

**MINUTES
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF DOUGLAS, GEORGIA
JULY 27, 2015**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, July 27, 2015 at 7:00 P.M., in the Council Chambers of City Hall with Mayor James Dennis presiding and Mayor Pro Tem Richard Hutchinson, Commissioners Bob Moore, Dennis Josey, Olivia Pearson, Marty Swain and Ronnie Anderson present. City Manager, Terrell Jacobs, was on vacation.

CALLED TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commission was called to order by Mayor James H. Dennis.

INVOCATION

Pastor Gregory Pope of Covenant Church gave the Invocation

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

MINUTES ADOPTION

The following minutes were unanimously approved as printed.

Work Session.....	July 9, 2015
Commission Meeting.....	July 9, 2015

A MOTION to unanimously approve the minutes as printed was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Richard Hutchinson and seconded by Commissioner Dennis Josey. The motion unanimously carried (6-0).

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 Marty Swain and seconded by Commissioner Bob Moore. The motion unanimously carried (6-0).**

RECOGNITION OF STATE AND DISTRICT WINNERS

Stevie Young, Parks and Recreation Director, and Coach Jenkins recognized and congratulated the participants of the Swim team.

RATIFICATION OF W. MAGNOLIA AVENUE CLOSING

Upon recommendation from Rodger Goddard, Code Enforcement Officer, the Commission ratified the request of Young's Chapel Church to close West Magnolia Street from Shirley Avenue to Tillman Street on Saturday, July 18, 2015 to hold a church function. **A MOTION was made by Mayor Pro Tem Richard Hutchinson and seconded by Commissioner Marty Swain. The motion carried unanimously (6-0).**

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DUCK'S UNLIMITED ALCOHOL PERMIT

NO MOTION was made by the Commission for the "ONE DAY" alcoholic beverage permit for the Coffee County Chapter of the Duck's Unlimited, Inc. that was requested by Grey McKinnon.

APPROVAL FOR PURCHASE OF ONE (1) POLICE ADMIN VEHICLE

Upon recommendation from Brannen Pruette, Deputy Police Chief, the Commission approved to purchase one (1) 2015 Dodge Charger Police Admin Package vehicle in the amount of \$25,264.75 from Akins Ford, Dodge, Jeep, Chrysler in Winder GA under State contract price. State contract # 99999-SPD-ES540199409. A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Marty Swain and seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson. Motion carried **(6-0)**.

APPROVAL FOR PURCHASE OF FOUR (4) POLICE PACKAGE CHARGERS

Upon recommendation from Brannen Pruette, Deputy Police Chief, the Commission approved the purchase of four (4) 2015 Dodge Charger patrol vehicles in the amount of \$24,670.75 each for a total purchase price of \$98,683.00 from Akins Ford, Dodge, Jeep Chrysler in Winder GA under state contract price. State Contract # 99999-SPD-ES540199409. A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Marty Swain and seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson. The motion **unanimously** carried **(6-0)**.

APPROVAL FOR PURCHASE OF POLICE VEHICLE EQUIPMENT

Upon recommendation from Brannen Pruette, Deputy Police Chief, the Commission approved the purchase of Police vehicle equipment in the amount of \$18,921.28 from West Chatham Warning Devices in Savannah, GA. A **MOTION** was made by Commissioner Marty Swain and seconded by Ronnie Anderson. Mayor Pro-Tem Richard Hutchinson **opposed**. Motion carried **(5-1)**.

STAFF COMMENTS

Georgia Henderson, Director of Public Information stated the following:

- Tax Free Week will be held in the State of Georgia July 30th – August 2nd.
- Beginning August 3, 2015, the Processing Fee for utilities will increase from \$20.00 to \$30.00 for new service, transfer of service, & re-connect services. In addition, there will be a \$2.00 fee charged for each credit card/debit card transaction used in person or over the phone.
- Community Junk Drop-Off Day, Saturday, August 15, 2015, 8 a.m. – noon located at Wheeler Park
- Accepting volunteers for the South Georgia Expo to be held at Central Square Complex, August 21st – August 22nd, 2015.
- The Wild Game Supper will be held on Thursday, August 20, 2015.
- The Douglas Police Department will be conducting a Citizen Police Academy, beginning August 13, 2015. The course will last eight (8) weeks every Thursday.

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STAFF COMMENTS –CONTINUED

Stevie Young, Parks and Recreation Director stated that registration had started for soccer, football and cheerleading.

Commissioner Pearson asked about information regarding adult swim lessons. Mr. Young stated that the adult swim lessons are contracted out and if there is enough participation, they will make arrangements for another class.

MAYOR AND COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Olivia Pearson requested approval for an ad for Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church for their Church Anniversary. She welcomed everyone to attend Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church's 108th Anniversary, August 10th -12th. Jerome Adams, City Attorney, stated that Mayor and Commission could personally buy an ad but not the City of Douglas. Commissioner Pearson also commended the Douglas-Coffee County Stingray Swim Team on a job well done.

Commissioner Dennis Josey also commended the Douglas-Coffee County Stingray Swim Team on a job well done.

Commissioner Marty Swain thanked Stevie Young and Willis Crockett, Parks and Recreation Department, for pulling together Fun Day in the Park. He also asked everyone to remember that school starts on August 5, 2015 and to remember the kids in prayer.

Commissioner Bob Moore recognized the traveling Fast Pitch Softball Team coached by Jacob Lott, Public Works Director, for finishing in 2nd place in the nation.

Mayor Pro-Tem Richard Hutchinson thanked the Recreation Department for helping with the Fun Day in the Park. He also congratulated the swim team and thanked the citizens for helping keep the park alive.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

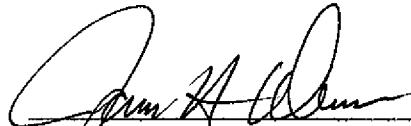
Mayor James Dennis stated the following:

- ✓ Thanked the Boy Scouts for being at the Commission Meeting
- ✓ Encouraged all citizens to participate with the See Something, Say Something Campaign
- ✓ Congratulated all the coaches and parents of the Stingrays Swim Team
- ✓ Encouraged the community to attend the South Ga Expo on August 21st -22nd
- ✓ Encouraged everyone to help keep the neighborhoods and areas clean and to take advantage of the Junk Free Drop Off
- ✓ Thanked everyone involved with the Fun Day in the Park (Roundtree Park)
- ✓ Thanked the Electric and Public Works Departments during the recent storms in the area

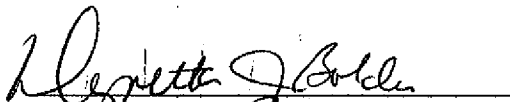
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ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss in the Regular Meeting, a motion was made to adjourn by Commissioner Marty Swain and seconded by Commissioner Ronnie Anderson. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 P.M.



James H. Dennis, Mayor



Wynetta J. Bolder, City Clerk