

**MINUTES  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
CITY OF DOUGLAS  
JANUARY 14, 2013**

**A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, January 14, 2013 at 7:25 P.M. The meeting was convened in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor James H. Dennis presiding. Commissioners Richard Hutchinson, Robert Moore, Dennis Josey, Ronnie Anderson and Marty Swain were in attendance. Mayor Pro Tem Olivia Pearson was absent due to illness.**

**INVOCATION**

Wynetta Bolder, City Clerk gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Coffee High NJROTC led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**MINUTE ADOPTION**

The following minutes were unanimously approved:

**Work Session .....December 20, 2012  
Commission Meeting.....December 20, 2012**

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

**APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA**

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

A **MOTION** to approve was made by Commissioner Bob Moore, and seconded by Commissioner Marty Swain.

**APPROVAL OF THE 2013 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS FIRE PREVENTION AND SAFETY GRANT**

Upon recommendation from Dale Batten, Community Development Director, the Commission unanimously approved **(5-0)** a resolution authorizing the submittal of a grant application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Assistance to Fire Fighters Fire Prevention and Safety Grant program in the amount of up to \$16,000.00 to purchase a non-live fire extinguisher training package, approved matching funds up to \$800.00 from City of Douglas Fire Department FY13 operating budget, and authorize Mayor Dennis to execute the grant documents if awarded the grant.

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

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**APPROVAL OF WATERSHED MONITORING AND SAMPLING BID**

Upon recommendation from Stanley Merritt, Purchasing Agent, the Commission unanimously approved **(5-0)** the low bid submitted by Geotechnical and Environmental Consultants, Inc. of Macon, Georgia to provide Watershed Monitoring, Sampling, and Reporting at a cost of **\$41,798.00**, and also to allow 2 additional 2- year extensions if the vendor can hold the bid price and it is deemed to be in the best interest of the City of Douglas to renew bid.

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

**APPROVAL OF REQUEST FROM GA. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

Upon recommendation from Terrell Jacobs, City Manager, the Commission unanimously approved **(5-0)** waiving of rental fees for the Central Square Complex at the request of Georgia Department of Labor. This is to hold a community- wide job fair sponsored by the local Georgia Department of Labor, the Douglas- Coffee County Chamber of Commerce, the Douglas Area Employer Committee and the City of Douglas. The job fair is scheduled for March 21, 2013.

**A MOTION** to approve was made by Commissioner Marty Swain and seconded by Commissioner Bob Moore.

**APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE  
HERITAGE BAR & GRILL**

Upon recommendation from Rodger Goddard, Code Enforcement Division, the Commission approved **(4-1)** request of Liborio Saavedra for an alcoholic beverage license with consumption on the premises for the Heritage Bar and Grill, located at 1005 N. Peterson Avenue.

**A MOTION** to approve **alcoholic beverage license on the premises for the Heritage Bar and Grill** was made by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Marty Swain. Commissioner Swain, Anderson, Moore and Josey **voted in favor** of the motion. Commissioner Hutchinson **voted against** the motion.

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**STAFF COMMENTS**

Mrs. Georgia Henderson, Central Services Director noted the following upcoming events:

Martin Luther King Jr. Events:

- Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> Happy Birthday Dr. King Party at Roundtree Center, 5:30 p.m. -7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup> MLK Youth Tribute at the Martin Centre at 5 p.m.
- City offices will be closed January 21<sup>st</sup>.
- On, Monday, January 21, City of Douglas employees and community members will be participating in a “day on, not a day off” community service project at the Ward Cemetery located on Hwy 32 and Perimeter Road. Volunteers will help to establish records, cleanup, and plot this historic cemetery.
- Registration for baseball and softball will be held at the Parks and Recreation Department.
- Adult Spring Softball Meeting will be held January 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Bid Announcements for one (1) light bucket truck, 2013 baseball equipment and utility electrical supplies.
- Announcement of a vacancy for the Historical Preservation Committee.
- Community Spelling Bee will be held February 26<sup>th</sup> at the Middle School Auditorium. This event will be for the literacy program and to assist individuals with the offset the cost for GED testing.

**MAYOR AND COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Commissioners Anderson stated that he hoped everyone had a Merry Christmas and have a prosperous New Year.

Commissioner Hutchinson welcomed everyone to “2013” and also expressed concerns on the following issues: literacy, teen pregnancy and child abuse.

Commissioner Bob Moore expressed concerns of his dissatisfaction with Mediasream Cable.

Commissioner Marty Swain agreed with the comments given by Commissioner Moore.

Mayor Dennis encouraged citizens to be involved with the MLK celebration activities. Also thanked the MLK Committee for the planning of the activities in the community. Mayor Dennis informed citizens that the National Guard unit will be leaving for Afghanistan on January 28<sup>th</sup>.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**LAND ACQUISITION**

Terrell Jacobs, City Manager, discussed land acquisitions with the Mayor and Commission. Jerome Adams, City Attorney and Judy Carter, Human Resources Director, were in attendance.

**PERSONNEL ISSUES**

Terrell Jacobs, City Manager, discussed personnel issues with the Mayor and Commission. Jerome Adams, City Attorney, and Judy Carter, Human Resources Director, were 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 Ronnie Anderson, and **approved** by all. **(5-0)**

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, Commissioner Richard Hutchinson made the motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bob Moore. The Commission unanimously approved **(5-0)** at 7:24 p.m.

CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA

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**James H. Dennis, Mayor**

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**Wynetta Bolder, City Clerk**

**UTILITY COMMISSION MEETING  
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January 14, 2013**

**A Utility Commission Meeting was held on Monday, January 14, 2013 at 8:30 P.M. The meeting was convened in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor James H. Dennis presiding. Commissioners Robert Moore, Richard Hutchinson, Dennis Josey, Ronnie Anderson and Marty Swain were in attendance. Mayor Pro Tem Olivia Pearson was absent.**

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

**ANN JONES GRAY-920 N. COWETA AVENUE**

A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Bob Moore to grant Ms. Gray a new contract with a six (6) month payment plan totaling \$372.82. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Richard Hutchinson. **Approved (4-1)**

Commissioner Hutchinson, Swain, Josey and Moore voted **in favor** of the motion. Commissioner Anderson voted **against** the motion.