

**MINUTES  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CITY OF DOUGLAS  
OCTOBER 10, 2011**

**A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Thursday, October 10, 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, Robert Moore, and Dennis Josey were also in attendance. Commissioner Olivia Pearson and Commissioner Marty Swain were not in attendance.**

**INVOCATION**

Pastor Shep Johnson, First Baptist Church gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Roger Johnson, Parks and Recreation Director led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**MINUTE ADOPTION**

The following minutes, were unanimously approved:

**Work Session..... September 26, 2011  
Commission Meeting..... September 26, 2011**

**A MOTION** was received by Commissioner Bob Moore, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting; it was seconded by Commissioner Johnnie Lee Roper. The motion was unanimously carried by the Mayor and Commission. **(5-0)**

**APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA**

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

**A MOTION** was received by Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson, for approval of the order of the agenda; Commissioner Johnnie Lee Roper seconded the motion.

**APPROVAL OF THE INSTALLATION OF GAS TO MICHAEL & CRAIG VICKERS CHICKEN HOUSES**

Upon receiving a recommendation from Stanley Merritt, Assistant Purchasing Director, the Mayor and Commission unanimously approved **(5-0)** to accept the second low bid from Consolidated Pipe and Supply Inc. of Waycross Ga. Due to in stock pricing and guaranteed quicker delivery time for a Grand Total cost of \$13,335.60.

**A MOTION** was made by Commissioner Bob Moore for approval and seconded by Commissioner Johnnie Lee Roper.

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**APPROVAL OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT PURCHASE OF FOUR (4)  
POLICE PURSUIT VEHICLES 9-26-11**

Upon receiving a recommendation from Stanley Merritt, Assistant Purchasing Director, the Mayor and Commission unanimously approved (5-0) the low bid that meets specifications from Akins Ford Dodge of Winder, Georgia for four (4) 2012 Dodge Chargers with V-6 Engines for a grand total cost of \$91,740.00. They also approved a lease supplement under our Master Lease with GMA and authorized Mayor Wilson to execute the documents.

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Johnnie Lee Roper for approval and seconded by Commissioner Dennis Josey.

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Georgia Henderson, Community Services Director informed the citizens of the following events:

- The Fire Department continues to celebrate “Fire Prevention” month.
- The Natural Gas Department is conducting Natural Gas” month and they are connecting gas pilots at no charge for the month of October.
- The 63<sup>rd</sup> WWII Reunion tour will take place October 18, 2011
- Broxton Rocks tour will be held on October 23, 2011.
- The Downtown Second Tuesday, (Stroll, Shop, Sit and Eat) will be held October 11, 2011
- The City’s Hometown Harvest Festival will be held Thursday October 27<sup>th</sup> in the vacant lot adjacent to City Hall.
- The General Coffee State Park will have Moonlight Madness October 29<sup>th</sup>.
- The Chamber of Commerce will sponsor their first annual Steak- off Competition which will be held on October 15, 2011 at the C. E. Weir Center.
- The City is currently taking registrations for those whose wish to sign up for the Festival of Lights Christmas Parade coming up in December.

It was the consensus of the Commission to accept Mayor Wilson’s recommendation on approving the WWII Reunion, Kayla Day and the Veterans Day event without charging.

Ms. Henderson announced the Commit to Be Fit Walk that will be held on October 27, 2011.

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**CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Mary Ann Saylor, 1714 Bo Jo Ella Drive, representing the Wiregrass Artist Guild expressed to the Mayor and Commission concerning the city discontinuing activities that are under the direction of Connie Cation, who will be retiring at the end of this year. Also Ms. Saylor stated concerns of a qualified replacement for Ms. Cation.

Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson along with Commissioner Dennis Josey, Johnnie Lee Roper and Mayor Wilson reassured Ms. Saylor and the concerned citizens that the city has no plans in discontinuing the services in that division and confirmed that the replacement of Ms. Cation will be qualified to manage that division.

Arnold Parsons stated that on behalf of the Senior Citizens Club they would like to see the city continue services for the senior citizens. Also Mr. Parsons stated on behalf of the Veterans they would like to publicly thank the city for all their help in supporting the Veterans.

Terrell Jacobs, City Manager stated that when there are discussions among the city officials and staff concerning plans and issues of city services, all information needs to be considered. It is hard to discuss these issues when assuming these discussions are already approved. These items that are discussed are not approved until Mayor and Commission approve these items for action.

