

**MINUTES  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CITY OF DOUGLAS  
JULY 25, 2011**

**A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, July 25, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. The meeting was convened in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor Jackie L. Wilson presiding. Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson, Commissioners, Johnnie Lee Roper, Dennis Josey, and Marty Swain were in attendance. The following were not in attendance: Commissioner Olivia Pearson and Commissioner Robert Moore.**

**INVOCATION**

Ernest Crussel, Water and Wastewater Director gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Coffee County NJROTC led The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**MINUTE ADOPTION**

The following minutes were unanimously approved:

**Work Session..... July 11, 2011  
Commission Meeting..... July 11, 2011**

**A MOTION** was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Marty Swain and the Mayor and Commission unanimously approved the motion. **(5-0)**

**APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA**

The Mayor and Commission unanimously approved **(5-0)** the order of the agenda.

**A MOTION** was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson for approval of the order of the agenda; Commissioner Dennis Josey seconded the motion.

**APPROVAL OF THE SECOND READING/PUBLIC HEARING-ANNEXATION OF ORSON ADAMS PROPERTY**

Jerome Adams, City Attorney read the second reading of the ordinance for Orson Adams to annex 190.03 acres at 950 Brantley Blvd. **"AN ORDINANCE TO ANNEX PROPERTY INTO THE CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 36 OF TITLE 36 OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF GEORGIA ANNOTATED: TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE: THE AREA TO BE ANNEXED SHALL BE ZONED M-2 INDUSTRIAL: AND OTHER PURPOSES."**

Mr. Adams, City Attorney proceeded to call for a public hearing.

**MINUTES  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CITY OF DOUGLAS  
JULY 25, 2011**

Myra Love on behalf of her father Thomas Shipman, residing at 940 Brantley Blvd presented the following questions and comments concerning the process of annexation.

- Clarification of the process of rezoning.
- How far the industrial park would be built from her residence on 940 Brantley Blvd?
- When will the construction of the industrial park go into effect?

Jerome Adams explained that this property which is presently in the county is being taken into the city limits where it will become an industrial park.

JoAnne Lewis, Executive Director of the Douglas Coffee County Economic Development Authority, addressed the comments by explaining the process and the advantages of annexation. Mrs. Lewis also stated that she is not aware of an industrial park that has taken less than 10 years to be built but indicated an industrial park is done in phases. Mrs. Lewis assured Ms. Love that the Economic Development will be very conscious of the surrounding neighborhoods. Mrs. Lewis averred that there will be screening done. Mrs. Lewis also stated that the access to the property is not sure at this time, but the option for the entrance would be to come off Hwy 441.

After areas of concerns were addressed, Jerome Adams, City Attorney closed the public hearing and stated that this ordinance was ready for action.

Upon recommendation from the Planning Commission, the Mayor and Commission unanimously approved **(5-0)** the request from Orson Adams to annex 190.03 acres at 950 Brantley Blvd.

**A MOTION** was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Dennis Josey.

**PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT**

Mayor Wilson read the following excerpt that was placed in the Douglas Enterprise Newspaper from the Department of Transportation stating, **“Camera detections are to be used strictly for signal activation. They are not red light enforcement cameras”**. Mayor Wilson explained this will clear up the confusion in the community.

**MINUTES  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CITY OF DOUGLAS  
JULY 25, 2011**

**APPROVAL OF THE 2011 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT (1)**

Upon recommendation from Ray Parker, Code Enforcement Officer, the Mayor and Commission unanimously approved **(5-0)** a resolution authorizing Mayor Jackie L. Wilson to execute a grant application with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Assistance to the Fire Fighters Grant Program in the amount of \$15,675.00 to purchase a laser-driven extinguisher training package. In addition to authorizing matching grant funds in the amount of \$825.00 from the City of Douglas Fire Department's FY 2012 operating budget; the Commission authorized Mayor Wilson to execute grant documents if awarded the grant.

**A MOTION** was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson for approval and seconded by Commissioner Johnnie Lee Roper.

**APPROVAL OF THE 2011 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT (2)**

Upon recommendation from Ray Parker, Code Enforcement Officer, the Mayor and Commission unanimously approved **(5-0)** a resolution authorizing Mayor Wilson to execute the grant application with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) assistance to Fire Fighters Grant Program in the amount of \$91,200.00 to purchase equipment for the Fire Department, also that the required match in the amount of \$4,800.00 be approved from the Fire Department FY' 2012 operating budget; and that Mayor Wilson be authorized to execute grant documents if awarded the grant.

**A MOTION** was made by Commissioner Marty Swain for approval and seconded by Commissioner Johnnie Lee Roper.

**APPROVAL OF THE AIRPORT COMMISSION APPOINTMENT**

Ray Parker, Code Enforcement Officer, announced that there is a vacancy on the Airport Commission for an individual to serve out the remaining term of a vacated appointment which will expire on September 30, 2013. Applications for those interested in serving the Airport Commission will be available at the Airport Terminal, City Manager's Office and Community Development Office. This vacancy will be advertised on Channel 13.

No action was taken on this item. It was presented for informational purposes only.

**APPROVAL OF THE LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENT**

Upon recommendation from Terrell Jacobs, City Manager, the Mayor and Commission unanimously approved **(5-0)** to appoint Mrs. Faye Davis to the Coffee County Library Board of Trustees with a term to start July 1, 2011 and expire on the normal term date.

**A MOTION** was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson for approval and seconded by Commissioner Dennis Josey.

**MINUTES  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CITY OF DOUGLAS  
JULY 25, 2011**

**PUBLIC INFORMATION**

Kimberly Tucker, Central Services Administrative Assistant, stated that the City of Douglas will host a Hunting, Fishing and Outdoors Expo at the Central Square Complex, August 26-27, 2011.

Southwire along with the City of Douglas will sponsor a back to school event Tuesday July 26, 2011, 7 a.m. -12 p.m.

**GENERAL COMMENTS**

Terrell Jacobs, City Manager stated that he appreciated citizens coming forth with questions concerning the annexation. He encouraged citizens in continuing to voice their concerns about questions and issues that they feel will impact them.

Terrell Jacobs, City Manager explained that the road on Gaskin Ave to Ethel Street will be closed for a week, due to water and wastewater improvements. Mayor Wilson also stated that several road closings will occur down Gaskin Ave as the water and wastewater projects progress.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, Commissioner Dennis Josey made a motion to adjourn and his motion was seconded by Commissioner Johnnie Lee Roper. The Mayor and Commission unanimously approved (**5-0**) the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

---

**Jackie L. Wilson, Mayor**

---

**Wynetta Bolder, City Clerk**