

OFFICIAL MINUTES
COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BRNSWICK, GEORGIA
REGULAR MEETING
8:30 A.M., MAY 03, 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Commissioner Davis made the motion and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion approving the minutes of the meeting of April 19, 2000. The motion carried.

RECOGNITIONS: Mayor Brown presented a proclamation to Marsha Smith designating June 19th through July 28th, 2000 as Super WOW Community Outreach in the City of Brunswick and Glynn County.

Mayor Brown presented a proclamation to Tiki Lloyd proclaiming May 4, 2000 as National Day of Prayer in the City of Brunswick. Mrs. Lloyd invited everyone to attend the ceremony on Thursday, May 4, 2000 at 12:00 p.m. at City Hall.

DELEGATIONS: Betty Howard representing Barty Howard, III was present to discuss opening a teen baby center at 3014 Wolfe Street. Mrs. Howard stated that the teen baby center would help teenagers stay in school to prevent a second pregnancy. A second chance to stay in school will motivate teens. The Teen Center will provide babysitting services and counseling. Mrs. Howard presented pamphlets about the teen baby program to the Commission.

Mrs. Howard requested that the City grant a wavier or rezoning of property located at 3014 Wolfe Street because the zoning is currently R6 one family residential district.

The City Attorney stated that this is a rezoning issue and should be presented to Glynn County Community Development Department. The application for rezoning will be presented and the City Commission will make a decision concerning the rezoning.

Mayor Brown stated that the Crisis Pregnancy Center and Teen Baby Center should be working hand in hand. He suggested that Mrs. Howard speak with the Crisis Pregnancy Center about their services.

Mrs. Howard stated that the Crisis Pregnancy Center deals with rape and it is not a facility for teenage mothers. Most teenage mothers in Glynn County are sent to Chatham County and Long County.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that two Public Hearings will be held for the proposed rezoning.

Commissioner Williams suggested that the City Manager work with Mrs. Howard to make sure everything is done by procedure.

GLYNN PEYTON BUILDING: The City Manager reported that a survey was conducted on the Glynn Peyton Building by John Tuten and Associates for space needs assessment and renovation. Renovation would cost \$45 to \$65 per square foot, based on approximate square footage of 6,030 square feet. The cost would be between \$271,350.00 and \$331,650.00.

A new building utilizing light storage with two or three administrative offices could be constructed for approximately \$55 to \$65 a square foot based on a 6,030 square feet building. The price range of a new facility would be between \$331,650.00 and \$391,950.00 with only minor site improvements for both estimates.

The City Manager stated that the Public Works Director estimated roof repairs at \$100,000.00. He pointed out that the building is in bad shape. He recommended razing the building for the cost of \$11,000.00.

Commissioner Lawrence recalled that the County did not have to pay that amount to put another roof on the Harold Pate Building.

The City Manager pointed out that other work has to be done in order to repair the roof. He stated that the cost was just an estimate from the Public Works Director.

Commissioner Davis asked what kind of roof is already on the Glynn Peyton Building? The City Manger stated that it is just a roof.

Mayor Brown stated that he received three letters from individuals who want the building removed because of activities by young people.

Mayor Brown stated that the Commission has to decide what to do with the Glynn Peyton Building.

Commissioner Williams stated that the Commission must look at a lot of things, the cost to get the building ready for use at \$391,000.00. Remove the building and expand the park.

Commissioner Davis mentioned that the City can not use that kind of money to repair the building.

Commissioner Lawrence recommended getting a survey on renovating the Glynn Peyton Building with the right type of roof. The Commission should have everything up front to decide on what avenue to take.

Commissioner Williams stated that he agreed with Commissioner Lawrence to eliminate all speculations and get a professional to look at the Glynn Peyton Building to get a cost estimate.

The City Manager recommended asking Doug Neal to get a cost estimate on how much it will cost to repair the roof and the entire building.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that it wasn't necessary to do a cost estimate for repairs because the Commission wants to raze the building.

Elise Permar asked if the Commission would consider selling the Glynn Peyton Building. Mayor Brown stated that the Commission would like to tear down the building to expand the park.

Commissioner Davis made the motion and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion to raze the Glynn Peyton Building as soon as possible. The motion carried.

CITY ATTORNEY'S ITEM: Closing alley between Macon Avenue and Glynn Avenue and deed property to owner with easement rights.

