business Licenses.

The Director of Finance stated that the Renewals have not been sent out because of the Computer Conversion. The time frame for finalizing the conversion would be 30 days.

Mayor Brown asked if late fees would be charged for the business licenses. The Director of Finance stated that there would not be any late fees collected on license renewals.

The City Attorney stated that changes in Ordinance should be made for number of employees and reporting revenues.

The Director of Finance recommended that the new ordinance for business license be implemented in the year 2001.

COMMISSIONER JENNINGS ITEMS:

Commissioner Jennings discussed property tax increases and reappraisal of property which would increase the millage rate.

Commissioner Lawrence suggested that the City Attorney provide the Commission with information on the Bill pertaining to the possible increase of property taxes.

The City Attorney stated that he would get a copy of the text of the Bill as it stands now for the Commission to review.

CITY CLERK'S ITEM:

On motion of Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner Davis the following cemetery petitions were unanimously granted:

*Petition from R. D. Platte to return for resale Section Block 103, Spaces 85, 86, and 87 in Palmetto Cemetery. Original deed returned to City Clerk.

*Petition of N. H. Ballard and W. D. Harwell and their successors in Office as Trustees of Ocean Lodge No. 214 F & AM to lot No. 7, Section No. 131 in Palmetto cemetery in lieu of original deed which has been lost, misplaced or destroyed, but City records verify ownership.

CITY MANAGER'S ITEM:

Census 2000 Complete Count Committee

The City Manager stated that the County is requesting to form a joint City/County Census 2000 Complete Count Committee.

Commissioner Davis made the motion and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion authorizing a joint formation of the Census 2000 Complete Count Committee. The motion carried.

Relocation site for City Hall employees during the renovation process

Commissioner Lawrence made the motion and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion to hold an Executive Session to discuss Personnel and Relocation of City Hall. The motion carried.

Following an Executive Session Mayor Brown announced that the Commission has decided to make a decision on which building to move into while City Hall was being renovated. Mayor Brown stated that the location had been narrowed down to two buildings:

*700 Gloucester Street

*1601 Newcastle Street

Commissioner Lawrence made the motion to relocate to 700 Gloucester Street, Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

Mayor Brown asked if there was any discussion. He stated that he would like to have a discussion before a vote is taken to point out some facts and figures for the public. The Mayor stated that the building at 700 Gloucester Street has been offered to the City at \$20,000.00 per month. He stated that no improvements were needed and the City could move into the building immediately. He also stated that the landlord of the building would be responsible for taxes, insurance, and maintenance of the building. The Building located at 1601 Newcastle Street was offered to the City at \$13,069.00 per month, the City would be responsible for improvements of the building in the amount of \$100,000.00, improvements which are figured into a monthly figure or \$13,075.00 per month where landlord would pay for improvements. The City also had the option to purchase the building, for

the amount that he would not disclose. The Mayor stated that the cost of the move to the building located at 700 Gloucester Street would end up costing tax payers \$249,000.00 in additional money for a 3 year period.

On call for the vote Commissioners Davis, Lawrence and Williams voted for the relocation of City Hall to 700 Gloucester Street. Mayor Brown and Commissioner Jennings voted against the relocation to building. The motion carried by vote of 3 to 2.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED.

/s/ Bradford S. Brown

Mayor

Attest: /s/ Georgia E. Marion

City Clerk