

**MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF DOUGLAS
JULY 23, 2012**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, July 23, 2012 at 7:10 P.M. The meeting was convened in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor James H. Dennis presiding. Mayor Pro Tem Olivia Pearson, Commissioners Robert Moore, Richard Hutchinson, Dennis Josey, and Marty Swain were in attendance. Commissioner Ronnie Anderson was absent due to attending the MGAG Conference in Savannah Ga.

INVOCATION

Commissioner Richard Hutchinson gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Fire Chief Tim White led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MINUTE ADOPTION

The following minutes were unanimously approved:

**Work SessionJuly 9, 2012
Commission Meeting.....July 9, 2012**

A **MOTION** to approve **(5-0)** the minutes as presented was made by Commissioner Dennis Josey, seconded by Commissioner Richard Hutchinson and the Commission **unanimously** approved the motion.

Mayor Dennis stated that Commissioner Ronnie Anderson was absent due to attending a MGAG Conference.

APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

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

A **MOTION** to approve was made by Mayor Pro Tem Oliver Pearson, seconded by Commissioner Dennis Josey.

APPROVAL OF THE COMMUNITY GOLF COURSE CONTRACT

Upon recommendation from Landy Gomez, Athletic Coordinator, the Commission **unanimously** approved the revised Community Golf Course contract between the City and Michael Brown and Matt Hosack for a 3 year term beginning July 25, 2012, ending July 24, 2015 and funding of the Community Golf Course in the City's General Fund.

A **MOTION** to approve was made by Commissioner Marty Swain and seconded by Commissioner Bob Moore. (This motion was unanimously **approved 5-0**)

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APPROVAL OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT PURCHASE OF VEHICLES

Upon recommendation from Stanley E. Merritt, Purchasing Agent, the Commission unanimously **approved (5-0)** as discussed in tonight's Work Session the purchase of four (4) 2012 Police Package Admin Chevrolet Impalas with V-6 engines under Georgia State Contract from Hardy Chevrolet Inc. of Dallas Georgia for a grand total price **\$79,928.00**.

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

STAFF COMMENTS

Georgia Henderson announced the following information:

- The City of Douglas extended an invitation to participate in the City of Douglas Nickname/Slogan Contest. This is open to the citizens 18 years and over.
- Douglas Welcome center is located inside the Heritage Museum, Monday thru Friday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Saturday for special events only.
- Job announcements: Accounting position in the Finance Department and a full-time Fireman positions.
- Commit 2 B Fit will be held on Thursday, July 26, 2012
- Registration is being held for football and cheerleading at the Parks and Recreation Department
- The City of Douglas Main Street Program will be hosting 2nd Saturday Downtown Market each month, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Atkinson Plaza.
- Central Services will be taking registration for vendors for the 2012 South Georgia Outdoor Expo, which will be held on August 24 – 25 at Central Square Complex. Wild Game Supper tickets are on sale at Central Square Complex. This event will be on August 23rd, 6:30 p.m. at the C. E. Weir Center. The guest speaker will be Mr. Mark Williams, Georgia's Department of Natural Resource Commissioner. Tickets are \$15.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Johnnie Lee Roper stated that he resides at 711 S Daughtry Avenue, and his Commissioner is Richard Hutchinson. Mr. Roper expressed concern of the change of not being able to cross from Ross Street towards Harvey's Supermarket. He stated that he is displeased of the citations that are being given on Ross Street by The Douglas Police Department. Mr. Roper stated that he was told that the small businesses were losing 11% of their business because of the change at Ross Street.

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MAYOR AND COMMISSION COMMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Pearson stated that she has requested from the City Manager to look into the issues concerning Ross Street.

Commissioner Marty Swain encouraged citizens to vote “yes” for the T-SPLOST.

Mayor Dennis encouraged citizens to view a feature that will be televised program “Savor the Good Life”, which will air this Saturday July 28th from 7:30 p.m.-8 p.m. on NBC.

Mayor Dennis congratulated John Glosson for placing 2nd on the show “Duet”.

Mayor Dennis congratulated Tyree Hill for his accomplishments at the Jr. Olympics.

The Mayor thanked Southwire for hosting the “Back to School Give away” that was held at the Central Square Complex.

Mayor Dennis encouraged citizens to vote for the T-SPLOST, Election Day is July 31st.

Mayor James Dennis congratulated the Douglas Coffee County Parks and Recreational Swim and Softball Team participating in the state.

The Mayor encouraged citizens to keep our community clean if you are driving a pickup truck make sure the trash is secure in the back of the truck, and to observe our parking ordinance downtown.

Mayor James Dennis encouraged citizens that if they see criminal activities to take advantage of the Anonymous Tip Line 912.260.3600.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss in the Regular Meeting, a motion to adjourn to Executive Session was made by Commissioner Bob Moore and was seconded by Commissioner Dennis Josey. The Commission unanimously approved (**5-0**) to adjourn to the Executive Session.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

PERSONNEL ISSUE

Terrell Jacobs, City Manager, and Judy Carter, Human Resources Director discussed personnel issues with the Mayor and Commission.

Commissioner Bob Moore made the **MOTION** to adjourn from Executive Session and to return to the regular meeting, **MOTION** was seconded by Commissioner Dennis Josey, and **approved** by all. **(5-0)**

Commissioner Olivia Pearson made the **MOTION** to reconvene to the Regular Meeting and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Marty Swain, and **approved by all. (5-0)**

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Commissioner Dennis Josey made the motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Richard Hutchinson. The Commission unanimously approved **(5-0)** at 8:30 p.m.

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**UTILITY COMMISSION MEETING
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A Utility Commission Meeting was held on Monday, July 23 at 8:30 P.M. The meeting was convened in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor James H. Dennis presiding. Mayor Pro Tem Olivia Pearson, Commissioners Robert Moore, Richard Hutchinson, Dennis Josey, and Marty Swain were in attendance. Commissioner Ronnie Anderson was absent due to attending the MGAG Conference in Savannah Ga.

JOHNNIE LEE ROPER SR- 711 S DAUGHTRY AVENUE

Kevin Davis, Assistant Wastewater Director stated that Mr. Johnnie Lee Roper Sr. 711 S. Daughtry Avenue had a high bill in the June and July. Mr. Davis stated that staff verified leaks. Mr. Davis stated that per city policy an adjustment could be given on the sewer only, due to the water going through the meter. The amount of the sewer adjustment for the month of June and July was \$289.00. Mr. Davis stated that if the Commission approved to give Mr. Roper an adjustment on his water the amount would be \$181.44.

Mr. Roper appeared before the Mayor and Commissioner to request that his water and sewer bill be adjusted to the average which is 2000 gallon.

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Bob Moore and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Olivia Pearson approving Mr. Roper's water (only) bill with a credit of **\$181.44**.
Approved (4-1)

Commissioner Hutchinson, Swain, Moore and Mayor Pro Tem Pearson voted **in favor** of the motion. Commissioner Dennis Josey voted **against** the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the Utility Commission Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.