The City Attorney reported that citizens approached him concerning closing off the alley between Macon Avenue and Glynn Avenue. He stated that the two ends of the alley are paved and there is no access to the drive through. That portion of the alley may have sewer pipes, but not water pipes, which are owned by the City of Brunswick. The City Attorney questioned whether the City was aware of the sewer pipes. He told the Commission that the owners of the property will appear as a delegation to ask that the alley be closed off. The City Attorney suggested that the Commission sell the adjoining portion to residents and reserve utility easement rights for access purposes on this property.

Commissioner Lawrence recommended that the City conduct a survey to find out what kind of pipes are installed in the fifteen feet alley.

Mayor Brown requested that the City get a map of the area showing the type of lines that are installed in the alley.

CITY CLERK'S ITEM: Petition received from Jesse W. Stepp for deed to Section Block 104, Lot Spaces 82 through 89 in Palmetto Cemetery. Original deed lost, but City records verify ownership. Commissioner Lawrence made the motion and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion granting the cemetery petition. The motion carried.

MAYOR BROWN ITEM:

Appointment to Housing Authority Board

Mayor Brown appointed Meme Hulsey to serve the unexpired term of Tony Doliveira on the Brunswick Housing Authority Board.

MAYOR PRO-TEM DAVIS ITEM:

Upkeep of City Vehicles and Equipment.

Mayor Pro-Tem Davis asked who is responsible for the upkeep of City Vehicles and Equipment? The City Manager stated that the Public Works Department does not have a plan for the upkeep of City vehicles and equipment. He stated that the Police Department has a plan for the upkeep of their vehicles.

Mayor Brown recommended that City employees sign equipment out and back in to their departments.

Commissioner Lawrence recalled that the City did have a plan for vehicles and equipment, but he did not know how long the plan was in force.

The City Manager stated that the Public Works Director will prepare a plan and put it in place for the use of vehicles and equipment.

Re-visit the PPO Plan.

The Human Resources Director explained that City Employees must pay their bill up front when they visit a doctor within the network.

Commissioner Lawrence asked if the City had lower premiums and what the employees had to gain?

The Human Resources Director stated that employees receive a discount on services and this will lower the premiums for the City. The City currently pay \$100.00 for medical care for each employee and employees with dependants pay \$130.00.

Commissioner Lawrence questioned why employees with dependants would have to pay \$150.00 if they go to their doctor which would be \$130.00 per month for insurance and \$20.00 for a co-payment.

The Human Resources Director pointed out that a visit to the doctor would cost City employees the full price of a doctor's visit instead of a co-payment of \$20.00.

Commissioner Williams stated that it is an advantage if all the City employees need is \$20.00 and a bill of \$600.00 would be paid by paying only \$20.00.

The Human Resources Director stated that the City is now with a group of physicians that employees are required to use for medical treatment.

COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS'S ITEM:

Naming Street along Coastal Georgia Community Action building located at 2801 Fourth Street.

Commissioner Williams recommended naming the street along Coastal Georgia Community Action building located at 2801 Fourth Street Community Action Drive.

Commissioner Williams invited Leonard Dawson to speak about the Coastal Georgia Community Action Authority.

Mr. Dawson stated that Coastal Georgia Community Action Authority is located off of Fourth Street by the Glynn County Stadium. The Street has no name and a request was made to name the street Community Action Drive. Coastal Georgia Community Action Authority is the largest human service organization that is not a State or Federal Agency. Coastal Georgia offers twenty different services, Mr. Dawson served as the Director of Coastal Community Action Authority for thirty years. They provide all Head Start services from Tatnall County to Glynn County. They provide weatherization programs to citizens and contract with the City and County.

Mr. Dawson requested that the City name the street Community Action Drive on behalf of all citizens and the Board of Directors of Coastal Georgia Community Action Authority. Mr. Dawson stated that Community Action Week will be celebrated in May.

Commissioner Williams made the motion and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion naming two blocks located at 2801 Fourth Street Community Action Drive. The motion carried.

COMMISSIONER LAWRENCE ITEM:

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Lawrence stated that he would like to discuss a Personnel Issue in an Executive session.

Commissioner Lawrence made the motion and Commissioner Williams seconded the motion to hold an Executive Session to discuss a Personnel Issue. The motion carried.

Following the Executive Session, Commissioner Williams made the motion and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion adjourning the meeting. The motion carried by all standing.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

/s/ Bradford S. Brown
Mayor

Attest: /s/ Georgia E. Marion
City Clerk