

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BRNSWICK, GEORGIA
REGULAR MEETING
8:30 A.M., JULY 05, 2000**

PRESENT: His Honor Bradford S. Brown, Harold E. Jennings, Jonathan Williams, and Doris A. Davis.

ABSENT: Commissioner Roosevelt Lawrence.

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 Davis made the motion and Commissioner Williams seconded the motion approving the minutes of the meeting of June 20, 2000 and the Called meeting of June 29, 2000. The motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARING: The Director of Finance submitted the Fiscal year 2000 – 2001 Budget he stated that a Public hearing was advertised for comments from citizens concerning this Budget.

Mayor Brown asked if there were any comments concerning the Budget.

Commissioner Jennings asked if salary adjustment were included in the Budget. The Director of Finance stated that salary adjustments were included in the Budget.

The Director of Finance stated that the budget must be advertised for seven days. He further stated that the Commission could adopt the Budget at the next meeting.

The City Manager stated that the salary adjustments will be effective the first pay period in August and this will save the City about \$60,000.00.

Commissioner Davis made the motion and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion to advertise the Fiscal year 2000-2001 Budget for adoption. The motion carried.

Bill Tipton, Executive Director of the Visitor's Bureau was present to request permission to place a temporary portable office trailer behind the Chamber of Commerce building.

Commissioner Jennings made the motion and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion granting permission to place an office trailer behind the Chamber of Commerce building for two to three months for the Visitor's Bureau.

Mayor Brown expressed his concerns about the Visitor's Bureau not including advertisements of the Downtown area along with other advertisements in Brunswick. Mayor Brown pointed out that there is no coordination between the Downtown Development Authority and the Visitor's Bureau.

Commissioner Williams stated that the Visitor's Bureau should advertise attractions in Brunswick.

Mr. Tipton stated that the Visitor's Bureau submit advertisements for the Emerald Princess and other events that occur in the City of Brunswick.

On call for the vote the motion passed.

APPROVAL AUDIT RECOMMENDATION: The Director of Finance stated that the City advertised in the local paper and Savannah paper for companies who were interested in bidding on the City's annual audit. He stated that he received one bid from Moore, Stephens and Tiller, LLC. He recommended that the City accept the three-year contract from Moore, Stephens and Tiller, LLC in the amount of 59,500.00 plus out of pocket costs for the year ending June 30, 2000, \$61,000.00 for the year ending June 30, 2001 and \$63,000.00 for the year ending June 30, 2002.

Commissioner Jennings questioned the out of pocket fees. The Director of Finance stated that the out of pocket fees were for postage and use of a copier. The Director of Finance stated that the City Auditor, Jimmy Bradley would assist the auditors while working at City Hall.

Commissioner Davis made the motion and Commissioner Williams seconded the motion approving the recommendation of staff, Moore, Stephens and Tiller, LLC, in the amount of \$59,500.00 and out of pocket costs for June 30, 2000, \$61,000.00 for June 30, 2001 and \$63,000.00 for June 30, 2002 for the City Audit. The motion passed.

DISCUSSION:

Amendment to the Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance for Consumption on City property.

Mayor Brown stated that this issue came up in the City budget hearing concerning serving alcoholic beverages on City property at weddings and other events.

Commissioner Davis asked Brian Thompson, Mainstreet Director if this issue was for discussion only. Mr. Thompson stated yes.

Mr. Thompson pointed out that an eight-hour rental for the area around Mary Ross Park cost \$125.00 and the entire rental of the Park cost \$300.00.

Mr. Thompson stated that the City receives 20 to 30 calls per year for rental of Mary Ross Waterfront Park.

Commissioner Williams stated that an ordinance should be created to deal with serving alcoholic beverages at functions on City property. He further stated that the Commission should create an ordinance to deal with the issue and be critical on both sides because there will always be people for and against it.

Mayor Brown pointed out that people are drinking at Mary Ross Waterfront Park when the Park is rented. Shrimpers were instructed that they could not be on the City dock with coolers drinking beer.

Mr. Thompson pointed out that South Carolina has adopted rules for consumption of alcoholic beverages and issued strict rules for renting their facilities and they do allow alcoholic beverages to be served on City property.

Mayor Brown stated that the City lost revenues and additional revenues could be gained if the City increased the use of Mary Ross Water Front Park, and this will open the door to greater use of the park. Mayor Brown recommended that Brian Thompson and staff look at other communities that allow alcoholic beverages to be served on City property. Mayor Brown pointed out that the City could rent out the Multipurpose Center for wedding receptions.

Bryan Thompson mentioned that Glynn County rents the area around the St. Simons lighthouse for jazz concerts and other events. Residents bring picnic baskets and enjoy a taste of wine.

CITY ATTORNEY'S ITEMS: The City Attorney stated that the City Dock Ordinance was discussed at the last Commission meeting. The Commission at the last meeting instructed the City Attorney to advertise the City Dock ordinance in the newspaper for adoption.

Commissioner Jennings asked whether the Commission should wait until Commissioner Lawrence was present so that the entire Commission Board would have an opportunity to vote on the adoption of the City Dock ordinance.

Mayor Brown stated that the Commission needs to take care of the adoption of the ordinance and that Commissioner Lawrence was fully aware of what is going on in this meeting.

Commissioner Jennings suggested hiring an assistant for Corporal Dickerson who will be serving as Dock Master.

Mayor Brown stated that the City could discuss an increase on docking fees later. Commissioner Williams stated that the docking fees should be increased whenever the City receives funds to repair the City docks.

The City Manager stated that the City has \$36,000.00 available in funds that can be used right now.

Burton Carter stated that it would cost the City about \$90,000.00 to repair the pilings and take care of some of the damage now.

Commissioner Jennings questioned the use of GFIA funds to repair the City dock.

The City Manager suggested making changes in the current budget and allocate funds to repair the City dock.

Mayor Brown mentioned that the City might have to borrow money to make payments for the City dock repairs.

The City Manager stated that he would bring an updated report at the next Commission meeting.

Commissioner Williams suggested that the City request information from the Core of Engineers on how to get more parking at the City dock and whether the City can construct a facility to accommodate boats.

Commissioner Davis made the motion and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion unanimously adopting the following ordinance:

CITY CLERK'S ITEMS: Petition received to transfer East one-half of Lot No. 33 in the Catholic Section of Palmetto Cemetery from John Machado to Raymond and Diana Santos Schulz. Original deed lost but City records verify ownership.

Commissioner Davis made the motion and Commissioner Williams seconded the motion to grant the cemetery petition. The motion passed.

COMMISSIONER LAWRENCE'S ITEM: Mayor Brown stated that Commissioner Lawrence was absent and he placed this item on the agenda. Mayor Brown stated that Commissioner Lawrence's item can be deferred until the next meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Commissioner Williams made the motion and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion to hold an Executive session to discuss pending litigation. The motion passed.

Following the Executive Session Mayor Brown stated that they talked about pending litigation and last night's incident. The City Manager, City Attorney and Chief of Police will meet to discuss what could be done about the persons involved in the incident that occurred on July 5th.

Commissioner Jennings made the motion and Commissioner Williams seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

/s/ Bradford S. Brown
Mayor

Attest: Georgia E. Marion
City Clerk