

**MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF DOUGLAS
FEBRUARY 27, 2012**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, February 27, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. The meeting was convened in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor James H. Dennis presiding. Mayor Pro Tem Olivia Pearson, Ronnie Anderson, Commissioners Robert Moore, Richard Hutchinson, Dennis Josey and Marty Swain were in attendance.

INVOCATION

Wynetta Bolder, City Clerk gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Coffee County NJROTC Lt. Jr. Grade Spivey and Cadet Goddard led The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MINUTE ADOPTION

The Mayor and Commission approved as presented:

Work SessionFebruary 13, 2012
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A MOTION to approve was made by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Olivia Pearson.

APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

The Mayor and Commission unanimously approved **(6-0)** to accept the order of the Agenda with the following addition: *(Recognition of the Star Student)*

A MOTION to approve was made by Commissioner Marty Swain, seconded by Commissioner Dennis Josey.

RECOGNITION OF STAR STUDENT

Mayor James Dennis recognized Daliver Benitez as the Star Student. Ms. Benitez was accompanied by her mother and stepfather, Cindy and Chris Papierz and her 4th grade teacher Ken Erickson. Ms. Benitez stated that her goals are to enter the Honors Program at UGA and to become a doctor.

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APPROVAL OF THE SWIMMING POOL REPAIRS AND POTENTIAL UPGRADES

Upon recommendation from Roger Johnson, Parks and Recreation Director, the Mayor and Commission unanimously approved **(6-0)** to repair the backwash, lift chair and comply with the ADA mandate at a cost of \$14,000.00 from the Activity Account, and look for future funds for other repairs to the Swimming Pool.

A MOTION to approve was made by Commissioner Marty Swain and seconded by Commissioner Richard Hutchinson.

APPROVAL OF THE DOUGLAS 101 CITIZENS' ACADEMY PROGRAM

Upon recommendation from Georgia Henderson, Central Services Director, the Mayor and Commission unanimously approved **(6-0)** to proceed with another session of the Douglas 101 Citizen's Academy Program, which is for individuals who have a sincere interest in Douglas' Community, and who wants to become educated on how our City Government operates. This session will be scheduled on Tuesday evenings, 6:00 pm-8:00 pm, and is scheduled to convene March 20, 2012 through May 8, 2012.

A MOTION to approve was made by Mayor Pro Tem Olivia Pearson and seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson.

APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL UTILITY ELECTRICAL SUPPLY BID (02-13-12)

Upon recommendation from Stanley Merritt, Purchasing Agent, the Mayor and Commissioners unanimously approved **(6-0)** the low bids for the annual utility electrical supplies from the following list of vendors to be purchased as stock for the Electric Department's use for a grand total of \$45,779.75. The awards are as follow:

<u>Vendor:</u>	<u>Low Bid Items:</u>	<u>Total Low Bids:</u>
Gresco Utility	Group C: 3,5,11,15,16,18 thru 21 25, 26, 27, 32, 33, 35, & 36	\$28,638.50
HD Supply	Group B, Group C: 7, 12,13,14,17 29, 31, 34, & 37	\$9,743.25
Irby	Group C 6, 8, 9, 22, 23, 24, 28, & 30	\$3,848.70
WESCO Distribution	Group A, Group C: 1, 2,4,22	\$3,549.30

A MOTION to approve was made by Commissioner Bob Moore and seconded by Commissioner Dennis Josey.

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APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF FOUR (4) POLICE CAR

Upon recommendation from Stanley Merritt, Purchasing Agent, and Police Chief Gary Casteloes, the Mayor and Commissioner unanimously approved (6-0) to purchase four (4) Pannin enforcer Car Cameras with 5' viewing Monitors with Software to install in new police cars from Hasty's Communications East, Inc., located in Waycross, Georgia, for a grand total including installation cost of \$27,800.00.

A **MOTION** to approve was made by Commissioner Richard Hutchinson and seconded by Commissioner Marty Swain.

APPROVAL OF THE 4WD TRACTOR WITH FRONT BUCKET FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT AND COMPOST SITE BID (02-13-12)

Upon recommendation from Stanley Merritt, Purchasing Agent, the Mayor and Commission unanimously approved (6-0) the purchase of one (1) new 4WD Tractor with bucket to be used at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Compost site from Batten Tractor, Inc. of Douglas Georgia, for a total cost of \$18,990.00.

A **MOTION** to approve was made by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Dennis Josey.

APPROVAL OF THE GEMA MUTUAL AID AND ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT

Upon recommendation from Terrell Jacobs, City Manager, the Mayor and Commission unanimously approved (6-0) to execute the agreement for Statewide Mutual Aid and Assistance for the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Homeland Security.

A **MOTION** to approve was made by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Olivia Pearson.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Georgia Henderson, Central Services Department, announced the following events:

- Concerned citizens will have a "Stop the Violence Prayer Rally" on March 3, 2012 at the George Washington Carver Plaza.
- Georgia Henderson, Central Services Director informed the Mayor and Commission that the City of Douglas will begin the 101 Citizens Academy, scheduled for March 20, through May 9, 2012.
- Central Services will be hosting a Spring Fling Gigantic Indoor Yard Sale, April 7, 2012.

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- “Blitz Day” will be held on Tuesday, May 1, 2012 at the Central Square Complex.
- The Wiregrass Art Guild will host the Children’s Art Show, Saturday March 3, 2012 at the Central Square Gym.

MAYOR AND COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Marty Swain thanked the Douglas Police Department, Coffee County Sheriff Department and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation in solving the (3) three murders that occurred within the last few weeks.

Mayor Dennis gave his condolences to Commissioner Ronnie Anderson with the loss of his mother and a city employee, Rusty Hewlett whose father passed away. Mayor Dennis also gave condolences to the family of the former Commissioner late Ray Louder.

Mayor Dennis also expressed his appreciation to the Douglas Police Department, Coffee County Sheriff Department and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation in solving the (3) three murders that occurred in the community within the last few weeks.

Mayor Dennis informed the citizens that if there is any suspicious activity to contact the City of Douglas Crime Tip line number at 912.260.3600. Mayor Dennis encouraged citizens to assist in working on the city’s drug problem and become more involved in the community.

Mayor Dennis is requesting prayer for Commissioner Cecil Starnes of Nicholls, who is seriously ill.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Commissioner Bob Moore made a **Motion** to adjourn and a **Motion** was seconded by Commissioner Dennis Josey. The Mayor and Commission unanimously approved **(6-0)** the **Motion** to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

James H. Dennis, Mayor

Wynetta J. Bolder, City Clerk