

OFFICIAL MINUTES
COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK,
GEORGIA
REGULAR MEETING
8:30 A.M., JANUARY 3, 2001

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.

DISCUSSION: Relocation of Flag Pole at Gloucester Street and
Highway 17.

The City Manager reported that Bell South Pioneers requested that
the flagpole at
Gloucester Street and Highway 17 be moved to a location in an area
that will
continue to be visible to visitors as well as citizens of
Brunswick. Bell South
Pioneers asked that the flagpole be relocated near its present
location at the
entrance of Brunswick.

The City Manager requested permission to speak with Bell South
Pioneers about
finding a location to place the flagpole.

,... Mayor Brown pointed out that a monument was dedicated to the late
Howard

Coffin Park, which is near the flagpole, will have to be
relocated. He suggested

that the City request help for this relocation from the
Department of
Transportation.

Commissioner Jennings made the motion and Commissioner Lawrence
seconded

the motion authorizing the City Manager to meet with Bell South
Pioneers and the

Department of Transportation and submit a whole package on moving
the flagpole

and the Howard Coffin Park monument to a new location along with
the date of the
move. The motion passed.

SANITATION:

The City Manager reported that the City carried trash to Chapman waste for disposal, but the City never signed an agreement.

The Public Works Director recommended that the City accept a one-year proposal from Waste Management for sanitation services.

Commissioner Lawrence made the motion and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion authorizing staff to negotiate a one-year contract with Waste Management for sanitation services. The motion passed.

Commissioner Davis requested that the Director of Public Works submit information on the fees for a half a ton.

CITY MANAGER'S ITEM: Annual Chamber of Commerce meeting
January 8th and 9th 2001.

The City Manager reported that he would attend the annual Chamber of Commerce Dinner schedule on January 8th and 9th 2001.

Joint City/County Meeting scheduled for January 16, 2001.

The City Manager reported that the Joint/City County Meeting has been changed to Tuesday January 16th at City Hall.

Commissioner Williams stated that he would like to have all information concerning the equalization of water rates.

Commissioner Jeunings stated that he would like for the Director of Finance, the Director of Water and Wastewater and staff to gather financial information on the cost of delivery of water and sewer to the County.

CITY CLERK'S ITEMS:

On motion of Commissioner Lawrence seconded by Commissioner Davis the following Cemetery petitions were unanimously granted:

- 1) Transferring Section Block No. 1, spaces 55 and 56 in Palmetto Cemetery from W. H. McSwain to Jeanette Newbern, original deed lost, but City records verify ownership.
- 2) Transferring Catholic Section Lot No. 6 in Palmetto Cemetery from Roberta McNall Griggs to Daniel F. Griggs, original deed lost, but City records verify ownership.
- 3) Transferring Section C-2, S 1/3 of Lot No. 7 (two spaces) in Palmetto Cemetery from Olin Poppell to Betty Poppell Ryfun, original deed surrendered.
- 4) Adding the name of Luccornya Smith Coney to deed of Helen Smith Stiles, Section 78, Lot No. 2 in Greenwood Cemetery, original deed lost, but City records verify ownership.

COMMISSIONER LAWRENCE'S ITEMS:

Citizens Groups

Commissioner Lawrence reported that citizens contacted him concerning complaints about the City's Police Department, Commissioner Lawrence recommended setting up a local review board to handle complaints concerning Police Officers. He suggested that the City Commission appoint five persons to serve on the review board.

Commissioner Lawrence mentioned whenever the Police Department receives a complaint, a Police Officer should listen to the complaint and review all complaints and follow through with an investigation.

Commissioner Williams stated that independent review boards are needed not only in the Police Department, but also in the Water Department. The review boards may review cases and make recommendations and the Commission Board will hear all the complaints. Citizens who serve on the review boards will only investigate complaints and submit their findings to the Commission

Board. He pointed out that the review boards would give citizens a voice;
citizens will only report their findings.

The City Attorney stated that he would look at other communities that have similar review boards and report back to the Commission.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that the City Manager and the City Attorney should research other cities and gather all information concerning review boards.

Commissioner Jenmngs agreed that Commissioner Lawrence has a good idea and stated that he would like to see one person in the City handled grievances.

Mayor Brown pointed out if citizens have grievances it should be handled by the Commission and dealt with on that level.

Solicitation

Commissioner Lawrence inquired as to whether the City has an ordinance against solicitation.

The City Attorney stated that the City does not have an ordinance concerning solicitation. He pointed out that an ordinance could be developed which would apply to church and civic groups.

,,,,, Commissioner Lawrence asked if the City was liable for anyone who gets injured at an intersection soliciting.

The City Attorney pointed out if a fireman is injured while soliciting then he may be eligible for worker's compensation, however the City is not liable for other injuries.

Mayor Brown pointed out that Volunteer Firefighters could get injured soliciting. The City Attorney stated that it has to be determined how the injury occurred and the facts surrounding the injury.

Commissioner Lawrence pointed out that nothing has been done in the form of

an ordinance and it needs to be understood that people are soliciting at their own risk.

Commissioner Jennings recommended sending a memo to all departments outlining the dangers involved in soliciting.

Commissioner Lawrence stated that citizens involved in soliciting should be made aware that the City of Brunswick is not liable for any injuries.

Commissioner Jennings asked if it would be better if the City of Brunswick place a disclaimer in the Brunswick News.

The City Attorney stated that it is not necessary and pointed out that this is a safety issue. The City must deal with the issue and tell the citizens not to go on the street soliciting. The City could educate citizens about the dangers of soliciting.

Commissioner Lawrence stated as long as citizens understood that the City is not responsible for any liabilities.

Commissioner Williams made the motion and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion authorizing staff to make it known to citizens that the City of Brunsw/ck will not be liable for solicitors. The motion passed.

COMMISSIONER'S DAVIS' ITEM:

Executive Session

Commissioner Davis made the motion to hold an Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue and litigation. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Following the Executive Session Mayor Brown announced that the Commission discussed personnel issues and litigation.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED.

Bradford S. Bro~a
Mayor

Attest: Georgia
City