

OFFICIAL MINUTES
COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BRUNSWICK,
GEORGIA
RESCHEDULED REGULAR MEETING
8:30 A.M., OCTOBER 10, 2001

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

INVOCATION: Commissioner Jonathan Williams gave the invocation.

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

MINUTES: Regular meeting of September 19, 2001.

Commissioner Williams made the motion and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion approving the minutes of the meeting of September 19, 2001. The motion passed.

RECOGNITION:

Proclamation to the YWCA in recognition of "Week Without Violence" October 14-20, 2001.

Mayor Brown announced that the presentation of the proclamation have been deferred until the next meeting.

DELEGATION (S):

- 1) Judge William Ligon, Brunswick Municipal Court and Chief T. C. Cowan, Brunswick Police Department, to discuss a Court Solicitor for Municipal Court.

The City Manager recommended that item, III be discussed later in the meeting.

APPROVALS:

1. Mike Norton requesting a business license to operate a Taxi service within the City.

Captain Chris Stewart and Corporal Jimmy Dickerson of the Brunswick Police Department requested that Mike Norton be granted a license to operate a taxicab service.

Commissioner Davis made the motion and Commissioner Jennings seconded the motion granting a business license to Mike Norton to operate a taxicab service.

The motion passed.

2. George Hatchard, owner of an apartment complex at 707 Newcastle

Street, will be requesting permission to change from a single water meter to one large meter to read all apartments.

George Hatchard a builder and professional developer appeared before the Commission to request changing his apartment complex from several single water

meters to one large meter. Mr. Hatchard explained the problems he incurred when trying to change copper pipes to PVC pipes in the six apartments.

Following a discussion Commissioner Williams made a motion and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion to table until the next meeting to allow the City Manager to gather more information. The motion passed.

3. Bonnie Dvorak, HR Director, proposing a modification to the pay plan to include a 5% increase for additional job classifications requiring certification in the Water and Wastewater Department.

Commissioner Davis made a motion and Commissioner Williams seconded the motion approving a five percent increase in the pay plan for certifications in the Water and Wastewater Department. The motion passed.

4. Consider approving cost of Layne Christensen Company to investigate Chloride problem in Perry Park Well.

Elmo Richardson was present to discuss the salt-water intrusion at the Perry Park well site. He recommended that the city use the services of Layne Christensen Company.

Following a discussion Commissioner Lawrence made a motion and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion approving Layne Christensen Company to investigate Chloride problems in Perry Park Well for \$33,136.40. The motion passed

5. Consider accepting right-of-way Deed from North Park Centre, located in the 4700 block of Altama Avenue.

The City Attorney stated that the final right-of-way deed from North Park Centre might be accepted upon the condition that the City Engineer and City Attorney grant approval.

Commissioner Davis made a motion and Commissioner Jermings seconded the motion accepting the final right-of-way deed from North Park Centre upon the approval of the City Engineer and City Attorney. The motion passed.

2) Judge William Ligon, Brunswick Municipal Court and Chief T. C. Cowan, Brunswick Police Department, to discuss a Court Solicitor for Municipal Court.

In the absence of Judge William Ligon and Police Chief T. C. Cowan, the City Manager and City Attorney submitted information listing the names of cities and population who use a solicitor to handle court cases in Municipal Court.
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The City Manager mentioned that the survey listed cities that had a population of 5,000 to 44,000 citizens.

The City Attorney spoke about concerns that related to what a Police Officer can do in a court of law and why he felt the City of Brunswick should have a Solicitor for Municipal Court.

Following a lengthy discussion, Commissioner Williams made a motion and

Commissioner Davis seconded the motion authorizing a solicitor to be hired to

work in the City of Brunswick Municipal Courts under the direction of the City

Manager. On call for the vote the motion passed by 4 to 1.

Commissioner

Lawrence voting No.

CITY MANAGERS ITEM

1. Howard Coffin Park Pool update.

2. SPLOST

The City Manager reported that numerous calls were received from citizens who

stated that they would like to contribute to the funding of the Howard Coffin Park

Pool. He stated that the City is looking at grants, which could be utilized to

continue with the renovation of Howard Coffin Park.

Commissioner Jennings stated that he would like the City Manager to look for

State Funding for the pool.

CITY CLERK'S ITEM (S):

CEMETERY DEEDS

1. Petition received to change name on Deed of Section No. 154,

Southern $\frac{1}{4}$ of Lot No. 2, in Palmetto Cemetery, From Edo Miller to Marie C. Spaulding and Tony Cross. Original Deed lost, but City records verify ownership.

Commissioner Jennings made the motion and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion granting the petition. The motion passed.

QUIT CLAIM DEED

1. Petition received from William Ligon, Attorney for Edward Easton, for

Quit Claim Deed in favor of his client, the present owner of the northern $\frac{1}{4}$ Section of Old Town Lot No. 519, to clear title record of Tax Deed, which was subsequently redeemed but was lost, misplaced or destroyed without being recorded for 1964, 1966, 1968 and 1969.

Commissioner Jennings made the motion and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion granting the quit claim deed. The motion passed.

BOARD APPOINTMENT (S)

1) Zoning Board of Appeals - 1 position

The City Clerk reported that the unexpired term of Townsend Jackson was advertised for the reason that he missed three unexcused Board meetings. Mr.

Jackson who was present stated that he only missed two meetings and there was a

mix up. The City Clerk pointed out that the Chairman of the Zoning Board of

Appeals; Ronnie Perry submitted a letter requesting that Mr. Jackson be removed

from the Board because of his three absences.

The Commission instructed the City Clerk to gather information pertaining to the absences of Mr. Jackson and report back to the Commission.

2) Structural Fitness Board - 2 positions

Commissioner Williams stated that he was not sure whether Mr. Ryals wanted to continue to serve on the Structural Fitness Board.

Commissioner Williams made the motion and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion to defer the appointment on the Structural Fitness Board until the next meeting. The motion passed.

Commissioner Davis requested a copy of all Boards and Commission attendance records.

Approval for Board of Election to utilize Howard Coffin Park facility to hold Municipal Elections on November 6, 2001.

Commissioner Davis made the motion and Commissioner Lawrence seconded the motion approving the use of Howard Coffin Park to hold the Municipal Election scheduled for November 6, 2001. The motion passed. The City Clerk reported that the polling place for the Municipal Election had been changed from the National Guard Armory to Risley Middle School because of security reasons.

The Commission instructed the City Clerk to ask the Board of Elections Director to post signs at the National Guard Armory, place an ad in the newspaper and announce on the radio the change of the polling place from the National Guard Armory to Risley Middle School.

MAYOR PRO TEM DAVIS' ITEM

Discuss the gala event of the re-opening of The Ritz Theater.

Commissioner Davis announced that the re-opening of the Ritz Theater was a grand event. They experienced good food, music and had a lot of visitors.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Lawrence made the motion and Commissioner Jermings seconded

the motion to hold an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.
The motion
passed.

Following the Executive Session, Mayor Brown announced that the
Commission
would take action on a Declaration of Taking.

Commissioner Williams made a motion and Commissioner Lawrence seconded
the
motion to act upon a Declaration of Taking to condemn two properties,
parcel 2
and parcel 3 fronting Lanier Boulevard and Talmadge Avenue for acquiring
right
of way to construct a State Aid highway project. The motion passed.

Commissioner Lawrence made a motion and Commissioner Jennings seconded
the
motion to adjourn the meeting. All voted by standing.

MEETING ADJOURNED.

/s/ Bradford S. Brown
Mayor

Attest:/s/Georgia E. Marion
City Clerk