

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BRNSWICK, GEORGIA
CALLED MEETING
3:00 P.M., MARCH 22, 2000**

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Harold E. Jennings.

INVOCATION: Commissioner Williams gave the invocation.

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

BID RECOMMENDATION: The following bids were received on Street Sweeper for Public Works:

| Vendor | Comments | Total |
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| Consolidated disposal Systems PO Box 813154 Smyrna, GA 30081 | Bid meets all specifications | *\$99,826.00 |
| Municipal Equipment PO Box 1233 Woodstock, GA 30188 | Bid does not meet specifications, reference attached | \$99,500.00 |
| Amick Equipment Post Office Box 1965 Lexington, SC 29071 | | \$112,175.00 |
| Best Equipment Sales Dothan, AL | | \$113,655.00 |

The City Manager recommended the bid of Consolidated Disposal Systems in the amount of \$99,826.00.

The Public Works Director explained why Municipal Equipment did not meet specifications. They failed to provide specific requests in their bid packet. He stated that Public Works is currently using a Tymco Street Sweeper machine.

Commissioner Lawrence expressed his concerns about the Street Sweeper. He mentioned that the previous Street Sweeper burned.

Commissioner Williams stated that it would be nice to bring in the equipment to show how it operates and this would eliminate a lot of questions and allow the Commission Board to make a better decision.

Commissioner Williams stated that he would like for all Department Heads or Directors to attend Commission meetings so that they may hear complaints from citizens involving certain departments. If citizens have questions they may get an answer because citizens need answers.

The City Manager stated that department Heads will be at the next meeting in April.

Commissioner Lawrence instructed the City Manager to submit a copy of the warranty on the Streetsweeper.

Commissioner Lawrence made the motion and Commissioner Williams seconded the motion accepting the bid of Consolidated Disposal Systems in the amount of \$99,826.00. Commissioner Lawrence requested that the City Manager send a memo with warranty information to the Commission Board. The motion carried.

US 17 Highway Improvement Project

Ellmo Richardson representing Tribble and Richardson stated that the "K" Street tie in with Highway 17 must be a Federal Aide type project. He requested that the City go ahead with a cost estimate and submit it to the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation.

The City Manager pointed out on a map the changes that will be made to Highway 17.

Mayor Brown mentioned that the City will have to submit a check along with a resolution to the Department of Transportation. The City Manager stated that it will be on the next Agenda.

Glynn Payton Building

The City Manager explained how much brick would be used to raze the Glynn Payton Building. He stated that it would cost \$392,950.00 to renovate the building according to Architect John Tuten.

Mayor Brown explained that the Glynn Payton Building came up in a town hall meeting because residents were concerned about activities in the building. He stated that the City own 20 acres of land on Lanier Boulevard and Public Works could be relocated there.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that the land is too choice to place Public Works there. He recalled that the Commission discussed placing exclusive homes in that area.

Mayor Brown stated that Public Works will be placed on the very back side of the lot with the front facing Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. He pointed out that the strap yard is located in that area. The citizens came out and requested that Glynn Payton be removed from that area.

Mayor Brown stated that Industrial Use in a residential area will cause problems with residents.

Commissioner Davis suggested that the City get rid of some of the items that are not in use because it creates an environment for insects.

Commissioner Williams stated that a lot of Cities have Public Works facilities and you do not know it is Public Works. The City Manager stated that Public Works do not have to be an eyesore it can be State of the Art, a beautiful building.

Mayor Brown stated that Public Works is pretty neat and clean, the new Director has cleaned it up and did a good job.

Mayor Brown mentioned that Public Works and Water and Wastewater can be consolidated. Glynn Payton Building is not spacious enough to be used for those departments. The City can use \$300,000.00 to construct a new Public Works building.

Commissioner Lawrence stated if the City continues to pay fifteen hundred dollars a month for lease of property on Bay Street every three years that will be well over \$300,000.00.

The President of the Brunswick Historic Preservation Committee stated that a lot of wonderful things is going on and he encouraged people to continue to move in the downtown area. He stated that the Glynn Payton Building is not appropriate for a Public Works facility. He suggested that the building be demolished. He requested that the City expand Kaiser Park and tear down the building to expand the park to show residents that the City care.

Mayor Brown stated that the City will not be leasing the building on Bay Street for 11 years. The City will construct a new Public Works Complex in about three years.

Commissioner Lawrence recalled that the City was offered an opportunity to purchase the B & W plant and the City turned down the offer. He pointed out that it would have been choice land. He mentioned that the past Commission Board turned down too many opportunities and let everything pass them by.

Mayor Brown pointed out that the Public Works Facility will be a good buffer for the strap yard and homes can be built on the other side.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that the City needs more middle income housing and the City cannot continue to place more low income housing in the City.

Commissioner Williams asked that the City look at all areas of saving the Glynn Payton Building. Some organization may have an idea for use of the building.

CITY HALL COMPLEX- RELOCATION SITE FOR CITY HALL EMPLOYEES

The City Manager stated that operation at the City Hall will begin on April 3, 2000 at the Barnett Bank Building.

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