

**MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF DOUGLAS
AUGUST 13, 2012**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, August 13, 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, Commissioners Ronnie Anderson, Robert Moore, Richard Hutchinson, and Dennis Josey, were in attendance. Commissioner Marty Swain was not in attendance.

INVOCATION

Wynetta Bolder, City Clerk gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Coffee County School JROTC Cadets led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MINUTE ADOPTION

The following minutes were **unanimously** approved:

**Work SessionJuly 23, 2012
Commission Meeting.....July 23, 2012**

A **MOTION** to approve **(5-0)** the minutes as presented was made by Commissioner Dennis Josey, seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson.

RECOGNITION OF PARKS AND RECREATION SWIM TEAM

Landy Gomez, Parks and Recreation Athletic Coordinator along with Coach Jenkins recognized the 2012 State Champion City of Douglas Stingray Swim Team members.

APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

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

A **MOTION** to approve was made by Commissioner Bob Moore, seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson.

FIRST READING OF THE 2012 TAX ORDINANCE

Jerome Adams, City Attorney affirmed that the ordinance was ready for the first reading. Also Mr. Adams stated that the second reading and the public hearing, as required by law, is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Monday, August 27, 2012 at the Regular Meeting.

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FIRST READING OF THE 2012 TAX ORDINANCE-CONTINUED

City Attorney Jerome Adams read the first reading of the proposed 2011 Tax Ordinance:
“AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA PROPOSED FOR THE LEVYING OF A TAX UPON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF DOUGLAS SUBJECT TO TAXATION UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA AND THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF DOUGLAS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2012 AND FOR ALL PURPOSES”

NO ACTION TAKEN

APPROVAL OF THE FAIRCLOTH FIELD PARKING IMPROVEMENTS

Upon recommendation from Jacob Lott, City Engineer and Public Works Director, the Commission **unanimously** approved (**5-0**) a request from the Coffee County Board of Education to construct a new asphalt parking lot at Faircloth Field per plans and specifications as prepared by Statewide Engineering, Inc.

A MOTION to approve was made by Commissioner Dennis Josey, seconded by Commissioner Richard Hutchinson.

APPROVAL OF THE CENTERLINE STRIPING CHANGES ON OLD AXSON ROAD

Upon recommendation from Jacob Lott, City Engineer and Public Works Director, the Commission **unanimously** approved (**5-0**) the centerline striping change on Old Axson from a “passing zone” to a “no passing zone. The striping change will begin at Cecil Way and end at the city limits and extend for a total of approximately 930 linear feet. The County will provide the funding.

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

APPROVAL OF THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS CONTRACT(S)

Upon recommendation from Jacob Lott, City Engineer and Public Works Director, the Commission **unanimously** approved (**5-0**) the renewal of the existing contract between the Georgia Department of Corrections and the City of Douglas to provide right-of-way maintenance at a cost of \$39,500.00 and to approve the renewal of the second contract between Georgia Department of Corrections and City of Douglas II to provide grounds and cemetery maintenance at a cost of \$39,500.00 and authorized Mayor Dennis to execute both contracts.

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

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STAFF COMMENTS

Kimberly Tucker, Central Services Administrator Assistant presented the following announcements:

- Job announcements: Vehicle Mechanic in the Vehicle Maintenance Department and part-time positions with the Parks and Recreation Department.
- Commit 2 B Fit Walk will be held on Thursday, August 30, 2012
- Volunteers for coaching football and cheerleading are needed at the Parks and Recreation Department
- 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.
- Bid Opening for the FY'13 SPLOST Water Supplies. The deadline to submit will be August 27, 2012.
- Satilla Regional Library presents the "Celebrity" story time series for this month.

GENERAL PUBLIC

Mattie Freeman Moore, 808 S. Gaskin Avenue appeared before the Mayor and Commission concerning the lawsuit between the City of Douglas and the DEARA Organization.

Beatrice Williamson appeared before the Mayor and Commission stating that she agreed with the statement from Ms. Moore.

Mary Evans, who resides in the County at Tanner Plantation, asked a series of questions concerning the proper protocol of city employees who have allegations that are brought upon them from citizens in the community. Also Ms. Evans questioned the open records policy when requesting records concerning the allegations.

City Manager Terrell Jacobs responded that the process is to have citizens to complete a formal complaint form. Mr. Jacobs stated at that time staff will seek to do an internal investigation if there is some merit to the allegations, if the allegations are ascertained there will be personnel or corrective action conducted.

City Attorney Jerome Adams stated that at the conclusion of an investigation anyone can make an open records request concerning the investigation.

Mr. Jacobs suggested that Ms. Evans participate in the City of Douglas 101 Academy.

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MAYOR GENERAL PUBLIC-CONTINUED

Larry Nesmith, Coffee County NAACP President appeared before the Mayor and Commission questioning an update of the participation with the “Stop the Violence” Campaign. Mr. Nesmith stated that the NAACP is requesting to get this movement started again.

Mayor Dennis explained that Roger Johnson, Parks and Recreational Director were heading this campaign and due to illness, Mr. Roger has been out. Mayor Dennis assured Mr. Nesmith that this movement would be resurrected.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Bob Moore stated he has received complaints concerning the charges have increased and services from Media Stream. Currently they are showing Albany and Savannah and no longer carrying Atlanta Stations.

Mayor James Dennis made the following comments:

- Thanked the Housing Authority and those who participated in the “Back to School” supplies give away.
- The Mayor asked citizens to take advantage of the anonymous tip line 912-260-3600.
- The Mayor asked that citizens keep our community clean, if you are driving a pickup truck make sure the trash is secure in the back of the truck.
- The Mayor asked that citizens observe our parking ordinance downtown.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss in the Regular Meeting, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Dennis Josey and was seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson. The Commission **unanimously** approved (**5-0**) to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA

James H. Dennis, Mayor

Wynetta J. Bolder, City Clerk

**UTILITY COMMISSION MEETING
CITY OF DOUGLAS
August 13, 2012**

A Utility Commission Meeting was held on Monday, August 13, 2012 at 7:45 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 Ronnie Anderson, Robert Moore, Richard Hutchinson, and Dennis Josey were in attendance. Commissioner Marty Swain was absent.

MICHELLE HALL -1013 KITCHENS AVENUE

Kevin Davis, Assistant Wastewater Director stated that Mrs. Michelle Hall 1013 Kitchens Avenue had a high bill in the April, May, June and July totaling 73 gallons of water.

Mike Hudson, Water Department Director stated that there was a possibility the meter was stuck and it was jolted loose at the time of removing the meter for testing. Mr. Hudson and Mr. Davis recommended an adjustment for the cost of the sewer, water and penalties a total of \$504.98.

The Commission unanimously approved the **MOTION** made by Commissioner Bob Moore and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Olivia Pearson approving Mrs. Hall's water bill with a credit of **\$504.98. Approved (5-0)**

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the Utility Commission Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.