

COMMISSION OFFICIAL MINUTES
OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK,
GEORGIA REGULAR MEETING
8:30 A.M., AUGUST 1, 2001

PRESENT: His Honor Mayor Bradford S. Brown, Commissioners Roosevelt Lawrence, Harold E. Jennings.

ABSENT: Commissioner Doris A. Davis and Jonathan Williams.

INVOCATION: Commissioner Harold E. Jennings gave the invocation.

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

MINUTES: Rescheduled Meeting of July 4 until July 11, 2001 and the Regular Meeting of July 18, 2001.

Commissioner Lawrence made the motion and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion approving the minutes of the rescheduled regular meeting of July 11, 2001, and the regular meeting of July 18, 2001. The motion passed.

APPOINTMENT(S):

- 1) Old City Hall Restoration Committee - Three positions

Commissioner Jennings made the motion and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion appointing James N. Davis, Meredith Hanak and Joseph Shinnick to serve on the Old City Hall Restoration Committee. The motion passed.

DELEGATION(S):

Don McGlamory, Executive Director of the Housing Authority, to present check in lieu of taxes.

Don McGlamory, Executive Director of the Housing Authority submitted a check in the amount of \$28,114.37 in lieu of taxes.

Mr. McGlamory reported that the drug Elimination Grants have been terminated for 2002. He asked the Commission for their support in helping restore the funding by speaking to members of the Senate. Mr. McGlamory stated that the funding kept young people involved for the summer in a recreation program. He pointed out that the funding kept drug problems away from the Housing Authority.

He continued to speak about programs that the Housing Authority offers to residents. He mentioned that the Housing Authority in Brunswick was rated as a High Performance Housing Authority. He thanked the Commission for their support. He also thanked Commissioner Jennings for being involved in programs sponsored by the Housing Authority.

Mayor Brown stated that the Commission would definitely do everything to help put the drug elimination grant back in the Housing Budget.

Commissioner Jennings stated that the Brunswick Housing Authority is the best Housing Authority in the State. He commended Mr. McGlamory and his staff for doing a tremendous job.

Commissioner Lawrence requested that the Housing Authority set up a program to assist persons who have been evicted because their resident was unfit to live in.

APPROVALS:

1. Fiscal Year 2001/2002 Budget.

The Director of Finance presented the fiscal year 2001/2002 budget for approval.

Commissioner Lawrence made the motion and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion approving the fiscal year 2001/2002 budget:

General Fund - 13,587,000.00; Water Wastewater - 9,708,088.00; Community Development- 1,040,492.00; Sanitation- 1,495,163.00. On call for the vote the motion passed.

2. Revisions to the City's Equipment and Vehicle Use Policy, and Employees' Safety and Loss Standards Policy - Bonnie Dvorak, }IR Director.

The Human Resources Director appeared before the Commission to request approval of Equipment and Vehicle Use Policy and Employees Safety and Loss Standards Policy.

Commissioner Lawrence made the motion and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion to defer taking action until the full Commission Board was present. The motion passed.

CITY MANAGERS ITEM (S):

1. Howard Coffin Park Pool update.

The City Manager reported that the City is currently in the process of filling in the pool at Howard Coffin Park. The City Manager mentioned that he would continue to look for funding to construct a new swimming pool. He stated that the City might have a new pool in place by next summer.

Commissioner Jennings stated that he spoke to Representative E. C. Tillman and

Senator Rene' Kemp and hopefully the City will get the State and Federal funding to construct a new classic pool.

CITY CLERK'S ITEM (S):

Commissioner Lawrence made the motion and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion granting the following petitions:

1. Petition received from Winston McLain to transfer Section No. 28, Lot 1, Spaces D & E and Lot 2, Space A, in East Palmetto Cemetery to

Donald A. and Sharon A. West. Original deed lost, but City records verify ownership.

2. Petition received from Rhonda Willis Austin to transfer Catholic Section, Lot 99B, Spaces B & C, in Palmetto Cemetery, to Matthew B. Willis, Original deed returned to City Clerk.

3. Petition received from John A. and Nell R. Tuten to return for resale Section 3A, Lot 1A, Spaces A, B, C and D in Palmetto cemetery.

-" Original Deed returned to City Clerk.

COMMISSIONER JENNINGS' ITEM(S):

Comments on FY 2001/2002 Budget.

Commissioner Jennings commended the City Manager for his leadership and the Director of Finance for his support in completion of the fiscal year 2001/2002 budget. He stated that the City of Brunswick looks good and the staff worked well as a team to submit a balanced budget.

Commissioner Jennings stated that there are three areas that needs looking into:

- 1) Contribution to the Pension fund by all City employees
- 2) Employees contributing to their health insurance
- 3) Reduce large amounts budgeted by departments within the City

Commissioner Jennings stated that employees should contribute to their pension plan. Medical insurance is escalating and the City can no longer pay the cost. He pointed out that in the future the City would have to bite the bullet and reduce large amounts that are budgeted by Department Heads.

Commissioner Jennings stated that the Commission Board is working as team to do everything for citizens in this community.

Commissioner Jennings commended the City Departments for a successful evacuation during the gas leak.

Mayor Brown stated that the City of Brunswick is the only government that did not have financial problems.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

/s/ Bradford S. Brown
Mayor

Attest: /s/Georgia E. Marion
City Clerk