

**MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA
MAY 27, 2014**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, May 27, 2014 at 7:10 P.M., in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor James H. Dennis presiding and Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis Josey, Commissioners Richard Hutchinson, Bob Moore, Marty Swain, Olivia Pearson and Ronnie Anderson were present.

INVOCATION

Pastor James Riles, Miracles Deliverance Center of Nicholls Georgia gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Stanley Merritt, Purchasing Agent, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MAYOR'S OPENING COMMENTS

Mayor James Dennis thanked everyone for celebrating Memorial Day in the proper way for those that served in the Armed Forces.

MINUTES ADOPTION

The following minutes were unanimously approved:

Work Session.....May 12, 2014
Commission Meeting.....May 12, 2014

A **MOTION** to unanimously approve the minutes as printed was made by Mayor Pro Tem Dennis Josey and seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis Josey, Commissioners Bob Moore, Marty Swain, Richard Hutchinson, Olivia Pearson, and Ronnie Anderson **unanimously** approved **(6-0)** the minutes as printed.

APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA

The Commission **unanimously** approved the order of the Agenda as published.

A **MOTION** to approve the order of the Agenda was made by Commissioner Marty Swain and seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis Josey, Commissioners Bob Moore, Marty Swain, Richard Hutchinson, Olivia Pearson and Ronnie Anderson, **unanimously** approved **(6-0)** the order of the Agenda as discussed in the work session.

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PUBLIC HEARING – FY’15 BUDGET (PRESENTATION)

Charles Davis, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director presented a power point for the benefit of the viewers concerning the FY’15 Budget before the public hearing.

Commissioners Pearson and Hutchinson were concerned about the utility rate increase for the citizens.

Mr. Davis responded that there is only two rate increases, electric \$3.00 per month and water which is already effective with an increase of \$2.19 per month. There will be approximately an average increase of \$60.00 to \$70.00 with utilities a year per customer.

Commissioner Hutchinson stated that, for the record, he never said he was against the pay raise. He is concerned with projects that are budgeted for FY’15, which could possibly cause a utility rate increase for the citizens.

After much discussion, it was the consensus of the Commission to discuss the FY’15 Budget at the next work session that will be held June 9, 2014.

Mr. Davis stated that after being properly advertised, the FY’15 Budget is ready for a Public Hearing to be presented for adoption at the next meeting held on June 9, 2014.

Mayor James Dennis announced that the public hearing for the FY’15 Budget was opened. There were no comments from the public. Therefore, the public hearing was closed and the FY’15 Budget will be presented for discussion at the work session and adopted at the next City Commission meeting scheduled for June 9, 2014.

No Action taken at this time

APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS

Rodger Goddard, Code Enforcement Officer, recommended that Mayor James Dennis reappoint Theodore Braswell to the Board of Appeals with the new term beginning July 1, 2014 and ending on June 30, 2017.

Mayor Dennis advised Commission of reappointing Theodore Braswell to the Board of Appeals with the new term beginning July 1, 2014 and ending on June 30, 2017

APPROVED RENEWAL OF THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS CONTRACT

Upon recommendation of Jacob Lott, Public Works Director/City Engineer, the Mayor and Commission approved the renewal of the contract between Georgia Department of Corrections and the City of Douglas to provide right-of-way, grounds and cemetery maintenance at a cost of \$79,000.00 and authorized Mayor Dennis to execute the contract.

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APPROVED RENEWAL OF THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS CONTRACT-CONTINUED

A **MOTION** to approve the renewal of the contract between Georgia Department of Corrections and the City of Douglas to provide right-of-way, grounds and cemetery maintenance at a cost of \$79,000.00 and authorized Mayor Dennis to execute the contract was made by Commissioner Marty Swain and seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis Josey, Commissioners Bob Moore, Marty Swain, Richard Hutchinson, Olivia Pearson and Ronnie Anderson **unanimously** approved **(6-0)** renewal of the Georgia Department of Corrections.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE LIBRARY BOARD VACANCIES

Terrell Jacobs, City Manager, announced three (3) upcoming appointments to the Library Board which will be properly advertised for two weeks. This appointment will be discussed and considered at the June 9, 2014 Commission Meeting.

