

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

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, November 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 Robert Moore, Richard Hutchinson, Dennis Josey, Ronnie Anderson and Marty Swain were in attendance.

INVOCATION

City Clerk Wynetta Bolder gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

MINUTE ADOPTION

The following minutes were unanimously approved:

**Work SessionOctober 22, 2012
Commission Meeting.....October 22, 2012**

A **MOTION** to approve **(6-0)** the minutes as presented was made by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Dennis Josey.

APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

The Mayor and Commission **unanimously** approved **(6-0)** to accept the order of the revised Agenda. (*Addition "DISCUSSED DISINTERMENT AND RE-INTERMENT OF INDIVIDUALS IN THE AFRICAN AMERICAN SECTION"*)

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

APPROVAL OF THE 2012 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT

Upon recommendation from Dale Batten, Community Development Director, the Commission unanimously approved **(6-0)** a resolution authorizing Mayor James H. Dennis to execute a grant application for GEMA/Homeland Security Grant funds in the amount of \$30,000.00 for the purchase of a new HazMat Trailer and recalibrate or update 10 pieces of equipment and authorized Mayor James H. Dennis to execute grant documents if awarded the grant.

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

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APPROVAL OF THE OPERATIONAL HOURS FOR THE CITY CEMETERY

Upon recommendation from Wynetta Bolder, City Clerk, per the discussion that was held in the Work Session, the Commission approved **(6-0)** to amend hours of the City Cemetery from 8 a.m. to thirty minutes after sunset to 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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

APPROVAL OF THE SEVEN BASKETS AT CHRISTMAS MINISTRY

Upon recommendation from Terrell Jacobs, City Manager, the Commission unanimously approved **(6-0)** for the “Seven Baskets at Christmas” Outreach Ministry fees to be waived for the usage of the Central Square facility to give out toys and food to the community.

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

APPROVAL TO DE-INTERMENT AND RE-INTERMENT OF INDIVIDUALS IN THE AFRICAN AMERICAN SECTION

Upon recommendation from Wynetta Bolder, City Clerk, the Commission unanimously approved **(6-0)** to allow the Andrews and James Families to move their spouses from the African American Section to the new section of the City Cemetery next to their spouses. The city will cover the cost of de- interment, re-interment and the moving of the headstone.

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

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

Terrell Jacobs, City Manager requested for citizens to be vigilant during the holiday seasons. Mr. Jacobs expressed concerns of crime activities and encouraged citizens to be mindful of holiday safety.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Dennis stated that citizens are allowed 3 minutes.

Larry Nesmith, President of the Coffee County NAACP, appeared before the Commission, thanking them for reinstating individuals that were wrongly terminated.

Mr. Nesmith stated that the NAACP is not here to hurt this city. They only want equal rights for everybody. Mr. Nesmith concluded that he wants to work with the city not against the city.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS-CONTINUED

Vivian Jones, (Richard Hutchinson's Ward) expressed concern with her utility payment plan.

Mayor Dennis recommended for her to speak with City Manager Terrell Jacobs or Tommy Harrell, Customer Service Manager.

MAYOR AND COMMISSION COMMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Pearson, Commissioner Josey, Anderson, Swain, Moore and Hutchinson wished the citizens' "Happy Holidays".

Commissioner Hutchinson encouraged citizens' advance in their education by enrolling at Wiregrass Technical College for the GED Program and the National Guard Mentor Program.

Mayor Dennis extended a happy Veterans Day to everyone in the community. Also thanked all organizations and groups that celebrated and honored the veterans. Mayor Dennis thanked the City Manager and staff for their dedication and hard work in the daily operations of the city.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss in the Regular Meeting, a motion to adjourn to Executive Session was made by Commissioner Richard Hutchinson and was seconded by Commissioner Dennis Josey. The Commission unanimously approved **(6-0)** to adjourn to the Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

PERSONNEL ISSUES

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

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. **(6-0)**

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Commissioner Ronnie Anderson made the motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting. The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Olivia Pearson. The Commission unanimously approved **(6-0)** at 8:10 p.m.

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CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA

James H. Dennis, Mayor

Wynetta J. Bolder, City Clerk

UTILITY COMMISSION MEETING

CITY OF DOUGLAS
November 13, 2012

A Utility Commission Meeting was held on Monday, November 13, 2012 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, Ronnie Anderson and Marty Swain were in attendance.

Tommy Harrell, Customer Service Manager and Kevin Davis, Assistant Water and Sewer Director appeared before the Mayor and Commission to discuss and receive recommendations.

LYNETTE MCCOY RICHARDSON- 525 CECIL WAY

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Dennis Josey approving for Ms. Richardson to receive a 12 month payment plan for the amount of \$328.44. **Approved (6-0)**

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the Utility Commission Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.