Mr. Ortiz expressed concerns of a street that had been closed and requested advice on who to contact in having the street to be reopened.

Mayor Wilson recommended Mr. Ortiz seek advice from the County Commissioner due to the area in question is in the county.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**THE MAYOR AND COMMISSION** unanimously approved **(5-0)** to enter into Executive Session.

**A MOTION** was made by Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson, seconded by Commission Bob Moore.

**PERSONNEL ISSUES**

Terrell Jacobs, City Manager, along with Police Chief Gary Casteloos and Judy Carter, Human Resources Director convened to discuss personnel issues with the Mayor and Commission.

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**THE MAYOR AND COMMISSION** unanimously approved **(5-0)** to reconvene to the Regular Meeting.

Mayor Jackie Wilson, Mayor Pro Tem Anderson, Commissioners Josey and Roper approved **(4-1)** the personnel recommendation from Terrell Jacobs, City Manager. Commissioner Moore opposed the recommendation given by Terrell Jacobs, City Manager.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, Mayor Pro Tem Ronnie Anderson made a motion to adjourn and his motion was seconded by Commissioner Dennis Josey. The Mayor and Commission unanimously approved **(5-0)** the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm.

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**Jackie L. Wilson, Mayor**

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**Wynetta J. Bolder, City Clerk**

# Affidavit

The undersigned presiding officer, under oath, certifies that at a City of Douglas Commission Meeting, held on October 10, 2011, the Mayor and Commission closed its meeting as permitted by the Open Meetings Act of Georgia [O.C.G.A. 50-14-1 through 50-14-6]. The only matter(s) considered or discussed during the closed meeting are as indicated below:

\_\_\_\_\_ To discuss future acquisition of real estate [O.C.G.A. 50-14-3 (4)].

  x   To discuss or deliberate the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of an employee [O.C.G.A. 50-14-3 (6)].

\_\_\_\_\_ To consult with legal counsel pertaining to pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the agency or an officer or employee or in which the officer or employee may be directly involved [O.C.G.A. 50-14-2].

This 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2011

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Signature of Presiding Officer

Sworn to & Subscribed Before Me  
On The Above Indicated Date:

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Notary Public, State of Georgia  
Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_

**The Mayor and Commission unanimously approved to enter into executive session.**

## RESOLUTION OF THE DOUGLAS CITY COMMISSION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Douglas, Ga City Commission as follows: At the meeting held on the 10th day of October, 2011 the Commission entered into closed session for the purpose of discussing:

       To discuss future acquisition of real estate [O.C.G.A. 50-14-3 (4)].

  x   To discuss or deliberate the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of an employee [O.C.G.A. 50-14-3 (6)].

       To consult with legal counsel pertaining to pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the agency or an officer or employee or in which the officer or employee may be directly involved [O.C.G.A. 50-14-2].

(1) The actions of the Council and the discussions of the same regarding the matter set forth for closed session purposes are hereby ratified.

(2) Each member of this body does hereby confirm that to the best of his or her knowledge, based upon the advice of the City Attorney, the said subject matter of the meeting and of the closed session portion was devoted to matters within the specific relevant exception(s) as set forth above.

(3) The Mayor, or the presiding officer, is hereby authorized and directed to execute an affidavit, with full support of the members of this Commission, in order to comply with O.C.G.A. 50-14-4(b).

(4) The affidavit shall be included and filed with the official minutes of the meeting and shall be in a form as required by the statute, which shall be substantially as follows:

Approved this 10th day, of October 2011.

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Jackie L. Wilson, Mayor

Attest:

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Wynetta J. Bolder, City Clerk

**UTILITY APPEALS HEARING  
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**TAMIKA M. TUCKER**

Tommy Harrell, Customer Service Manager stated that Tamika Tucker had an outstanding bill totaling \$1,830.86 plus the deposit and processing fee of \$145.00 for a new residence located at 518 Marco Dr. The Salvation Army from Valdosta issued a voucher in the amount of \$1,975.00.

Mr. Harrell also stated that Ms. Tucker had business accounts in the amount of \$1,293.32 that were delinquent.

Ms. Tucker requested that she be given more time to pay her business accounts, so the utilities at her new residence will not be disconnected.

After much discussion from the Mayor and Commission it was the consensus to allow Ms. Tucker's utilities at her new residence to remain connected with the stipulation that she is to pay the balance of \$1, 293.32 in full by December 31, 2011.