No Action was taken

APPROVED THE PLANT VOGTLE 3 & 4 CONTRACT AMENDMENT UPDATES

Upon recommendation of Jerome Adams, City Attorney, the Commission approved the Plant Vogtle 3 & 4 Contract Amendment.

A **MOTION** to approve the Plant Vogtle 3 & 4 Contract Amendment was made by Commissioner Bob Moore and seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis Josey, Commissioners Bob Moore, Marty Swain, Richard Hutchinson, Olivia Pearson and Ronnie Anderson **unanimously** approved **(6-0)** the Plant Vogtle 3 & 4 Contract Amendment.

STAFF COMMENTS

Georgia Henderson, Public Information Director announced that the Summer Beach Bash will be held June 3, 2014.

MAYOR AND COMMISSION COMMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Dennis Josey stated that he appreciated the City Manager and the city employees for doing a good job with keeping our city clean.

Mayor Dennis stated the following:

- ❖ Wished Ms. Rodella Robinson a Happy 95th Birthday.
- ❖ Advised every one of the Tip Line ---- “See something, Say Something”
- ❖ Thanked the staff for Quality of Life initiative.
- ❖ Thanked Jacob Lott, the staff and the inmate crew for cleaning the ditches and the drainage areas clean.
- ❖ Congratulations were given to Mario Bennett and Pastor Randolph Scott’s son Garrett Scott who were both drafted into the NFL.

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ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss in the Regular Meeting, a motion was made by Commissioner Richard Hutchinson to adjourn the regular meeting and to enter into the Utility Appeals Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

James H. Dennis, Mayor

Wynetta J. Bolder, City Clerk

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**UTILITY COMMISSION MEETING
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A Utility Commission Meeting was held on Tuesday, May 27, 2014 at 8:30 P.M. The meeting was convened in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor James Dennis presiding and Mayor Pro Tem Dennis Josey, Commissioners Ronnie Anderson, Marty Swain, Robert Moore, Richard Hutchinson, and Olivia Pearson were in attendance.

Wynetta Bolder, City Clerk/Customer Care, Mike Hudson, Gas/Water and Wastewater Director and Tommy Harrell, Customer Service Manager, appeared before the Mayor and Commission to discuss and receive recommendations.

Walter Outler

Wynetta J. Bolder, City Clerk/Customer Care Center Director, appeared before the Mayor and Commission concerning the past bill of Walter Outler of 608 Willow Street.

The Utility Appeals Board agreed to a **motion** made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Moore to allow Walter Outler to re-establish an account at 608 W. Willow Street with normal deposits of \$125.00 plus the \$20.00 processing fee. It was agreed to allow him to pay an upfront amount of \$200.00 and then pay the amount of \$861.33 in 12 month payment plan in of \$71.78 when he receives his disability by July 1, 2014. . The **motion was unanimously carried.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis Josey, Commissioners Marty Swain, Olivia Pearson, Ronnie Anderson Bob Moore, and Richard Hutchinson voted in favor of the motion **(6-0)**

Sammy Leggett Jr.

Wynetta J. Bolder, City Clerk/Customer Care Center Director, appeared before the Mayor and Commission concerning the past bill of Sammy Leggett, Jr. of 1012 McDonald Rd.

The Utility Appeals Board agreed to a **motion** made by Commissioner Anderson and seconded by Commissioner Swain for staff to adjust the water and sewer to the minimum usage of 4tgl and to allow him to pay 100.00 per month beginning in July until the balance is paid in full. After this he shall put the account that is in his uncles name (Kenneth Leggett) back in his name. The **motion was unanimously carried.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis Josey, Commissioners Marty Swain, Olivia Pearson, Ronnie Anderson Bob Moore, and Richard Hutchinson voted in favor of the motion **(6-0)**

With no further business to discuss in the Utility Appeals Meeting, meeting, Mayor Dennis recommended that Commission go into Executive Session. Jerome Adams, City Attorney stated that there was no need to go into Executive Session, he only needed to give an update on the status of the lawsuit with the fire department.