

**MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA
NOVEMBER 24, 2014**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, November 24, 2014 at 7:00 P.M., in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor James Dennis presiding and Mayor Pro-Tem Dennis Josey, Commissioners Bob Moore, Marty Swain, Richard Hutchinson, Olivia Pearson, Marty Swain and Ronnie Anderson present.

MAYOR'S STATEMENT

Mayor James Dennis announced the passing of Parks and Recreation Director, Roger Johnson. Mayor Dennis requested for everyone to pray for his wife, Cindy and the family.

INVOCATION

Commissioner Richard Hutchinson, gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Coffee County High Naval JROTC led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MINUTES ADOPTION

The following minutes were unanimously approved as printed:

Work Session.....November 10, 2014
Commission Meeting.....November 10, 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, Richard Hutchinson, Olivia Pearson, Marty Swain 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 set forth in the work session.

A **MOTION** to approve the order of the Agenda was made by Commissioner Richard Hutchinson and seconded by Commissioner Bob Moore.

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

RECOGNITION OF THE CHILLI COOK-OFF

Mayor James Dennis along with Mayor Pro Tem Dennis Josey recognized winners from the City of Douglas 2nd Annual Chili Cook-off. Mayor Dennis stated that the City of Douglas held its 2nd Annual Chili Cook-off to raise funds for the Mayor's Christmas Motorcade and the Unison Health Behavioral Program. The following were recognized:

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RECOGNITION OF THE CHILLI COOK-OFF-CONTINUED

Overall Winning Team: "Bad to the Bone" - Terrell Jacobs (City Manager's Office)
2nd Place Team: "Customers Finest" - Linda Phillips (Customer Service Dept.)
3rd Place Team: "Secret Stash" - Wynetta Bolder (City Clerk/Customer Care Dept.)
4th Place Team: "Chuck's Slap Yo Mama Chili" - Charlie Purcell (Electric Dept.)

VETERANS DAY ESSAY-MADELINE

Mayor James Dennis introduced Madeline Tanner, an 8th grader from CCA. She was the winner of this year's essay contest for Veterans Day, "Why I Appreciate America's Veterans". She was joined by her parents Wade and Susan Tanner, her sister Jessica Tanner and her teacher Ms. Holiday from CCA.

APPROVAL OF THE OKEFENOKEE RADIO CONTROL CLUB EVENT

Upon recommendation from Rodger Goddard, Code Enforcement Officer, approve the request of the Okefenokee Radio Control Club to use a portion of the East Ramp for a Radio Control Airplane Fly In, scheduled for May 1-2, 2015, subject to their providing required liability insurance, meet safety requirements and FAA approval of the event, a **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Richard Hutchinson and seconded by Commissioner Bob Moore. The motion was **unanimously** carried (6-0).

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DOUGLAS-COFFEE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Terrell Jacobs, City Manager, announced the upcoming position on the Douglas-Coffee County Planning Commission that will expire December 31, 2014. This position will be advertised on Channel 13 with appointment being made at the December 8th Commission meeting. Individuals interested in serving on the Planning Commission should contact the Community Development Department for an application or the City Clerk.

STAFF COMMENTS

Georgia Henderson, Public Information Director announced the following:

- November 27th & 28th, City Offices closed for Veteran's Day
- Trans-waste will be closed November 27th.
- The Downtown Holiday Open House, was held on November 23rd in spite of the weather and was a great success.
- November 29th will be the "Shop Local" campaign which is to encourage citizens to shop locally.
- December 11th, Centennial Celebration of Historic Ashley-Slater House to include the ribbon cutting at 10:00 a.m. and "Night of Living History" historic tour 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
- Christmas Home Decorating Contest hosted by the Neighborhood Involvement Program will be held December 16th.

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- Now thru November 30th, Southwire and the Douglas Fire Department will be collecting toys for “Toys for Tots”.
- December 6th, CHS Drama Club presents “Santa’s North Pole” at Atkinson Plaza, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., prior to the Festival of Lights parade.
- Registration for the Annual Christmas lights parade, which will be held December 6th, are still being accepted.

Landy Gomez, Athletic Coordinator, stated that the Parks and Recreation will host their first district football game December 2nd, 6:30 p.m. at Jardine Stadium, the City of Douglas All-star team will play against Ware County.

Terrell Jacobs, City Manager, expressed how difficult it has been for himself and staff due to the passing of Roger Johnson, Parks and Recreation Director. He stated that what he has gained from this is the Douglas city employees coming together and supporting one another. He also thanked everyone who has offered their condolences to the staff.

GENERAL COMMENTS

No comments

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Olivia Pearson commended Madeline Tanner for her well written essay for Veterans Day. She also asked for everyone to keep Roger Johnson’s family in their prayers and wished everyone a happy thanksgiving.

Commissioner Richard Hutchinson stated that he remembered when Roger Johnson took Huck’s place and starting the little league football teams. Commissioner Hutchinson thanked the staff for coming together as a family and wished everyone a happy thanksgiving.

Commissioner Bob Moore expressed his sympathy to the family of the late Roger Johnson, and to keep his family in our prayers.

Commissioner Marty Swain wished everyone a happy thanksgiving and encouraged citizens to be careful on the road. Commissioner Swain thanked everyone for their support with the thanksgiving dinner that was sponsored by Beth’el Church and the Community.

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MAYOR COMMENTS:

- Wished the citizens, staff and the community a happy thanksgiving.
- Encouraged everyone to spend time with their family.
- Support the Christmas Parade
- Stop and Shop Downtown Douglas
- Encouraged everyone to keep the late Roger Johnson's family in our prayers.
- Thanked the Electric Department for the quick response concerning the outage that took place the night before.
- "See Something, Say Something" Campaign.
- Thanked all of staff for hard work.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss in the Regular Meeting, a motion was made to adjourn by Commissioner Richard Hutchinson and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dennis Josey. The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 P.M.

James Dennis, Mayor

Wynetta J. Bolder, City Clerk