

**MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF DOUGLAS
FEBRUARY 8, 2010**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, February 8, 2010, at 7:00P.M. in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor Jackie L. Wilson presiding and Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson, Commissioners Johnnie Lee Roper, Robert Moore, Dennis Josey, Marty Swain and Olivia Pearson present.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Donald Carver, Electric Director.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by Coffee County School Navy JROTC.

MINUTE ADOPTION

The following minutes were unanimously approved:

**Work Session.....January 28, 2010
Commission Meeting.....January 28, 2010**

Commissioner Bob Moore made the motion for approval and Commissioner Marty Swain seconded the motion.

APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

The Commission unanimously approved to accept the order of the agenda.

Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson made the motion for approval and Commissioner Dennis Josey seconded the motion.

FIRST READING OF REZONING OF PROPERTY AT 1605/1613 HWY 32 E

The Mayor and Commission heard the first reading; **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA. CHANGING THE ZONING ON CERTAIN PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF DOUGLAS GEORGIA LOCATED AT 1605/1613 HWY 32 E FROM R-1, RESIDENTIAL TO B-2, GENERAL BUSINESS, LAND OF WILSON ESTATE.** Second reading and public hearing will be February 22, 2010.

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FIRST READING OF REZONING OF PROPERTY AT 718 SHIRLEY AVENUE

The Mayor and Commission heard the first reading; **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA. CHANGING THE ZONING ON CERTAIN PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF DOUGLAS GEORGIA LOCATED AT 718 SHIRLEY AVE FROM I, INSTITUTIONAL TO B-2, GENERAL BUSINESS LANDS OF PEARLINE NORTHCUTT.** Second reading and public hearing will be February 22, 2010.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DOT/LARP RESURFACING PROJECT

Dale Batten, Community Development Director, announced that the city was notified that Walker Street, from North Peterson Avenue to Golf Club Road will be resurfaced under the DOT LARP Program. The bid date is scheduled for April 16th. The successful contractor will have until December 31, 2010 to complete the project.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD APPOINTMENT

Mayor Jackie Wilson announced that the vacancy on the Housing Authority Board will be advertised according to policy and bring back to commission for consideration. This term would be for five (5) years beginning January 20, 2010-January 20, 2015.

APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL BASEBALL/SOFTBALL BID

Upon recommendation from Jerald Guthrie, Purchasing Director Mayor and Commission unanimously approved the low bids for Baseball and Softball supplies from the following list of vendors to be purchased as needed for a grand total of \$28,124.11. No Bid was received for Letter D, 36 Catchers Mask.

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Low Bid Items</u>	<u>Total Low Bids</u>
Anaconda Sports, Inc.	N	\$ 2,606.40
Cannon Sports, Inc.	J	\$ 1,406.76
J.P. Sports, Inc.	A, B, C, E, I, K, O, Q, R, & X	\$ 3,914.68
R & S Sports, Inc.		
Sport Supply Group d/b/a BSN	F & P	\$ 1,715.92
The Sport Shop, Inc.	G, L, M, S, W, Y, & Z	\$ 9,607.65
Trophy Barn & More	T, U, & V	\$ 8,482.70

Commissioner Marty Swain made a motion for approval and Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson seconded the motion.

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE HERITAGE & HARMONY EVENT

Dorie Bacon, Tourism Coordinator announced that the Heritage & harmony: The Descendence of Spirit & Soul event, which will be held February 18, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at the Martin Centre and to seek their support on this community wide effort to salute Black History Month. This event is organized by the Central Services Department.

APPROVAL OF THE CLOSURE OF SPECIFIC CEMETERY SECTIONS

Upon recommendation from Henry Milhollin, Cemetery Coordinator and the recommendation of the Cemetery Committee, Mayor and Commission unanimously approved in closing the coped-in lots in sections M, N, and O to all future burials with the exception of the pre-need vaults.

Commissioner Olivia Pearson made a motion for approval and Commissioner Marty Swain seconded the motion.

APPROVAL OF THE MUNICIPAL POLLING SITES

Upon recommendation from Terrell Jacobs, City Manager the Mayor Wilson and Commissioners Moore, Josey and Mayor Pro Tem Anderson voted in favor of the request from the Coffee County Board of Elections and Registration to allow all voters to vote at Central Square Complex Gym for the City of Douglas Municipal Elections.

Commissioners Roper, Swain and Pearson voted against the motion. All parties agreed that their constituents were against this request.

Commissioner Bob Moore made a motion for approval and Commissioner Dennis Josey seconded the motion.

GENERAL COMMENTS

Gina Gibbs, Fitness Coordinator encouraged everyone to participate with the 2 B Fit walking program. Ms. Gibbs stated that the proceeds would go to the Local Cardiac Rehab. The dates of the program will be as follows:

- February 22
- April 26
- June 29,
- August 30
- October 25
- December 4

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ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business to discuss in the regular meeting, a motion was made by Commissioner Bob Moore and seconded by Commissioner Dennis Josey to adjourn to the Utility Appeals Hearing Mayor and Commission unanimously approved to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 7:29 p.m.

UTILITY APPEALS HEARING

Bruce Barnard, former owner of Cedar Rivers closed in 2008 leaving a balance of \$2,511.00.

After much discussion the Mayor and Commission directed staff to only turn on new tenant once he has paid his deposit (average bill of 2months), any gas charges and the balance of the temporary bill. Also that Mr. Barnard shall notify his attorney to contact Jerome Adams, City Attorney to set up agreement that all rental fees from the new tenant shall go to the City of Douglas until Mr. Barnard delinquent account is paid in full.

Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson stated he was against this recommendation.

Mr. Jacobs brought forth the account of Ms. Lou Ann Tanner, an 87yr old resident of the Housing Authority located on Thrash Circle. Mrs. Tanner had a hidden leak which resulted of her accumulating a bill of \$1,200.00. This bill consisted of water and sewer only. Mr. Jacobs stated there are agencies in the process of trying to help her pay this bill.

After much discussion the Mayor and Commission directed the staff not to cut her off and to contact the Housing Authority to see that whatever the remainder of the balance after agencies have made payment to see if they will be responsible for half of the remaining payment and the city will take care of the other half.

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ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business to discuss, meeting was adjourned.

Jackie L. Wilson, Mayor

Wynetta J. Bolder, City Clerk